

Piedmont Soil & Water Conservation District

Work Plan for Fiscal Year 2023

The Piedmont Soil & Water Conservation District, as required by Georgia law (OCGA 2-6-33), is charged with creating a plan of work for each fiscal year. This plan of work will lay out activities and events that the District plans to carry out in order to advance its mission to protect the natural resources within the District.

Objectives for Fiscal Year 2023:

1. Natural Resource Conservation – Tours and Field Days

Sponsor and conduct demonstrations, tours, and field days to acquaint farmers and land-users with methods of protecting soil and water resources and promote greater participation and compliance with best management practices. When necessary, seek outside financial resources to support these events.

Meeting Expenses: \$1,500

2. Conservation Education Activities for Youth Education

To educate and increase conservation awareness among the youth in the District, the Piedmont SWCD plans to use funding on opportunities for the youth. The District also plans to sponsor up to 14 students to attend the Natural Resource Conservation Workshop in Tifton at a cost of \$275 per student. The District will also consider project funding requests from local schools and student organizations.

NRCW Students: 14 students at \$275 per student = \$3,850

Project funding: \$800

3. Membership in Partnering Conservation Organizations

The Piedmont District supports its partners in conservation efforts by paying its annual dues to the following organizations: Georgia Association of Conservation Districts (GACD, \$1400), National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD, \$775), and the Oconee River RC&D (\$100).

Membership Dues : \$2,275

4. Supervisor Continuing Education and Conservation Event Participation

In an effort to keep Supervisors informed on conservation issues, the District will pay travel expenses and registration fees as needed to attend training events and conservation related events.

Training Expenses: \$1,500

5. Additional Activities

The District will continue to maintain its obligations and duties as required and agreed upon. The District will review Erosion and Sediment Control Plans for local governments and ratify the plans at its monthly meeting. The District will continue its working relationship with the Georgia Soil & Water Conservation Commission, the Natural Resource Conservation Service, and UGA Cooperative Extension by supporting and promoting their programs. The District will hold an annual Conservationist of the Year banquet to honor individuals who have excelled in conservation efforts within the District. The District will continue to implement and promote the Feral Swine District Initiative in coordination with GACD and provide oversight as needed for the trapping equipment.

Conservationist of the Year expenses: \$2,500

Partnership Project Assistance: \$1,000

Feral Swine District Initiative: \$500