

# **FY 2023 ANNUAL WORK PLAN**

## **COBB COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT**



### **BOARD MEMBERS**

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**FY 2023  
Annual Work Plan  
Cobb County**

**Objective 1**  
**District Planning**

**Action:**

1. The Cobb County Conservation District (CCCD) supervisors are committed to full attendance of the monthly CCCD meetings and each participating supervisor will be paid a per diem by the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission (GSWCC) at the current approved rate.
2. The CCCD supervisors are committed to have a representative attend the Annual Georgia Association of Conservation Districts (GACD) Summer Group Meeting, Supervisor Training, and the GACD Annual Meeting. The per diem for supervisors to participate in each of these meetings will be paid for by the CCCD not to exceed the daily limits set by the GSWCC.
3. The Cobb Chairman may call special meetings if needed to plan special events.
4. Work together with GACD Group 1 to coordinate the 2023 GACD Group 1 Meeting.
5. Hold an annual election of Conservation District officers.

**Objective 2**  
**Conservation Education**

**Action:**

1. The District will maintain an educational website to inform local governments and landowners of educational opportunities provided by the District and be a resource for E&SC Regulations, Educational Opportunities, and BMP information.
2. Natural Resources Conservation Workshop - Sponsor at least 1 student to attend.
3. Promote the National Association of Conservation Districts' Soil and Water Stewardship Poster Contest and invite Cobb Students to participate through the GACD.
4. Develop and implement the GACD Pollinator Initiative with native plants and gardens within the community. These gardens can be used for both educational purposes and pollinator habitat.
5. Inform community members of stormwater runoff remediation available through the GACD's Georgia Conservation Assistance Program (GCAP) in partnership with Trees Atlanta.

6. Implement agricultural and conservation education grants to local schools, 4-H programs, etc., and/or student scholarships.

### **Objective 3**

**District Assistance to Constituents - Serving a predominantly urban county, Cobb SWCD has partnered with NRCS to promote urban agriculture by providing federal Farm Bill conservation funds to local landowners and producers. The District will work with NRCS to achieve the following objectives.**

#### **Action:**

1. Partner with other Conservation Districts to host a conservation workshop / educational session.
2. Partner with the Cobb County Farm Bureau to host a conservation outreach event, such as the Ag Innovation Challenge.
3. Encourage Small, Beginning, and Limited Resource Farmers to participate in the NRCS Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) through publishing success stories on local farmers and visiting community-based farmers markets to distribute program information.
4. Promote advantages of organic and naturally grown food to underserved communities in Cobb County.
5. Support the NRCS mission and goal of "Helping People Help the Land" to promote conservation efforts.
6. Create a webpage showcasing installed conservation practices for first-time EQIP participants.
7. Market, promote, and participate in GCAP in Cobb County, and partner with Trees Atlanta for contracting and installation of urban conservation, stormwater runoff remediation, and green infrastructure practices.

### **Objective 4**

#### **Watershed Dam**

#### **Action:**

1. Coordinate with the GSWCC and the NRCS to update the watershed Plan for Noonday Creek Dam #17.
2. Continue working with Cobb County and adjacent landowners to coordinate routine maintenance for the watershed flood control dams.
3. Maintain Emergency Action Plans for all of the flood control dams in the district.

4. Coordinate with GSWCC to complete design of the Roller Compacted Concrete Rehabilitation.

**Objective 5**

**Erosion & Sediment Control / Local County and City Involvement**

**Action:**

1. Conduct a follow up meeting and/or communicate with LIAs after complaints as needed.
2. Provide erosion control and conservation technical resources to all 7 LIAs in the District as requested.
3. Enforcement Activity Report - Review monthly information provided by LIAs indicating E&SC permitting activity, notices of non-compliance, stop work orders, etc.
4. Complaint Resolution - work with LIAs to resolve complaints in accordance with procedure outlined in the Supervisor Handbook.
5. Conduct LIA overviews and provide LIA assistance as needed.
6. Hold a re-certification class as needed.

**The Cobb County Soil and Water Conservation District will expend their funds in compliance with state law, and the District will conduct an annual audit.**