



Clayton County Soil & Water
Conservation District

PLAN OF WORK

— FY 2023



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Melvin L. Newman Wetlands Center in Hampton, Ga

About the Clayton County Conservation District

The Clayton County Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1985 and is a legal subdivision of the Georgia State Government. The Conservation District meetings are held on the second Monday of each month unless otherwise noted.

DISTRICT SUPERVISORS:

Daniel Small, District Chair - 2587 Carnes Crossing Way, Jonesboro, Ga 30236

Barbara Gibbs-Hodge, Treasurer - 4172 Peachtree Farms Rd., Rex, Ga 30273

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Annual Plan of Work Fiscal Year (FY) 2023

This Plan of Work establishes the major objectives for the Clayton County Conservation District during FY 2023. It emphasizes conservation of natural resources within the District.

MAJOR OBJECTIVES

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

Objective 1 - 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, and other Farm Bill programs.
2. Direct landowners to resources that assist with the planning and application of 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.





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Objective 2 - Erosion & 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 LIAs with technical assistance for their erosion and sedimentation control program and assist with interpretation of the Georgia Erosion and Sedimentation Control Act.
5. Work with the GSWCC to conduct LIA overviews in accordance with and as required by Georgia State Law.

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Objective 3 - Conservation Education & Community Engagement

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 to the concepts of and available careers in soil and water conservation.
2. Hold an annual poster contest for local 4th and 5th graders and award winners appropriately.
3. Attend and participate in GACD and GSWCC supervisor events and trainings, including online/virtual training programs.
4. 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.
5. Hold annual Arbor Day tree seedling give-a-way at the Clayton County Extension Office.
6. Support and promote the Georgia Envirothon Competition.
7. 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.
8. Maintain membership in the Georgia Association of Conservation Districts (GACD) and the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD).
9. Seek outside sources of income to strengthen and support District activities and programs.
10. Purchase and distribute soil stewardship materials.
11. Sponsor a conservation/education farm field day with NRCS, GACD, and the Georgia Soil & Water Conservation Commission (GSWCC).
12. Sponsor and promote community gardens throughout Clayton County.

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Objective 4 - Public Relations and Information

Action Item

1. Develop and distribute an 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, GACD, 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 and/or social media posts on the District's programs 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.

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.

Thank You



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