

2024 PLAN OF WORK
COOSA RIVER SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

On September 13, 1937, the Coosa River Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) was organized and is a legal subdivision of the Georgia State Government. The SWCD meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month unless publicized otherwise.

DISTRICT SUPERVISORS:

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Annual Report Plan of Work Fiscal Year (FY) 2024

This Plan of Work establishes the major objectives for the Coosa River Soil and Water Conservation District during FY 2024. It emphasizes conservation of natural resources within the District.

Major Objectives

- 1. Natural Resources Conservation** - Promote the conservation of soil, water, forests, wildlife, and other natural resources.
- 2. Conservation Education** – Promote conservation education through youth and adult education programs.
- 3. Public Relations & Information** - 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.
- 5. Watershed Flood Control Program** – Uphold the duties as sponsor of watershed flood control structures in the District and assist other watershed control structure sponsors with technical assistance.

Natural Resource Conservation

Action Item

1. Promote natural resources conservation through the District responsibility of implementing the Environmental Quality Incentives Program, Conservation Stewardship Program, and other Farm Bill programs.
2. Promote minimum and no-till conservation farming through the use of no-till drills through the Rolling Hills and Limestone Valley RC&D.
3. Announce, Sponsor and/or conduct demonstrations, tours and field days to acquaint farmers and land users with methods for protecting soil and water resources and promote greater participation.
4. Annually review the Memorandum of Understanding between the District, State of Georgia, GACD, and the NRCS to implement conservation practices in the District.

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. Tuition for each student will be paid from District funds (local or state allotment) or from outside sources. Provide NRCW tuition for up to 16 students to attend from the SWCD area, up to two students from each county in the Coosa River District. If each county does not provide two students to use the funds, students will be funded from the remaining counties in order of receipt.
2. Sponsor and provide funding, when available, for students to represent the District in the Envirothon program, Soils Judging teams, and other natural resource and environmental competitions.
3. The Coosa River Conservation District can pay a per diem to supervisors (not to exceed limits set by the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission (GSWCC)) who attend conservation meetings and continuing education opportunities.
4. Hold an annual poster contest for local K-12 graders and award winners appropriately throughout the Coosa River District in the spring.
5. Sponsor a \$1,000.00 High School Senior Agricultural Scholarship to one student in the Coosa River District in the spring.
6. Host a Conservation photo contest and select winning photographs to compile in a District Conservation calendar in the fall.
7. Provide access to the District's Feral Swine Trapping System within the District's eight counties.

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 provide a detailed financial report to the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission at the beginning of each fiscal year.
3. Work closely with other agencies (FSA, RD, Cooperative Extension Service, UGA Ext., Georgia Forestry Commission, Georgia Association of Conservation Districts, Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission, NRCS, 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. Appoint a SWCD Liaison to serve on the Rolling Hills and Limestone Valley RC&D Council board.
5. Hold a biannual election at the November meeting for new or renewal of Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Treasurer to take office at the January meeting of the following year.

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.
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 by sponsoring courses throughout the district as needed.
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.

Watershed Flood Control Program

Action Item

1. Attend regular inspections of the District sponsored Watershed Flood Control Structures with GSWCC.
2. Use state allotted funding to conduct repairs, maintenance, or outreach events on District sponsored Watershed Flood Control Structures.
3. Raise awareness of the Watershed Flood Control Structures with the public and locally elected officials to solicit assistance with maintenance and to show their importance to the watershed.

The District will seek, manage, and expend funds made available through private, local, state and federal sources to promote soil and water conservation and conservation education.

Coosa River Conservation District - Annual Budget for FY 2024

FY 2024 State Allotment Starting Balance as of July 1, 2023 = \$10,738.00

<i>Item</i>	<i>District Funds</i>	<i>State Allocated Funds</i>
<i>Allocation for Unbudgeted Incidentals</i>	<i>\$1,000.00</i>	<i>-</i>
<i>Georgia Envirothon Sponsorship (2 teams @ \$200 ea.)</i>	<i>\$400.00</i>	<i>-</i>
<i>Dues (NACD & RC&D)</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>\$700.00</i>
<i>Dues (GACD, \$125 per supervisor)</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>\$1,750.00</i>
<i>Sponsorship to NRCW (2 students @ \$275 each)</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>\$550.00</i>
<i>Student NRCW Bus Fee (\$40 per student)</i>	<i>\$80.00</i>	<i>-</i>
<i>Supervisor Expenses for Non-Local Conferences</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>\$500.00</i>
<i>Postage/Office Supplies (As Needed)</i>	<i>\$150.00</i>	<i>-</i>
<i>Workshop/Field Day Sponsorships</i>	<i>\$400.00</i>	<i>-</i>
<i>Annual County Project Funding</i>		
<i>Bartow County</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>\$904.75</i>
<i>Chattooga County</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>\$904.75</i>
<i>Dade County</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>\$904.75</i>
<i>Floyd County</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>\$904.75</i>
<i>Gordon County</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>\$904.75</i>
<i>Paulding County</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>\$904.75</i>
<i>Polk County</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>\$904.75</i>
<i>Walker County</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>\$904.75</i>
<i>Estimated Total Expenses (Including \$1,000 Incidentals)</i>	<i>\$(2,030.00)</i>	<i>\$(10,738.00)</i>
<i>Estimated Hog Trap Rental Income</i>	<i>\$90.00</i>	<i>-</i>
<i>State Allotment Funds</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>\$10,738.00</i>
<i>Net</i>	<i>\$(1,940.00)</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>