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Georgia's Soil and Water Conservation Districts commended in resolution adopted by Georgia House of Representatives *Districts involved in urban development erosion control, dam rehabilitation and agricultural best management practices for water conservation*

Georgia's 40 Soil and Water Conservation Districts were commended for their good work in a resolution (HR 60) adopted by the Georgia House of Representatives on Jan. 28, 2013.

The resolution recognizes the accomplishments of Georgia's 370 District Supervisors in the areas of erosion control on urban lands, education of citizens now unfamiliar with agricultural issues and working with private landowners to address water concerns through conservation efforts.

"District Supervisors throughout this state work diligently as unpaid state officials for the betterment of their local communities, and we appreciate the Georgia House of Representatives' recognition of our efforts," said Danny Hogan, president of the Georgia Association of Conservation District Supervisors.

Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission Chairman Garland Thompson added that "The Commission is committed to supporting the priorities set by local district boards and strongly encourages districts to develop new opportunities to promote soil and water conservation in their local communities."

In Georgia, conservation districts began with the Soil Conservation Districts Law in 1937. The Coosa River District was formed that same year as the first district in Georgia and the second district formed in the U.S. The districts' mandate was later extended to include water conservation.

Today, Georgia's 40 Soil and Water Conservation Districts cover the entire state and work to improve and protect Georgia's natural resources including efforts to oversee urban erosion and sediment control, as well as coordinate the maintenance and rehabilitation of Georgia's 350 flood control watershed dams.

Districts also conduct outreach efforts in their local communities through youth education activities, workshops, demonstration projects and field days.

The Georgia Soil and Water Commission (a state agency) serves as the administrative and technical support agency to the 40 districts. The GSWCC is led by five commissioners appointed by the Governor.

Information on the Georgia Association of Conservation District Supervisors is available at www.gacds.org. For more information on Georgia's soil and water conservation efforts, go to <http://gaswcc.georgia.gov> or call (706) 552-4470.

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