

TOWALIGA SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

ANNUAL PLAN OF WORK FISCAL YEAR 2014 (July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014)

1. Sponsor demonstrations and tours to promote water quality and Best Management Practices to farmers and other land users.
 - A. Expend District funds to purchase exhibits, promotional materials, and supplies; and to pay meeting expenses to promote conservation demonstrations and tours.
2. Sponsor and provide funding, when available, for students to represent the District in the Envirothon program, Soils Judging teams, and other natural resource and environmental competitions.
3. Recognize excellence in conservation by district cooperators whenever appropriate.
4. Sponsor tuition from District funds for one student from each county of the District if available or a total of \$900.00 to attend the Youth Natural Resources Conservation Workshop to introduce them to the concepts of soil and water conservation.
5. Promote public understanding for the need for soil and water stewardship by purchasing and distributing conservation education materials and programs during Soil Stewardship Week.
6. Maintain membership in and pay membership dues to the National Association of Conservation Districts, the Georgia Association of Conservation District Supervisors, and the Two Rivers Resource Conservation and Development Council; and to cooperate with these groups to jointly promote soil and water conservation goals.
7. Purchase supplies, pay communication costs, and purchase equipment needed to conduct the District's goal of protecting soil and water resources.
8. Provide educational and informational materials to schools, landowners, and other groups to promote the need for management and protection of soil and water resources.
9. Provide supervisors with financial resources to improve their knowledge of conservation issues, and assist supervisors with financial resources to individually promote the programs of the District. Provide per diem payment of up to \$120 and mileage payment for supervisors to attend Supervisor Training and the GACDS Annual Meeting when funds are available.

10. Purchase conservation equipment, as needed, to demonstrate new and innovative methods of installing Best Management Practices to farmers and landowners.
11. Seek outside sources of income to strengthen and support District activities and programs.
12. Manage and direct funding received from grants, donations, and other sources which assist the District in the promotion of soil and water conservation methods.
13. Arrange publicity and expend funds for public outreach to increase the public's awareness of the need for soil and water conservation.
14. Appoint committees, as necessary, to plan and conduct special District promotions of soil and water conservation programs.
15. Promote dialogue with elected representatives on the county, state and federal levels, and expend funds for meeting expenses to keep these leaders informed of conservation concerns and programs.
16. 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.
17. Promote the District's no-till drill, hay scale, and aerator programs through advertisement of these services.
18. Continue to work with local governments to ensure that watershed structures are adequately maintained.
19. Continue to provide assistance to local governments on erosion control issues.
20. The district makes a pledge to support the Potato Creek 319 project in partnership with the Lamar County SWCD and Two Rivers RC&D.
21. Support the State Water Management Plan and irrigation and metering requirements.
22. Promote more district boundary signs including inventory work and installation.
23. Conduct a Long Leaf Pine Field Day in partnership with the Lamar County SWCD and the Long Leaf Alliance to educate the public on the proper site prep and planting techniques of this species along with the environmental benefits.
24. Host a Forage Field Day in partnership with the Lamar County SWCD in the early spring to educate producers on how to maximize yields while protecting the soils and quality of the land.
25. Host a Local Work Group Meeting to set priorities for USDA Farm Bill programs.
26. Host a Solar Power Field Day explaining the various uses of solar power on the farm for things such as fences and wells.

