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Piedmont Soil and Water Conservation District named District of the Year by Georgia Association of Conservation District Supervisors *District includes Baldwin, Greene, Hancock, Jones, Morgan, Putnam and Taliaferro counties*



ATLANTA – At its annual meeting in Atlanta, the Georgia Association of Conservation District Supervisors named the Piedmont Soil and Water Conservation District as its District of the Year. The district, which includes Baldwin, Greene, Hancock, Jones, Morgan, Putnam and Taliaferro counties was cited for its active support of conservation efforts.

Led by District Chair Patrick Hardy of Morgan County, activities in 2012 included promoting the Partners for Fish and Wildlife program, sponsoring a Natural Resources Management Award presented to a member of the Putnam County FFA Club, providing Soil Stewardship materials to elementary schools in the counties, sponsoring a \$1,000 scholarship to allow a student to attend the state's Natural Resources Conservation Workshop at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College in Tifton, and holding a Forestry Field Day in Hancock County and Grazing Field Days in Green and Taliaferro counties. Two District Supervisors served on Regional Water Planning Councils.

A complete listing of the District's activities is available at <http://gaswcc.georgia.gov/piedmont-swcd> . For more information on the Piedmont Soil and Water Conservation District, please contact Keegan Malone at (478) 445-5766 or email him at kmalone@gaswcc.org .

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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