

2014 Plan of Work

**COOSA RIVER
SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

On September 13, 1937 the Coosa River Soil and Water Conservation District was organized and is a legal subdivision of the Georgia State Government. The SWCD meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month unless publicized otherwise.

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**Coosa River
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**Annual Plan of Work
Fiscal Year (FY) 2014**

This Plan of Work establishes the major objectives for the Coosa River Soil and Water Conservation District during FY 2014. It emphasizes conservation of natural resources within the District.

Major Objectives

- 1. Natural Resources Conservation** - Promote the conservation of soil, water, forestry, wildlife, and other natural resources.
- 2. Conservation Education** – Promote conservation education through youth and adult education programs.
- 3. Public Relations & Information** - To create public awareness of District conservation programs and objectives.
- 4. Erosion and Sedimentation Program** - Provide technical assistance related to erosion control and sedimentation prevention to citizens and local units of government.
- 5. Watershed Flood Control Program** – Uphold the duties as sponsor of watershed flood control structures in the District and assist other watershed control structure sponsors with technical assistance.

Natural Resource Conservation

Action Item

1. Promote natural resources conservation through the District responsibility for implementing the Environmental Quality Incentives Program, Conservation Stewardship Program, and Farm and Ranchland Protection Program and other Farm Bill programs.
2. Host an annual Local Work Group Meeting with agency partners and local farmers to prioritize resources and practices for Farm Bill Program Funding.
3. Promote minimum and no-till conservation farming through the use of no-till drills through the Rolling Hills and Limestone Valley RC&D.
4. Sponsor and conduct demonstrations, tours and field days to acquaint farmers and land users with methods for protecting soil and water resources and promote greater participation.
5. Partner with the GSWCC to finalize the Middle Coosawattee Watershed 319 agricultural BMP project.

6. Annually review the Memorandum of Understanding between the District, State of Georgia, and the NRCS to implement conservation practices in the District.

Conservation Education

Action Item

1. Sponsor high school students to attend the Natural Resources Conservation Workshop (NRCW) at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College (ABAC) in Tifton to introduce them at an early age to the concepts of soil and water conservation. Tuition for each student will be paid from District funds or from outside sources.
2. Provide NRCW tuition for 4 students to attend from the SWCD area. One student from each Polk, Walker, Bartow, and Chattooga Counties in 2014. If those counties do not provide a student to use the funds, students will be funded from the other 4 remaining counties in alphabetical order.
3. Purchase and distribute stewardship materials from NACD to inform the public of the need to manage and protect natural resources.
4. Sponsor an educator's natural resources training workshops at Arrowhead Wildlife Trail & Environmental Education Center.
5. Sponsor and provide funding, when available, for students to represent the District in the Envirothon program, Soils Judging teams, and other natural resource and environmental competitions.
6. The SWCD will pay a per diem to supervisors not to exceed limits set by the GSWCC who attend conservation meetings and continuing education opportunities.
7. Implement remaining deliverables for the GACDS Farm Bill Outreach Grant. Host a Farm and Nutrition Field Day in Walker County to educate around 75 farmers and citizens about agricultural production and nutrition programs.

Public Relations and Information

Action Item

1. Develop and distribute annual report on the District's accomplishments.
2. Provide for oversight of District funds by the annual review of expenditures and income, and provide a detailed financial report to the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission at the end of each fiscal year.
3. Work closely with other agencies (FSA, RD, Cooperative Extension Service, Georgia Forestry Commission, Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission, NRCS, and DNR) to coordinate conservation program activities in the District. Encourage each agency representative to attend board meetings and keep District supervisors informed on the various agency programs in the District.
4. Prepare news articles on the District's program and activities.
5. Appoint a SWCD Liaison to serve on the Rolling Hills and Limestone Valley RC&D Council board.

6. Hold a biannual election at the November meeting for Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Treasurer to take office at the January meeting the following year.

Erosion and Sedimentation Program

Action Item

1. Review erosion and sediment control plans for land disturbance projects within the limits of each Local Issuing Authority (LIA) that falls under the requirements of the erosion and sediment control ordinance of the LIA.
2. Provide technical assistance to evaluate soil and water resources for proposed development projects.
3. Promote soil and water conservation through the GSWCC Erosion and Sedimentation Certification Program.
4. Provide LIA's with technical assistance for their erosion and sedimentation control program and assist with interpretation of the Georgia Erosion and Sedimentation Act.

Watershed Flood Control Program

Action Item

1. Conduct regular inspections of the District sponsored Watershed Flood Control Structures.
2. Request funding to clear trees and repair damage on District sponsored Watershed Flood Control Structures.
3. Raise awareness of the Watershed Flood Control Structures with the public and locally elected officials to solicit assistance with maintenance and to show their importance to the watershed.

The District will seek, manage, and expend funds made available through private, local, state and federal sources in such a way as to promote soil and water conservation and conservation education.

General District Budget for 2014

	<u>District Funds</u>	<u>GSWCC Funds</u>
Youth Projects	2000.00	0
NACD, GACDS, RC&D Dues	1550.00	0
Soil Stewardship Material	0	500.00
Postage	0	300.00
Stationery	0	50.00
Annual Reports	0	500.00
Per Diem – Expenses for non- Local meetings	5000.00	0
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	\$8,500.00	\$1,350.00