

**Gwinnett County
Soil & Water
Conservation District
FY 2013 ANNUAL REPORT**



Introduction

The mission of the Gwinnett County Soil & Water Conservation District is ***to provide educational and technical assistance to conserve soil, improve water quality, and enhance the natural resources in Gwinnett County.***

The District could not successfully accomplish this without the partnership of local governments including Gwinnett County, Suwanee, Grayson, Sugar Hill, Berkeley Lake, Snellville, Lawrenceville, Norcross, Duluth, Loganville, Buford, Lilburn and Dacula.

In addition the District would like to thank the technical support and assistance of the Georgia Soil & Water Conservation Commission, the United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Upper Ocmulgee River Resource Conservation & Development Council.

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

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

Gwinnett County Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors

Ellis Lamme, Chairman
Larry Kaiser, Vice Chairman
Mark Brock, Treasurer
Jim Steele
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Initiatives

The District worked closely with local units of government to implement and monitor their Erosion and Sediment Control Program.

- Held monthly District Meetings to review monthly Erosion & Sediment Control reports submitted by Local Issuing Authorities;
- Monitored monthly Local Issuing Authorities reports;
- Reviewed Erosion & Sediment Control plans that are submitted to the District;
- Initiated a updating and renewal of all Memorandum of Agreements contracts that are older than five (5) years old;
- Prepared presentation entitled "Watershed Protection & Flood Prevention in Georgia" to be presented to Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners in FY 2014.

Developed a working relationship with individuals, business, industry, other agencies and units of government through an effective information and education program to promote conservation and protection of soil and water resources.

- Partnered with the ***Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful*** campaign in promoting soil and water stewardship week.
- Promoted the ***Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful*** Governor's Annual Environmental Address to the State.

Assisted the Upper Ocmulgee River Resource Conservation & Development Council in identifying needs and priorities for their program, and, implementing measures to meet those needs.

Supported NRCW with workshop by sponsoring four individuals and sent two teams to the Georgia Environthon. We also attended the Annual GACDS Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia.

Encouraged protection and maintenance of existing watershed structures in the County.