District Accomplishments

- Maintained Memoranda of Understanding with NRCS and Farm Service Agency.
- Held Local Work Group Meeting to set resource concerns and priority practices under EQIP.
- Cooperaed with RC&D Councils in developing projects within the District.
- Membership in Georgia Association of Conservation District Supervisors and National Association of Conservation Districts to support conservation efforts on the state and national level.
- Sponsored students attending the Natural Resources Conservation Workshop.
- Reviewed erosion and sediment control plans as required by state law.
- Attended statewide annual meetings and trainings.
- Contacted elected officials and various agencies in order to satisfy community and natural resource concerns.
- Supervised use of no-till drills.
- Sponsored Annual District Christmas Party.
- Sponsored Interagency Meeting in Dooly County.

Following the 1930s Dust Bowl disaster, Congress passed legislation declaring soil and water conservation a national policy and priority. In 1937 President Roosevelt wrote to state governors recommending legislation that would allow local landowners to form soil conservation districts.

As a consequence, the Ocmulgee River Soil and Water Conservation District was organized on February 10, 1938, and comprises Bibb, Crawford, Dooly, Houston, Macon, Peach, Pulaski, Taylor, and Wilcox Counties. Two District Supervisors from each county serve on an 18-member Board of Directors. Each county has an elected and appointed Supervisor serving a 4 and 2 year term respectfully.

Assisting the District are the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission and the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS).

The Commission, established by the General Assembly in 1937, is charged with and empowered to provide guidance, coordination and assistance to the District. Their primary goal is to provide maximum protection to Georgia’s soil and water resources.

By written agreement with and at the request of the Ocmulgee River District, NRCS provides professional conservationists to help implement the district’s long-range conservation program. The Ocmulgee River District channels the services of NRCS to cooperators, individuals, groups, and units of government - and sets priorities for the implementation of conservation practices.

Contact your local representative, the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service, or the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission for more information about the work and services of the Ocmulgee River District.