

SATILLA RIVER SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT



ANNUAL PLAN OF WORK

FY 2022

THE DISTRICT IDENTITY

The Satilla River Soil and Water Conservation District was organized by a Charter which was issued by the Secretary of the State on May 2, 1942 under a provision of the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation District Law of 1937. The Satilla River District comprises an area of 2,907,520 acres, making it the largest District east of the Mississippi River. The District was organized to give local leadership in helping the Natural Resource Conservation Service, a division of the U S Department of Agriculture to establish cooperating landowners and land users with soil and water conservation problems.

DISTRICT SUPERVISORS:

Marvin Giddens	Atkinson
James C. Grantham	Atkinson
Kenneth Gay	Brantley
Thomas Thrift	Brantley
Jeff Brannen	Camden
Lucretia Norman	Charlton
Ross Ferrell	Charlton
Ronald Sadowski	Glynn
Billy Mitchell	Glynn
Joe Boyett	Pierce
Jim Waters (chairman)	Pierce
Mathew K. Moody	Ware
Daniel Good	Ware
Jonny Harris	Wayne
Kristy Arnold	Wayne

MEETINGS:

Regular Board meeting will be held the third Tuesday of each month at 12:00 Noon at Captain Joe's Restaurant, Waycross, Georgia. Special meetings and tours may be held in conjunction or in lieu of regular meetings. Monthly meetings will be posted in the District's local newspapers.

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- 1. SOIL AND WATER RESOURCES: Promote the conservation treatment of soil and water related resources based on the annual plans of operations for the District and NRCS, and the District's five-year resource plan.**
 - A. Sponsor and conduct demonstrations, tours, and field days to acquaint farmers and land-users with methods for protecting soil and water resources and promote greater participation.**
 - 1. Host ES&PC Certification Course(s) and Re-certification Classe(s) within the District.**
 - 2. Sponsor a Cover Crop Meeting/Demonstration within the District.**
 - B. Promote new conservation practices and update the board on these practices.**
 - C. Promote "Better Back Road" BMP Workshops throughout the District to improve county dirt roads.**
 - D. Invite appropriate agencies to discuss wetland issues in order to stay informed on new regulations.**
 - E. Promote Comprehensive Nutrient Management Planning and Waste Utilization in cooperation with Seven Rivers RC&D Council, Coastal Georgia RC&D Council, and the GSWCC.**

- 2. LAND USE: Make the public aware that the District is fully committed to land development consistent with established soil erosion and sedimentation control measures.**
 - A. Sponsor and conduct meetings and seminars to inform groups and individuals of particular conservation needs.**
 - B. Work with city and county units of government to consider the preservation of prime farmland before making land use decisions.**
 - C. Promote the use of water meters on irrigation systems as a management tool.**

- 3. FORESTRY: Encourage good forestry management on existing forestland in the Satilla River District.**
 - A. Promote conservation through good forestry management practices.**
 - 1. Sponsor a District wide forestry meeting and/or tour.**
 - B. Encourage landowners to participate in the Forest Stewardship Program.**
 - C. Invite Georgia Forestry Commissions' District Forester to present a short program at district meeting.**
 - D. Prioritize financial assistance to address reforestation of timberland affected by natural disasters.**

4. **WILDLIFE CONSERVATION:** Promote the conservation of wildlife resources.
 - A. Encourage landowners to consider installing good wildlife practices on their property.
 - B. Educate landowners on the wildlife habitat incentive program.
 - C. Identify landowners that may qualify for the Partners for Wildlife Programs through the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission.
 - D. Sponsor programs that demonstrate methods to improve wildlife and recreation.

5. **CONSERVATION AND YOUTH EDUCATION:** Emphasize conservation education as an integral component in the local school curriculum.
 - A. Sponsor students to the Natural Resources Conservation Workshop to introduce them at an early age to the concepts of soil and water conservation. Tuition will be paid from district funds or from outside sources.
 - B. 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.
 1. Conserving Soil Packets.
 2. Soil and Water Conservation Society Educational Booklets.
 3. Homeowners' conservation BMP manuals.

6. **PUBLIC RELATIONS AND INFORMATION:** To create public awareness of district conservation programs and objectives.
 - A. Arrange and conduct banquets or luncheons to recognize individuals for their contributions to soil and water conservation and promote greater participation.
 - B. Develop Plan of Work for FY 2022 and Annual Report for FY 2021 at May and August meeting.

7. **GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS:** Will assist the board in formulation of policies insuring the Board's close working relationship with all units of governments – local, state and national.
 - A. Sponsor and conduct meetings and seminars to inform groups and individuals of particular conservation needs.
 - B. Review and renew Memos of Understanding with state and federal agencies.
 - C. Work with cities, counties and state government to insure coordination of conservation programs.
 - D. Publicize events, which have an impact on conservation programs.

- E. Invite representatives from units of government to discuss soil and water conservation problems.
- F. Request a monthly progress report from NRCS and State Conservation Commission.
- G. Review Erosion and Sediment Plans and Conservation Farm Plans.
- H. Offer assistance to the Coastal RC&D and Seven Rivers RC&D Council.
- I. Invite FSA, County Executive Director and Georgia Forestry Ranger and County Extension agent to present a short program at a district meeting.
- J. Invite County Commission Chairman to regular district meeting.
- K. Encourage reports from Erosion and Sediment Control Issuing Authorities.

8. FINANCIAL:

- A. Purchase and manage the use of equipment that will demonstrate methods for implementing soil and water conservation practices.
- B. Manage district financial and material resources to meet district goals in an efficient manner that follows state guidelines.
- C. Maintain membership in professional organizations and associations that promulgate and promote goals that are similar to those of the districts.
- D. 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.
- E. Seek outside sources of income to strengthen and support district activities and programs.
- F. Formulate budget each year.
- G. Continue to apply for grants from Georgia Coastal Management Program that will aid soil and water conservation.

9. SUPERVISORS RESPONSIBILITIES:

- A. Attend all regular and special meetings.
- B. Attend Summer Group IV Meeting.
- C. Attend GACD Annual Meeting.
- D. Serve on committee assigned and bring to board special conservation needs.

10. PARTNERING WITH THE NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS)

- A. Partnering with NRCS in the Satilla River District, including working with District Program Assistants, DPA's to assist as needed to incorporate the Awareness and outreach of Soil Conservation into Districts.
- B. EQIP plans and applications getting approved and monies being paid out by the District.

2020/21 EQIP Plans as follows:

Brunswick FO

Local Funds 5-

Cropland Irrigated \$34,178

Forestry \$115, 082

Grazing \$112,229

State Funds

Working Lands for Wild Life \$16,483

Beginning farmer Cropland \$6, 408

Beginning Farmer Forestry \$17,479

Beginning Farmer Pasture \$17, 919

Longleaf Pine \$175,226

Total funding Amount: 495,004

Blackshear FO

Total Longleaf: \$275,603

Total WLFW: \$25,818

Total SD Irrigated: \$16,877

Total SD Non-Irrigated: \$621

Total A4 Forestry: \$28,148

Total A4 Pasture: \$100,032

Total A4 Irrigated: \$22,200

Total Funding Amount: \$469,299

C. CSP Contracts being planned for the year.

D. Erosion and Sediment Control reviews taking place.

11. STAYING RELEVANT AND ABREAST OF NEW PROGRAMS

A. The Satilla River District is staying abreast and researching new programs to bring to the communities. Along with Coast Fest, Agriculture Field Day, Gardens and Hoop houses in partnership with schools, and forestry field days, other interesting projects will be incorporated yearly to keep the District current and up to date.