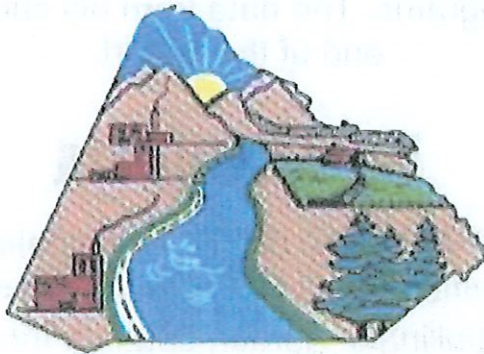


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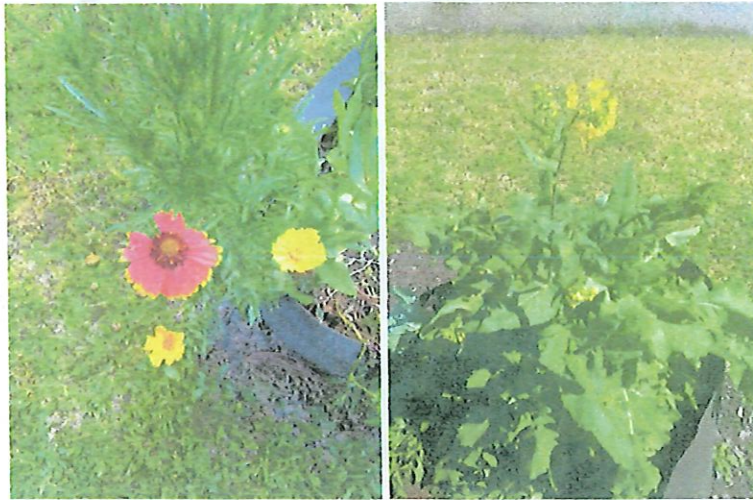
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District-Sponsored Outreach Events

Monarchs Across Georgia Educator Workshop: On May 22, 2021, the Stephens County Soil and Water Conservation District partnered with the Stephens County Farm Bureau and the Toccoa Falls College Valley Farm and Sustainable Community Development department to provide a Monarchs Across Georgia Workshop. Workshop attendees learned how to identify butterflies and their host plants, about monarch conservation efforts, and examples of how to incorporate monarchs and agriculture into their environmental education curriculum.

Attendees included representatives of: Guild of Natural Science Illustrators, Toccoa Falls College, Pitner Elementary, Timber Ridge Elementary, Cobb County School District, City of North Augusta, Aiken Elementary School, Lavonia Elementary, Franklin County Schools







Rivers Alive Cleanup at Tugaloo River: The District partnered with Stephens County 4-H and Keep Toccoa-Stephens County Beautiful to pick up litter in and along Tugaloo River. Afterwards, everyone enjoyed a grilled lunch.



Ongoing Projects

Farm to Library Presentation: Each October, Georgia Organics selects a vegetable as their topic for Farm-to-School Month. The vegetable selected for this past fall was turnips and the catchy phrase was 'Turnip the Volume'. DPA LeAnn Rutledge held a virtual teaching at the Toccoa-Stephens County Library to educate youth about the parts of plants that we eat. She used the 'Plant Parts We Eat' American Farm Bureau poster to show different vegetables and how to identify the parts we eat as either roots, stems or leaves. As an example, she showcased a purple top turnip on the camera and indicated where each part of the plant was. She also explained how turnips are cool season plants and how important it is to grow vegetables in their correct season.

Partnership Opportunities and Events

NRCS District Conservationist Jared May received ongoing support from DPA LeAnn Rutledge through office administrative work.

Keep Toccoa-Stephens County Beautiful monthly meetings

Georgia Envirothon planning meetings