

**COASTAL SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
PLAN OF WORK  
July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022**

**MISSION STATEMENT:**

The Coastal Soil and Water Conservation District shall provide leadership, information, education, economic incentives, and technical assistance to conserve, improve and sustain our natural resources through partnerships with individuals, businesses, schools, organizations, and local and state and federal governments.

**OVERALL LONG-TERM OBJECTIVES:**

**OBJECTIVE 1: CONSERVATION EDUCATION:**

**GOAL 1: Keep District Supervisors Aware and Educated on New Programs and Policies – July 2021 – June 2022**

1. Provide supervisors with financial resources to improve their knowledge of conservation issues, and assist supervisors with financial resources to individually promote the programs of the District. Provide per diem payment of up to \$120/day and mileage payment for supervisors to attend Supervisor Training and the GACD Annual Meeting when funds are available.

**GOAL 2: Increase Conservation Education in the Classroom - July 2021 – June 2022**

1. Provide educational information to schools when requested to promote the need for management and protection of water and soil resources.

**GOAL 3: Increase Conservation Education Special Events/Programs – July 2021 – June 2022**

1. Host an Arbor Day Celebration tree planting at a school in each district county.
2. Sponsor 2 students from each county to participate in the Youth NRCW conservation camp to introduce them to concepts of soils and water conservation.
3. Participate in Coast Fest in October and pass out educational material relating to the Conservation of Natural Resources.
4. Sponsor and provide funding, when available, for 4-H Clubs and FFA Chapters with land-judging/training and forestry-related activities, the Environthon program and other natural resources, and environmental conservation events.

**OBJECTIVE 2: INCREASE PUBLIC AWARENESS/INFORMATION.**

**GOAL 1: Increase Public Awareness through Programs and Publications – July 2021 – June 2022**

1. Development of website for visibility and notification of events to educate the public on the District's programs and services.
2. Presentation to local officials annually.
3. Promote public understanding for the need to manage and protect soil and water resources by purchasing and distributing conservation education information during Soil Stewardship Week.
4. Submit news articles on partnership events to all available media.

**GOAL 2: Cooperate With Partners – July 2021 – June 2022**

1. Meet annually with partners or request annual reports from them (USDA Farm Services and NRCS; Georgia Department of Natural Resources; Georgia Forestry Commission; Georgia Extension Service; Coastal Resources; RC&D Council; Environmental Protection Department; Local issuing Authorities; Area River Keepers; Wild Turkey Foundation; USA Fish and Wildlife).

**OBJECTIVE 3: CONSERVE NATURAL RESOURCES THROUGH TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.**

**GOAL 1: Protect and Improve Soil and Water Quality and Wildlife Habitat through Technical Assistance – July 2021 – June 2022**

1. Monitor NRCS activities and offer support for programs.
2. Provide No Till activities and offer support for programs.
3. Provide technical assistance with the Wetland Conservation Act/Reserve.
4. Make District services available to Fort Stewart/Hunter if time allows.

**GOAL 2: Implement Farm Bill and Other USDA Programs – July 2022 – June 2022**

1. Identify programs available and publicize listing signups dates, planning, and contracts. Cooperate with NRCS in reviewing Local Work Groups cost share rate information for Delivery of Farm Bill Programs in areas such as: Forestry; Soil Erosion; Water Conservation; Water Conservation –B; Water Quality – CAFO; and Water Quality – Grazing; cost share information and priority concerns.
2. Promote conservation programs such as CSP, CRP, ECP, CIG, GLCI, EQIP and others that assist with forestry, wildlife habitat preservation, water conservation and water quality.

**GOAL 3: Increase Forestry and Wildlife Habitat – July 2020 – June 2021**

1. Provide technical assistance for forest stewardship program which encourages forest landowners to actively manage their forest for multiple uses.
2. Increase forest acres under good management.
  - a. Support the Forestry Stewardship Program as outlined by the Georgia Forestry Incentive Program.
  - b. Work with the Georgia Forestry Commission to sponsor a seminar on Forestry BMP's for district landowners.

**GOAL 4: Increase Conservation in Urban and Developing communities – July 2021 – June 2022**

1. Publicize the value of protecting drainage ways, buffers and tree corridors for protection of water quality and wildlife habitat.
2. Educate the public about groundwater quality and quantity issues and efforts to protect it.
3. Promote water conservation by the usage of rain barrels to collect roof runoff of rain water.

**GOAL 5: Increase understanding for the need to preserve and protect soil resources - July 2021 – June 2022**

**Help local units of government fully implement the Erosion and Sediment Control Act of 1975.**

- a. **Continue to follow up with units of government and insist that the law be enforced.**
  - b. **Conduct training seminars for the Education Certification Program to help implement these laws.**
2. **Endeavor to sponsor seminars and demonstrations to help counties implement dirt road Best Management Practices.**

**OBJECTIVE 4: IMPROVE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCES.**

**GOAL 1: Improve Partnership Management/Administration to fulfill public responsibilities. July 2021 – June 2022**

1. **Review Mutual & Cooperative Agreements, including Civil Rights & EEO responsibilities.**
2. **Maintain and improve working relationships with NRCS and FSA.**
3. **Promote dialogue with elected representatives on the county, state, and federal levels, county departments, and local issuing authorities to meetings and expend funds to keep these leaders informed of conservation concerns and programs and erosion control best management practices.**
4. **Maintain membership in professional organizations and associations that promulgate and promote goals that are similar to those of the district.**

**GOAL 2: Enhance Financial Resources. July 2021 – June 2022**

1. **Manage district financial and material resources to meet district goals efficiently and productively and as prescribed by state guidelines.**
2. **Develop a yearly budget.**
3. **Conduct audit with an outside agent.**
4. **Research possible grant opportunities to assist with funding projects as they relate to the District's priorities, such as Coastal Incentive Grant.**
5. **Seek outside sources of income to strengthen and support District activities and programs, such as sponsoring an erosion and sediment control certification course.**

**COASTAL SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET  
July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022**

**Income/Expense:**

<b>Income</b>	<b>Planned Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>
County payments	2500.00	
Interest Income (Southeastern Bank & Bank of Ozark)	200.00	
Fundraising Events	3000.00	
Contributions/Donations (E&S review of plans)	4500.00	
Grants	1500.00	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>11700.00</b>	

<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Planned Budgeted Expenses</b>	<b>Disbursements</b>
Meetings	2400.00	
Salary Expenses (Part-Secretary)	2000.00	
Office Expenses	100.00	
Copying/Printing	200.00	
Postage/Delivery	100.00	
Conference & Travel	2500.00	
Educational Material	300.00	
NRCW Camp	500.00	
Workshops	1750.00	
Arbor Day Trees	200.00	
NRCW – contribution	100.00	
GACD – dues	1000.00	
Safety deposit fee	35.00	
Computer-related expenses	300.00	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>11485.00</b>	