

LINCOLN COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

FY-2023 ANNUAL PLAN OF WORK

THE DISTRICT'S IDENTITY:

The Lincoln County District is an agency of State Government established February 22, 1948, by authority and under provision of the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation District Law of 1937.

The Board is made up of farmers, landowners and land users who are dedicated to the conservation, development and protection of our land, water, forest, wildlife and resources for the benefit of mankind.

DISTRICT SUPERVISORS ARE:

Dalton Tankersley, Chairman
Thomas Olin Reed, Sr., Vice Chairman
Chris Heitmann, Treasurer
Chris Dunsmore, Supervisor
Vacant Supervisor Position

MEETINGS:

Meetings are held regularly on the first Thursday of every month at the Lincoln County Agricultural Building located at 2080 Rowland-York Drive, Lincolnton, Georgia 30817. Demonstrations, tours and special meetings are held at other times and places with proper notification given.

SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITIES:

As part of business meetings, the supervisors will report on their activities as supervisors and strive to secure five new district cooperators for each supervisor.

DISTRICT OBJECTIVES:

1. Encourage cooperators to install conservation measures using the district's no-till drill.
2. Select four landowners with serious erosion problems, develop a proper conservation plan and encourage their cooperation in carrying out the plan.

3. Participate in career days to promote natural resources conservation.
4. Promote the use of legumes in grassland management.
5. Encourage planting marginal cropland acres and idle acres to trees and grasses.
6. Sponsor students to the Natural Resources Conservation Workshop to introduce them at an early age the concepts of soil and water conservation. Tuition will be paid from district funds or from outside sources. Arrange for workshop students to report on their experiences at the workshop.
7. Sponsor school teams to the Georgia Envirothon competition.
8. Assist in land judging and forestry contests for 4-H and FFA students. Support the 4-H gardening and Lincoln County 4-H Livestock Show.
9. Develop a conservation plan for a high school campus.
10. Promote and develop pollinator area in a high school campus.
11. Continue to work with the county recreation parks.
12. Introduce students to the natural resource and provide them information about different career opportunities in the field of Agriculture by conducting a Student Field Day.
13. Recognize Georgia Envirothon and NRCW team during our field days.
14. Arrange and conduct functions like banquets, luncheons and cookouts to recognize individuals for their contributions to soil and water conservation and promote greater participation.
15. Distribute Soil and Water Stewardship Week materials to inform the public of the need to manage and protect soil and water resources.
16. Include at least one news article per month in the local paper.
17. Contact all local agricultural agencies, organizations, garden clubs, civic clubs, school superintendents and ministers requesting full cooperation in soil and water stewardship activities.
18. Maintain records and manage a no-till drill to plant as many acres as possible.
19. Encourage county and city governments to enforce erosion and sediment control ordinance. Help make the public aware of the need to obtain an erosion plan before starting certain land disturbing activities

20. Review memorandums of understanding with cooperating agencies.
21. Review long-range plan for possible updating.
22. Participate in CSR-RC&D and encourage the Lincoln County Commission to form a RC&D County Committee.
23. The District will provide prizes for the three top conservation entries at the Lincoln County Elementary School Science Fair. First place - \$15.00 and second place \$10.00 and third place-\$5.00.
24. Support Field Day on Forestry BMP Demonstration.
25. Appreciate our farmers by conducting Farmers Appreciation Day.
26. Purchase or develop, and then distribute, educational and informational materials to inform the public of the need to manage and protect soil and water resources.
27. Purchase and manage the use of equipment that will demonstrate methods for implementing soil and water conservation practices.
28. Manage district financial and material resources to meet district goals in an efficient and productive manner and as prescribed by state guidelines.
29. Maintain membership in professional organizations and associations that promulgate and promote goals that are like those of the districts.
30. 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.
31. Sponsor and conduct meetings and seminars to inform groups and individuals of conservation needs.
32. Seek outside sources of income to strengthen and support district activities and programs.
33. Distribute educational material to pre-K and elementary school students.
34. Sponsor a Conservation Poster Contest in County Schools. Provide prizes including 1st place- \$25.00, 2nd place - \$15.00 and 3rd place - \$10.00.
35. Encourage public participation in USDA programs including EQIP and CSP.
36. Seek grant funding for construction of a disaster shelter.
37. Promote the Natural Resource Conservation Workshop and Envirothon.

38. Award two \$500 college scholarships to Lincoln County High school senior students planning to study in agriculture-related fields.

**THE ANNUAL PLAN OF WORK IS DEVELOPED AND APPROVED BY
THE LINCOLN COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
SUPERVISORS.**

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Submitted By:

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