

2014 Plan of Work

ROOSEVELT SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

On January 23, 1980 the Roosevelt Soil and Water Conservation District was organized and is a legal subdivision of the Georgia State Government. The District meets the first Wednesday of each month at 4:00 PM in Mountville.

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**Roosevelt
Soil and Water Conservation District**

**Annual Plan of Work
Fiscal Year (FY) 2014**

This Plan of Work establishes the major objectives for the Roosevelt Soil and Water Conservation District during FY 2014. It emphasizes conservation of natural resources within the District.

Major Objectives

- 1. Natural Resources Conservation** - Promote the conservation of soil, water, forestry, wildlife, and other natural resources.
- 2. Conservation Education** – Promote conservation education through youth and adult education programs.
- 3. Public Relations & Information** - To create public awareness of District conservation programs and objectives.
- 4. Erosion and Sedimentation Program** - Provide technical assistance related to erosion control and sedimentation prevention to citizens and local units of government.
- 5. Watershed Flood Control Program** – Uphold the duties as sponsor of watershed flood control structures in the District and assist other watershed control structure sponsors with technical assistance.

Natural Resource Conservation

Action Item

1. Promote natural resources conservation through the District responsibility for implementing the Environmental Quality Incentives Program, Conservation Stewardship Program, Conservation Reserve Program, and other Farm Bill programs.
2. Provide assistance to landowners to plan and apply conservation practices on agricultural land.
3. Host an annual Local Work Group Meeting with agency partners and local farmers to prioritize resources and practices for Farm Bill Program Funding.
4. Promote minimum and no-till conservation farming through the use of no-till drills through the Two Rivers RC&D.
5. Provide soils information to the public to promote proper land use planning.
6. Promote forestry management practices that benefit natural resources conservation

- and inform landowners of the assistance available through the Georgia Forestry Commission related to forestry management.
7. Sponsor and conduct demonstrations, tours and field days to acquaint farmers and land users with methods for protecting soil and water resources and promote greater participation.
 8. Promote Project WINGS (Wildlife Incentive for Nongame and Game Species) with Two Rivers RC&D and various utility companies.

Conservation Education

Action Item

1. Sponsor or find sponsorships for high school students to attend the Natural Resources Conservation Workshop (NRCW) at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College (ABAC) in Tifton to introduce them at an early age to the concepts of soil and water conservation.
2. Be available for presentations with specific information on soil and water conservation for presentations to schools, civic clubs, churches and others.
3. Sponsor or find sponsorships for students to represent the District in the Envirothon program, Soils Judging teams, and other natural resource and environmental competitions.
4. Coordinate with other conservation agencies to provide a Youth Wildlife Field Day for the 3rd grade students in Troup and Meriwether Counties. This field day will give students hands-on experience that can't be taught in the classroom.

Public Relations and Information

Action Item

1. Develop and distribute annual report on the District's accomplishments.
2. Provide for oversight of District funds by the annual review of expenditures and income, and provide a detailed financial report to the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission at the end of each fiscal year.
3. Work closely with other agencies (FSA, RD, Cooperative Extension Service, Georgia Forestry Commission, GSWCC, NRCS, RC&D and DNR) to coordinate conservation program activities in the District. Encourage each agency representative to attend board meetings and keep District supervisors informed on the various agency programs in the District.
4. Prepare news articles on the District's program and activities.
5. Keep locally elected officials fully informed about conservation issues and of on-going conservation programs and District accomplishments.
6. Appoint a SWCD Liaison to serve on the Two Rivers RC&D Council board.
7. Purchase and distribute stewardship materials from NACD to inform the public of the need to manage and protect natural resources.

8. The SWCD will pay a per diem to supervisors who attend conservation meetings and continuing education opportunities. The per diem rate will not exceed the rate set by the GSWCC each year.
9. The SWCD supervisors will hold an annual election of SWCD officers at the June meeting.

Erosion and Sedimentation Program

Action Item

1. Review erosion and sediment control plans for land disturbance projects within the limits of each Local Issuing Authority (LIA) that falls under the requirements of the erosion and sediment control ordinance of the LIA where there is not a Memorandum of Agreement with the District.
2. Provide technical assistance to evaluate soil and water resources for proposed development projects.
3. Promote soil and water conservation through the GSWCC Erosion and Sedimentation Certification Program.
4. Provide LIA's with technical assistance for their erosion and sedimentation control program and assist with interpretation of the Georgia Erosion and Sedimentation Act.

Watershed Flood Control Program

Action Item

1. Conduct regular inspections of the District sponsored Watershed Flood Control Structures.
2. Request funding to clear trees and repair damage on District sponsored Watershed Flood Control Structures.
3. Raise awareness of the Watershed Flood Control Structures with the public and locally elected officials to solicit assistance with maintenance and to show their importance to the watershed.

The District will seek, manage, and expend funds made available through private, local, state and federal sources in such a way as to promote soil and water conservation and conservation education.

General District Budget for 2014

| | <u>District Funds</u> | <u>GSWCC Funds</u> |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Youth Projects | 1000.00 | 0 |
| NACD, GACDS, RC&D Dues | 1550.00 | 0 |
| Soil Stewardship Material | 0 | 175.00 |
| Postage | 0 | 50.00 |
| Office Supplies | 0 | 100.00 |
| Annual Reports | 0 | 450.00 |
| Supervisor Per Diem | 720.00 | 0 |
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| | \$3,270.00 | \$ 675.00 |