

ROCKDALE COUNTY
SOIL AND WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT
CONSOLIDATED
ANNUAL WORK PLAN
FY 2022

Rockdale County

Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors

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Objective 1

Improve and safeguard soil and water resources in Rockdale County.

Actions

- A. Supervisors shall attend the GASWCC E&SC Awareness course and should obtain Level IA Certification.
- B. Work with the City of Conyers and Rockdale County's Erosion Control Program to obtain compliance with the Georgia Erosion and Sediment Control (E&SC) Act.
- C. Oversee LIAs E&SC reporting activities at monthly meetings. Ensure that quarterly reports from Conyers and Rockdale County are submitted. The District shall conduct Overviews and renew Memorandum of Agreements with Conyers and Rockdale County every four years.
- D. Promote the Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control (CPESC) Program.
- E. Actions by the District to ensure conservation practices:
 - o Observe land-disturbance activities within the District for effective E&SC plan implementation.
 - o Assess complaints.
 - o Encourage the inclusion of natural areas, greenspace, wildlife habitat or similar areas under new development or renovation.
 - o Observe land use activities in the Big Haynes and Little Haynes Creek watersheds and Pointer Lake. Report buffer and restored watershed protection problems to Rockdale Water Resources and appropriate elected officials

Objective 2

Increase awareness, understanding, and knowledge of natural resources within Rockdale County through dissemination of information, education, and recognition.

Actions

- A. Recognize conservation efforts by landowners and contractors, as well as educators in the conservation field.

Give annual presentation to County Commissioners and City Council on District mission and programs as well as other State and elected officials, including a legislative breakfast or luncheon.
- B. The following actions by the District involve direct involvement with local schools to promote awareness and education about natural resources:
 - o Sponsor Rockdale County high school students to attend the Natural Resources Conservation workshop and the Georgia Envirothon.

- Purchase and distribute Soil & Water Stewardship Materials to educational personnel.
 - Maintain District's Facebook page.
- C. Maintain association in professional organizations that promulgate and promote goals that are similar to those of the District including the Rockdale/DeKalb County Farm Bureau, the Rockdale County Cooperative Extension Service, Snapping Shoals EMC, the Georgia Association of Conservation Districts (GACD), the Upper Ocmulgee River Resource Conservation & Development Council (RC&D) and the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD).
- D. Send Supervisors to training including the GACD Annual Meeting.

Objective 3

Promote land stewardship in district; including soil loss reduction and soil quality improvement, water quality improvement and enhancement of associated riparian areas, and natural area protection for the benefits of wildlife and native plant communities through available programs and technical assistance.

Actions

- A. Support the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service conservation programs such as Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP), Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP), Forestry Incentive Program (FIP), and Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).
- B. Support and promote workshops and field days held by the District and partnering agencies.

Objective 4

Manage District financial and material resources to meet District goals in an efficient and productive manner as prescribed by State guidelines.

Actions

- A. The Rockdale County Soil and Water Conservation District will expend their funds in compliance with State law, and the District will conduct an annual audit.
- B. Request financial support to the District from Snapping Shoals EMC, Rockdale Rotary, Rockdale County and the City of Conyers.
- C. Establish Affiliate member program to create funding opportunities for the District and increase community participation.
- D. Promote and seek sponsorship of specific events.