



2022 PLAN OF WORK

**CLAYTON COUNTY
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

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In 1985 the Clayton County Soil and Water Conservation District was organized and is a legal subdivision of the Georgia State Government. The Conservation District meetings are held on the Second Monday of each month at the Clayton County Extension Office located at 1262 Government Circle, Jonesboro, GA 30236 at 11:00 a.m. unless publicized otherwise.

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This Plan of Work establishes the major objectives for the Clayton 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.**
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. Aid landowners to plan and apply conservation Best Management Practices.
3. Host an annual Local Work Group Meeting with agency partners and local farmers to prioritize resources and practices for Farm Bill Program Funding.
4. Provide soils information to the public through the web-based Web Soil Survey to promote proper land use planning.

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.
2. Hold an annual poster contest for local 4th and 5th 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. Hold annual Arbor Day tree give-a-way at the Clayton County Extension Office.
5. Support and Promote the Regional and State Envirothon Competition.
6. Assist Reynolds Nature Preserve, the Clayton County Cooperative Extension Service, the International Park, the County Water Authority, and the Newman Wetlands Center with Soil and Water Conservation projects.
7. Maintain membership in the Georgia Association of Conservation District Supervisors and the National Association of Conservation Districts.
8. Seek outside sources of income to strengthen and support District activities and programs.
9. Purchase soil and stewardship material.
10. Sponsor a conservation/education farm field day with NRCS and the Georgia Soil & Water Conservation Commission.
11. Sponsor and maintain community gardens throughout Clayton County.

Public Relations and Information

Action Item

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. 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.
4. Prepare news articles on the District's program and activities.
5. Keep locally elected officials fully informed about conservation issues and of on-going conservation programs and District accomplishments.
6. Maintain the district website and Facebook page to highlight District activities and objectives.
7. 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. Promote soil and water conservation through the GSWCC Erosion and Sedimentation Certification Program.
4. 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.

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