

# **TOWALIGA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**Butts – Fayette – Monroe – Pike – Spalding - Upson**

## **FISCAL YEAR 2013 ANNUAL REPORT**

### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

1. The district board holds a monthly meeting to discuss conservation concerns and issues in Butts, Fayette, Monroe, Pike, Spalding and Upson Counties.
2. The district continued the strong working relationship it has enjoyed with the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission. The designated District Conservationist gave monthly progress reports concerning NRCS activities at district meetings. The Conservation Commission's Regional Representative assisted the district with meeting its many goals and kept the board informed on conservation issues.
3. The district conducted its annual Tobesofkee Creek and Potato Creek Watershed structure operation and maintenance inspections. The district actively worked to ensure that Safe Dams Act requirements were being met at all watershed dams located in the district.
4. The district provided Soil Stewardship materials and other conservation education materials to elementary schools and libraries in the district in observance of Soil Stewardship Week.
5. The District sponsored students to attend the Natural Resources Conservation Workshop at ABAC in Tifton in June.
6. The district, in conjunction with the Two Rivers RC&D Council, participated in the Animal Waste Pumpout Assistance Program.
7. The district cooperated with the Two Rivers RC&D to provide no-till services to district cooperators. Color fliers containing no-till rates and planting information were distributed throughout the district.
8. The district, in conjunction with Two Rivers RC&D, promoted and publicized the use of the hay scales. Color brochures were distributed to interested landowners.
9. The district reviewed Erosion and Sediment Control plans for local governments. Submitted plans were discussed at monthly meetings and were approved if complete and if they satisfied all criteria for erosion control.
10. The district participated in and sponsored Farm City Week in Pike County.

11. The District actively supported and promoted the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program to exclude livestock from water bodies and created riparian/wildlife buffers.
12. The district and Two Rivers RC&D publicized the use of the pasture aerator. Aerator brochures were distributed through NRCS Offices, Two Rivers RC&D, and the Extension Service.
13. The district promoted and set priorities for the NRCS EQIP.
14. On November 7, 2012, the district co-sponsored with Lamar County Soil and Water Conservation District, a Longleaf Pine Workshop with 45 people in attendance.
15. Two supervisors from the district attended the Supervisor Training Workshop held at Unicoi State Park in Helen on August 17 – 18, 2012, which was sponsored by the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission.
17. Five supervisors attended the GACDS Group III Meeting held on July 23, 2012, at the EMC Training Facility in Smarr.
18. The district participated in the Central Georgia Erosion & Sediment Control Workshop in November in Griffin.
19. Three district supervisors participated on the Regional Water Councils.
20. One supervisor attended the GACDS Annual Meeting held on February 1 – 2, 2013, in Atlanta.