

## **Fiscal Year 2022**

### **Plan of Work**

#### **CATOOSA COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

On October 3, 1951 the Catoosa County Conservation District was organized and is a legal subdivision of the Georgia State Government. The Conservation District meetings are held on the second Friday of each month in Ringgold unless publicized otherwise.

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## **Catoosa County Conservation District**

### **Annual Plan of Work Fiscal Year (FY) 2022**

This Plan of Work establishes the major objectives for the Catoosa County Conservation District during FY 2022. 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. Offer outreach to landowners and interested citizens about funding opportunities.
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 of implementing the Environmental Quality Incentives Program, Conservation Stewardship Program, Conservation Reserve Program, Conservation Easement Program and other Farm Bill programs.
2. Assist landowners with planning and applying conservation Best Management Practices.
3. Host an annual Local Work Group Meeting (time and location to be determined) with agency partners and local farmers to prioritize resources and practices for Farm

## Bill Program Funding.

4. Promote the initiatives of the Limestone Valley RC&D, associated with grants awarded by GAEPD under 319.
5. Promote all programs that benefit and protect wildlife.
6. Pursue landowner participation and NRCS-USDA funding for identified projects in the Source Water Protection Area (see map).
7. Identify viable projects and seek NRCS-USDA funding under the Aquatic Wildlife Pool within the Hellbender Aquatic Salamander Priority Area (the entire District)
8. Pursue and seek grants and cost share assistance from public and private sources to fund conservation practices to be identified based on funding available.

## **Conservation Education**

### **Action Item**

1. Sponsor high school students to attend the Natural Resources Conservation Workshop (NRCW) at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College (ABAC) in Tifton to introduce them at an early age to the concepts of soil and water conservation. Tuition for each student will be paid from District funds or from outside sources.
2. Hold an annual poster contest for local 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> graders and award winners of the delayed 2020 contest in November/December of 2021.
3. Conduct the 2022 Stewardship Program “Healthy Soils, Healthy Lives” including a poster contest for local 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> graders and award winners in the spring of 2022.
4. Award an annual college scholarship in the amount of \$500 to a graduating senior from a local high school.
5. Work with County Parks and Recreation to improve Elsie Holmes Nature Park.
6. Maintain existing pollinator gardens at Ringgold Primary School and assist GACD with installation of a Pollinator Garden at the Georgia Welcome Center.
7. Develop a working relationship with Agricultural Education programs in District Secondary schools to infuse natural resource education into their curriculum and programs.
8. Work with USDA-NRCS and UGA Extension to host and conduct a Forage Field Day.

## **Public Relations and Information**

### **Action Item**

1. Develop and distribute an annual report on the District's accomplishments.
2. Provide oversight of District funds by the annual review of expenditures and income and provide a detailed financial report to the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission at the end of each fiscal year.
3. Work closely with other agencies (local government, USDA- Farm Service Agency, USDA- Rural Development, USDA- Natural Resources Conservation Service, UGA Cooperative Extension, Georgia Forestry Commission, Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission, Resource Conservation & Development Council, and Georgia Department of Natural Resources) 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.
4. Involve and encourage media coverage of workshops, outreach, events, awards and accomplishments through newspaper, radio, website and social media.
5. Prepare press releases on the District's program and activities.
6. Keep locally elected officials fully informed about conservation issues and of ongoing conservation programs and District accomplishments.
7. Maintain the district website and Facebook page to highlight District activities and objectives.
8. Hold officer elections every 2 years beginning in December 2014 to elect a Chairman, Vice Chairman, and a Treasurer. Next election in November 2022.

## **Erosion and Sedimentation Program**

### **Action Item**

1. Promote minimum and no-till conservation farming through the use of the no-till drill through the Limestone Valley RC&D.
2. 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.

