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Walton County's John Redding inducted into Georgia Association of Conservation District Supervisors Hall of Fame *Georgia Association of Conservation District Supervisors recognizes John Redding's contributions to soil and water conservation efforts in Walton County and the state*

ATLANTA – At their annual meeting in Atlanta, the Georgia Association of Conservation District Supervisors honored Walton County's John Redding by inducting him into the GACDS Hall of Fame.

Mr. Redding has been part of the Walton County Soil and Water Conservation District Board since 1978. He supported and did fundraising for the formation of the Julian E. Brown Conservation Study Area Park located at Mathews Park off Gratis Road in Monroe. He currently serves as District Community Relations Coordinator for the Walton County Soil and Water Conservation District. He is also a past president of the National Association of Conservation Districts.

John Redding serves as Agency Manager for the Walton County Farm Bureau, a position he has held for 42 years. Previously, he was a Vocational Ag teacher at the Monroe Area High School for 10 years after receiving a degree in agriculture from the University of Georgia. His involvement in agriculture goes back to his early years in South Georgia when he was exposed to farming activities at the family farm.

In addition to his other duties, Mr. Redding serves as the Chair of the Administrative Council, Chair of the Finance Committee and Chair of the Trustees for Pleasant Valley United Methodist Church located between Monroe and Social Circle on Highway 11. He has been active in the Monroe Lions Club, having been honored twice as Lion of the Year.

Information on the activities of the Walton County Soil and Water Conservation District is available at <http://www.waltoncountyga.org/WConserve/wcswc.html>.

Soil and Water Conservation Districts were created in 1937 by the Georgia General Assembly to protect the state's soil and water resources following the Dust Bowl of the 1930's. Districts provide a way for citizens to set local resource priorities for state and federal assistance programs. At the state level, the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission (GSWCC) supports locally led soil and water conservation districts through education, technical, financial and planning assistance and through program oversight.

Local conservation project funding is provided by the State of Georgia, along with grants from the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, USDA-NRCS and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. More information is available at www.gaswcc.org or by calling (706) 552-4470.

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