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ROGER BOWMAN OF CATOOSA COUNTY RECOGNIZED FOR 21 YEARS OF SERVICE AS DISTRICT CHAIR

Ringgold, GA – Roger Bowman has served on the Catoosa County Conservation District Board since 2002 and served as Chairman from 2003 to November 2024. Earlier this month, Catoosa County Commissioners recognized Roger for his service of 21 years as Chair of the Conservation District. Though he has recently stepped down as Chair, he will continue serving on the board for the remainder of his term.



Roger Bowman accepts the Board of Commissioners proclamation from Chairman Larry C. Black

Last week, Catoosa County Conservation District (CCCD) presented Roger with a plaque to commemorate his time with CCCD at their annual Christmas Breakfast/December Meeting. CCCD Chairwoman Betts Berry reflected on Roger’s accomplishments with the district throughout his tenure.



CCCD Supervisors L-R: Charles Lancaster, Betts Berry, Roger Bowman, Keith Bonnell & Mark Vaughn

Mitch Attaway, Executive Director of the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission, states “Roger’s service to the Catoosa County Conservation District is unique in that he applied his business acumen in pursuit of district opportunities to conserve Catoosa’s natural resources. His legacy is one of forward thinking while reflecting and educating on the district and county’s history. We at the GSWCC would like to thank Roger for his years of dedication to the district and Georgia natural resource conservation at large.”

Roger was named Georgia Conservation District Supervisor of the Year in 2016 and inducted into the Georgia Association of Conservation Districts Hall of Fame in 2018. He was inducted into the National Association of Conservation District’s Southeast Region Hall of Fame in 2021. Roger is also a GACD Board Member Emeritus

and formerly served as GACD Vice President. Roger's father, Roger O. Bowman, Sr. was one of the 5 founding members of the Catoosa County Conservation District, which was founded on October 3, 1951.

Roger grew up working on his family's 350-acre farm in Catoosa County where they grew vegetables for distribution to wholesalers in GA and TN as well as a 500 head farrow to finish commercial swine operation. In his youth, Roger participated in 4-H with a focus on row crops, forestry, livestock production and land judging. Growing up, Roger helped his father install terraces and maintain drainage systems on the farm, resulting in a firsthand education in conservation practices. In high school, he worked as a summer intern with the Soil Conservation Service (now the Natural Resources Conservation Service) doing survey work and cropland measurement. These experiences, along with his work for the Tennessee Valley Authority's Natural Resources Conservation Program, solidified his interest in natural resource conservation.

Roger graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Economics from the University of Georgia and a Master of Business Administration from Vanderbilt University. He and his wife, Kay, live on a family farm in Ringgold that has been in operation since 1928 and has been enjoyed by 6 generations of Bowmans.



Roger Bowman and his wife Kay pictured with Catoosa County Commissioners, CCCD supervisors, and partners from GACD and GSWCC

The Catoosa County Conservation District is a unit of state government that directs natural resource management programs in the county. The Conservation District works with farmers, landowners, and with other units of government to educate and actively promote programs and practices that support the conservation, use and development of soil, water, and related resources. More information can be found at

www.CatoosaConservationDistrict.org.