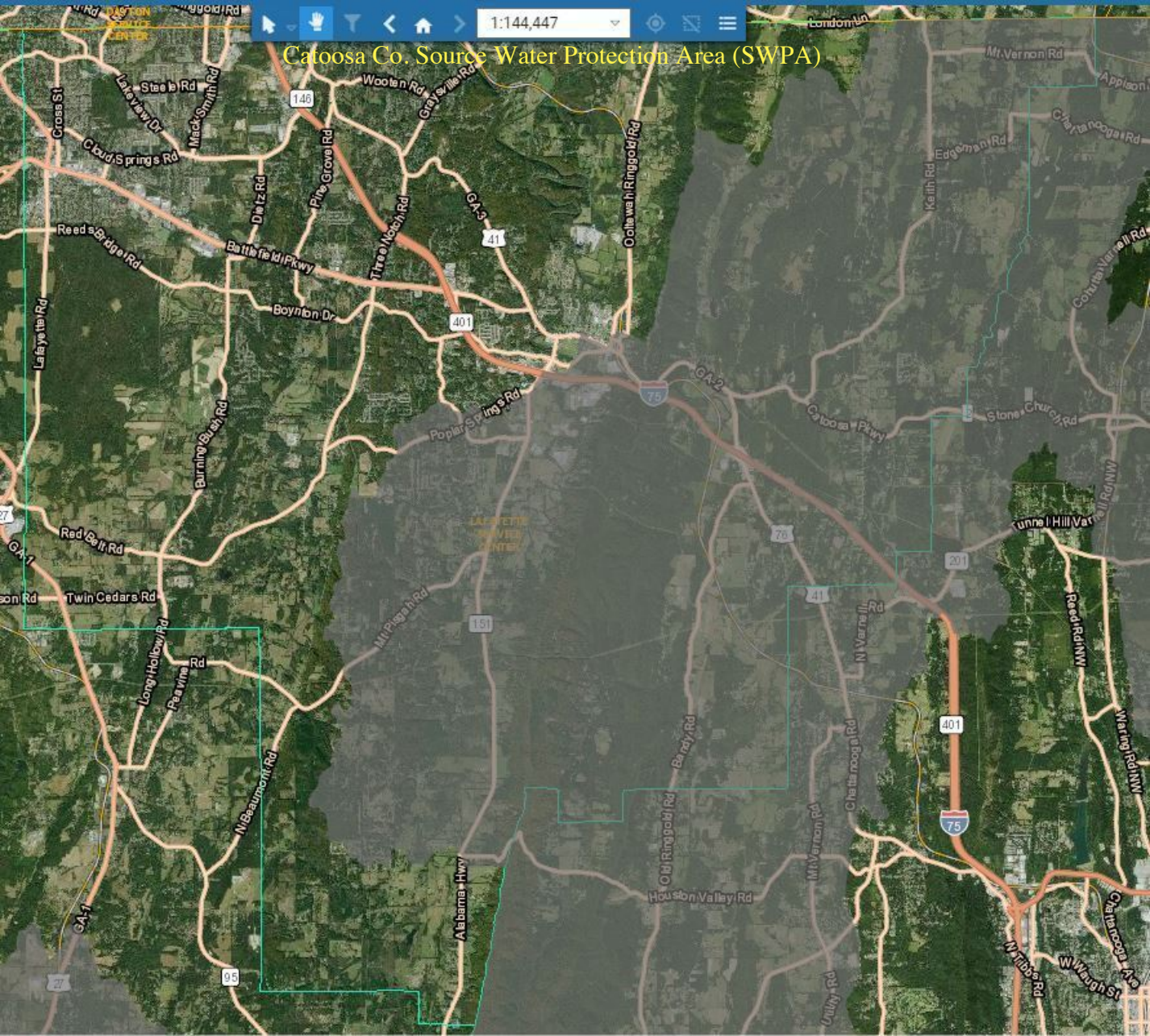
3. Provide technical assistance to evaluate soil and water resources for proposed development projects.
4. Promote soil and water conservation through the GSWCC Erosion and Sedimentation Certification Program.
5. Provide LIA's with technical assistance for their erosion and sedimentation control program and assist with interpretation of the Georgia Erosion and Sedimentation Act.
6. Organize host and conduct one Erosion and Sediment Certification Class (Level I)

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.

*Catoosa County Conservation District - Annual Budget for FY 2022*

*FY 2022 Budgeted Expenditures and Sources of Funds*

<u>Item</u>	<u>District Funds</u>	<u>NACD Grant Funds</u>	<u>State Allocated Funds</u>
NACD Poster Contest & Conservation Awards Event	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00
CCCD College Scholarship	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Dues (NACD, & RC&D)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300.00
Dues (GACD)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Sponsorship to NRCW	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 750.00
Supervisor Expenses for Non-Local Meetings	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ -
Postage	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ -
Office Supplies	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -
Purchase of Enviroscene	\$ -	\$ 1,600.00	\$ -
NACD Grant Collateral Materials	\$ -	\$ 568.75	
Sponsorship of Level I Training Session	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ -
District Website Maintenance	\$ 240.00	\$ -	\$ -
Forage Field Day Sponsorship	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -
Grant Proposal - Source Water Protection Area	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ -
Grant Proposal - Aquatic Wildlife Pool	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ -
Host Local Work Group Meeting	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -
Unbudgeted Expenses	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -
Total Expenses	\$ 1,990.00	\$ 2,168.75	\$ 2,550.00
Budgeted Income*	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 2,553.00
Net	\$ (490.00)	\$ 2,168.75	\$ 3.00
* Level I Class Tuition			



# Catoosa Co. Source Water Protection Area (SWPA)

1:144,447

Map labels include:  
- Roads: Cross St, Lakeview Dr, Steele Rd, Mack Smith Rd, Cloud Springs Rd, Dieitz Rd, Pine Grove Rd, Woolen Rd, Grayville Rd, Three Notch Rd, GA-41, Ocoltwa Ringgold Rd, Boynton Dr, Battlefield Pkwy, Burning Bush Rd, Poplar Springs Rd, GA-151, Red Oak Rd, Twin Cedars Rd, Long Hollow Rd, Peavine Rd, N Beaumont Rd, Mt Pleasant Rd, Alabama Hwy, Bandy Rd, O'Brien Ringgold Rd, Houston Valley Rd, MaVernon Rd, Chatanooga Rd, N Vernon Rd, Stone Church Rd, Reed Rd NW, Waring Rd NW, Chamacochee Ave, W Vaughn St, N Ribbs Rd, N Vernon Rd, Edgeman Rd, Keith Rd, Charitonauga Rd, Covanta Vernon Rd, Appison Rd, Mr Vernon Rd, Reed Rd NW, Waring Rd NW, Chamacochee Ave, N Vaughn St, N Ribbs Rd, N Vernon Rd, Edgeman Rd, Keith Rd, Charitonauga Rd, Covanta Vernon Rd, Appison Rd, Mr Vernon Rd.