



## **District Supervisor Responsibilities (from O.C.G.A. 2-6-33) with Examples**

*The success of each district and the goals accomplished are up to you. Each supervisor plays an important role, and your involvement is vital. Even though economic growth and development are in a downturn, the economy will recover and population will increase. As these things increase, our soil and water resources will remain finite. The work you do today to protect these resources will ensure they are here for future generations to enjoy.*

- (1) Develop comprehensive plans for the conservation of soil and water resources in the District.
  - Develop an Annual Plan of Work and list of Prior Year Accomplishments
  - Assist with thorough soil and water resource action plans that include BMPs such as no-till, vegetative plans for stream banks, erosion control, and water conservation methods
- (2) Work with land owners and developers as well as local, state and federal governments to implement soil and water conservation measures and practices.
  - Make full use of Farm Bill programs (EQIP, WHIP, etc.)
  - Develop and maintain relationships with other agencies and organizations such as NRCS, RC&D Councils, etc.
  - Explain benefits of conservation practices to landowners, especially the impact to their operating budget and production results
  - Cooperate with EPD, and local governments to review erosion control plans and ensure installation of BMPs on land disturbance sites
  - Work with your local Chamber of Commerce and government on projects such as tree planting, wetland trails, and stream restoration
- (3) Make machinery and equipment, fertilizer, seed and seedlings and other materials available to landowners to help conserve soil and water resources.
  - Apply for grants to obtain cost share funding to help farmers install BMPs
  - Hold equipment demonstrations and plant demonstration plots
- (4) Conduct surveys, investigations and research on soil and water conservation practices. Generate and disseminate information and data on conservation measures.
  - Disseminate NRCS soil surveys, GSWCC Ag BMP Handbook, regional Ag Water use, & E&SC Manual for Erosion Control to interested parties
  - Sponsor research station tours to explain new research findings.
  - Install on-farm demonstration sites
  - Promote the importance of Soil Stewardship Week and facilitate distribution of educational and fun material to the community, schools, churches, etc.

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- (5) Conduct demonstrations for soil and water conservation methods.
  - Field days, tours, project site visits
  - Conservation workshops for youth and teachers
  
- (6) Construct, improve or maintain structures necessary for flood water control & storage.
  - Seek funds and local support to maintain watershed dams.
  - Participate in Emergency Watershed Program
  - Monitor watershed easements through yearly field visits
  
- (7) Facilitate and generate financial assistance to land owners, as well as local, state and federal agencies, for soil and water conservation practices.
  - Chair and decide upon federal funding priorities through Local Work Group process
  - Promote local and federal cost-share programs to landowners
  - Be innovative and apply for grants that will further soil and water conservation efforts
  
- (8) Administer and/or participate in the management of soil and water conservation projects undertaken by the State of Georgia and any agency of the United States.
  - Partners for Wildlife Program
  - 319 Program
  - Ponds/Mobile Irrigation Lab
  - Agricultural Water Metering Program
  - Farm Bill Programs (EQIP, WHIP, CRP, etc.)