## COOSA RIVER SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT Fiscal Year 2013 Annual Report

On September 13, 1937 the Coosa River Soil and Water Conservation District was organized and is a legal subdivision of the Georgia State Government. The District exists to serve the public and to ensure a healthy and productive environment. For this reason, the District's task is to work for the well being of all people while safeguarding land, water, and related natural resources for the benefit of future generations.

## Fiscal Year 2013 Accomplishments Coosa River Soil and Water Conservation District

The District offers support to Local Issuing Authorities for their Erosion and Sedimentation programs through education programs and overviews. The District Supervisors also encouraged teams to enter the Envirothon. District support for EQIP, WHIP, CCRP, CSP, and other USDA programs continued. Supervisors continue their support for education of youth in their District by providing Soil and Water Stewardship materials to schools and education centers. The Supervisors support the local RC&D councils and their programs including the no-till drill program.

- At their September regular district meeting, the SWCD hosted the UGA Forage Breeding Program specialists and heard a presentation on using alfalfa in North Georgia.
- The supervisors support for the GSWCC Middle Coosawattee 319 Agricultural Best Management Practice program continues.
- The supervisors sponsored students to attend the Natural Resources Conservation Workshop held in Tifton at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College.
- Several supervisors attended the GACDS Group I Meeting at Burnt Hickory Park near Dallas in August.
- A delegation of supervisors also attended the GACDS Supervisors Training Workshop in August in Helen at Unicoi State Park.
- Several supervisors attended the GACDS Legislative Luncheon and the GACDS Annual Meeting in Atlanta on January 31 February 2.
- The SWCD held a Farm and Nutrition Field Day at Oakdale Farm in Floyd County on June 1 to promote all aspects of the Farm Bill.
- The SWCD supported the Multicultural Sustainable Agricultural Conference in Cartersville by setting up a display table at the event.

Do you have a conservation plan for your farm, or does your plan need updating? For conservation needs, call your District Conservationist at the Natural Resources Conservation Service office:

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(Above: Families enjoying a garden tour from Judy Waters of Oakdale Farm at the Farm and Nutrition Field Day)