

2025 Plan of Work

BROAD RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

The Conservation District meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every other month at 10:30am at the Ila Restaurant in Ila, Georgia, unless publicized otherwise.

DISTRICT SUPERVISORS:

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| George Smith, Chairman 625 Donald Smith Rd. Hull, GA 30646 | Madison County |
| Vance Mattox, Treasurer 71 Watkins Farm Rd. Lexington, GA 30648 | Oglethorpe County |
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| VACANT | Hart County |
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Broad River Conservation District

Annual Plan of Work FY 2025

This Plan of Work establishes the major objectives for the Broad River Conservation District during FY 2025. It emphasizes conservation of natural resources within the District.

Major Objectives

- 1. Natural Resources Conservation** - Promote the conservation of soil, water, forestry, wildlife, and other natural resources.
- 2. Conservation Education** – Promote conservation education through youth and adult education programs.
- 3. Public Relations & Information** - To create public awareness of District conservation programs and objectives.
- 4. Erosion and Sedimentation Program** - Provide technical assistance related to erosion control and sedimentation prevention to citizens and local units of government.

Natural Resource Conservation

Action Item

1. Promote natural resources conservation with the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Farm Service Agency through the District responsibility for implementing the Environmental Quality Incentives Program, Conservation Stewardship Program, Conservation Reserve Program, and other Farm Bill programs.
2. Maintain working relationship with district feral hog custodiand and manage district feral swine initiative. Utilize district Pig Brig traps to help control feral hogs.
3. Provide assistance to landowners to plan and apply conservation Best Management Practices

Conservation Education

1. Sponsor at least two high school students to attend the Natural Resources Conservation Workshop (NRCW) in June at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College (ABAC) in Tifton to introduce them at an early age to the concepts of soil and water conservation.
2. Hold an annual poster contest for local 4th, 5th, and 6th graders and award winners appropriately.
3. The SWCD may pay a per diem and mileage at a rate not to exceed the rates set annually by the GSWCC to supervisors who attend conservation meetings and continuing education opportunities.
4. Host at least one farm field day per year.
5. Host or co-host feral swine information workshop with landowners.
6. Participate in Ag Day at local schools.
7. Sponsor local Envirothon teams

Public Relations and Information

1. Develop and distribute annual report on the District's accomplishments.
2. Provide for oversight of District funds by the annual review of expenditures and income, and prepare a detailed financial report at the end of each fiscal year.
3. Hold annual banquet for supervisors and affiliate members. Award local Farmer or Conservationist of the Year.
4. Work closely with other agencies (FSA, RD, Cooperative Extension Service, Georgia Forestry Commission, GSWCC, NRCS, RC&D, and DNR) to coordinate conservation program activities in the District. Encourage each agency representative to attend board meetings and keep District supervisors informed on the various agency programs in the District.
5. Prepare social media posts and news releases on the District's program and activities.

6. Send a meeting notice to a newspaper in each county.
7. Keep locally elected officials fully informed about conservation issues and of on-going conservation programs and District accomplishments, and invited county officials and school officials to attend meetings.
8. Publish a semi-annual electronic newsletter for affiliate members.
9. Hold officer elections every 2 years in December of even-numbered years to elect a Chairman, Vice Chairman, and a Treasurer.

Erosion and Sedimentation Program

Action Item

1. Review erosion and sediment control plans for land disturbance projects within the limits of each Local Issuing Authority (LIA) that falls under the requirements of the erosion and sediment control ordinance of the LIA where there is not a Memorandum of Agreement with the District.
2. Provide technical assistance to evaluate soil and water resources for proposed development projects.
3. Provide LIA's with technical assistance for their erosion and sedimentation control program and assist with interpretation of the Georgia Erosion and Sedimentation Act.

The District will seek, manage, and expend funds made available through private, local, state and federal sources in such a way as to promote soil and water conservation and conservation education.