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Kyrishia “Kyri” Johnson sworn in as newest member of Clayton County Soil and Water Conservation District *Clayton County resident brings strong environmental background to elected post*

ATHENS, Ga. – Kyrishia “Kyri” Johnson has been sworn-in as the newest District Supervisor on the Clayton County Soil and Water Conservation District Board following her successful election to a four-year term in last November’s General Election.

A graduate of Savannah State University with a major in environmental science, Mrs. Johnson worked as a state Environmental Specialist with the Environmental Protection Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources before being hired by Spalding County in 2008 as their Environmental Coordinator, a position she retains while serving on the Clayton County District Board.

“Running for the elected office of District Supervisor in 2012 was totally unplanned,” Mrs. Johnson stated. “I learned about the vacancy on the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission’s website and decided this was something I could do and would enjoy doing for my county.”

“Being elected to me means listening and executing; listening to the citizens and stake holders who attend meetings, and executing the very best conservation efforts that will benefit our county,” explained Mrs. Johnson.

In addition to her service on the Board, Mrs. Johnson remains an active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

Soil and Water Conservation Districts provide a way for citizens to set local resource priorities for state and federal assistance programs. Some districts, such as Clayton County, cover a single county, while other districts include two or more counties.

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. Today, Georgia has 40 conservation districts encompassing all 159 counties with 370 supervisors serving as unpaid state officials.

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.

Information about becoming a District Supervisor is available on the GSWCC website at www.gaswcc.org or by calling (706) 552-4470.

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