

**State Soil & Water
Conservation District
Fulton County
FY 2013 ANNUAL REPORT**



Introduction

Our District encompasses 14 local governments, 1 million citizens, the central economic engine for the Southeastern United States, as well as the headwaters of three major river systems that provide the primary source of fresh water to 10 million people, in three States. We are Stewards of Waters shared by citizens, industry, agriculture, and natural areas including the estuaries at Mobile Bay, Apalachicola, Florida, and Darien Georgia who are all known for their highly productive seafood harvest.

The District could not successfully accomplish our mission without the partnership with all of our local governments including Fulton County, Atlanta, Alpharetta, College Park, East Point, Fairburn, Hapeville, Johns Creek, Milton, Mountain Park, Palmetto, Roswell, Sandy Springs and Union City.

In addition, the District would like to thank the technical support and assistance of the Georgia Soil & Water Conservation Commission and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Our partners provide the foundation to help us accomplish our conservation programs. We are especially grateful for their support and assistance to the District.

The Board of Supervisors of the State Soil & Water Conservation District – Fulton County is proud of the accomplishments during the 2013 fiscal year. These accomplishments are summarized in this Annual Report.

State Soil & Water Conservation District – Fulton County Board of Supervisors

Alan Toney, Chairman
John Spotts, Vice-Chairman
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Activities

Operations – Conduct the day-to-day operations of the District with Supervisors working closely with citizens, citizen groups, local governments, developers, and property owners to protect the Soil and Waters of our District through education and the implementation of the Erosion and Sediment Control Act and all other regulations that protect our valuable natural resources. We also manage 11 watershed flood control dams by working closely with property owners and local governments to ensure the maintenance and safe operation of this strategic flood control structures with very limited resources.

- Work closely with all of our cities to help them strengthen their E&SC Programs and we promote the sharing information and good ideas through all the governing bodies in our District.
- Conduct Overviews with all of our cities annually and we try to help newer Cities like Sandy Springs, Johns Creek and Milton obtain a level of expertise that allows them to administer their E&S program with a Memorandum of Agreement.
- Provide special attention to smaller Cities that depend of our resources to support their E&S programs.

Education – Present a broad range of educational opportunities and resources to influence better natural resources protection and management.

- Provided sponsorships to students to attend the Natural Resources Conservation Workshop at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College in Tifton.
- Sponsored our annual Environmental Soil Stewardship Poster contest for Middle School students.
- Presented Soil and Water Stewardship Week material to schools highlighting this year's theme, "Where does your water shed?"
- Offered certification courses to LIAs within the District.

Legislative – Attended the GACDS Legislative Luncheon on January 31 at the State Capitol to help cultivate understanding of the Soil and Water Conservation Districts in Georgia.

Partnerships – Encouraged the involvement of Local, State and Federal agencies and divisions as well as other conservation organizations to facilitate support for mutually beneficial resource conservation goals.