



# WEST GEORGIA SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

*Serving Carroll, Coweta, Douglas, Haralson and Heard Counties*

## Annual Plan of Work Fiscal Year (FY)2025

This Plan of Work establishes the major objectives for the West Georgia Soil and Water Conservation District during FY 2023. It emphasizes conservation of natural resources within the District.

On July 13, 1938 the West Georgia Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) was organized and is a legal subdivision of the Georgia State Government. The SWCD meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month in Carroll County unless publicized otherwise.

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## OBJECTIVES

- **Natural Resources Conservation**  
*Promote the conservation of soil, water, forestry, wildlife and other natural resources.*
- **Conservation Education**  
*Promote conservation education through youth and adult education programs.*
- **Public Relations and Information**  
*Create public awareness of District conservation programs and objectives through the web page, social media accounts on both Facebook and Instagram, as well as through public appearances such as field days, visiting the schools to present contest awards, etc.*
- **Erosion and Sedimentation Program**  
*Provide technical assistance related to erosion control and sedimentation prevention to citizens and local government entities.*
- **Watershed Flood Control Program**  
*Uphold the duties of watershed flood control structures in the District by assisting other watershed control structure sponsors with technical assistance.*



## NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION

- Promote natural resources conservation through the District responsibility of implementing the Farm Bill Programs.
- Provide assistance to landowners to plan and apply conservation practices on agricultural land.
- Host an annual Local Work Group Meeting with agency partners and local farmers to prioritize resources and practices for Farm Bill Program Funding.
- Promote minimum and no-till conservation farming using no-till drills through the Rolling Hills RC&D.
- Sponsor workshops to promote good conservation practices and to promote Farm Bill Programs and how they relate to conservation.



## CONSERVATION EDUCATION

- Select and sponsor high school students to attend the Natural Resources Conservation Workshop (NRCW) at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College (ABAC) in Tifton to introduce them at an early age to the concepts of soil and water conservation.

- Give a \$1000 scholarship to the student out of the West Georgia District with the highest test score at the Natural Resources Conservation Workshop held in Tifton at ABAC. If two students tie for first place, pay each student \$500. If only one student attends the NRCW, then the student will receive \$500.
- Be available for presentations on soil and water conservation to schools, civic clubs, churches and others.
- Sponsor and provide funding, when available, for students to represent the District in the Envirothon program, Soils Judging Teams, and other natural resource and environmental competitions.
- Coordinate with the NRCS office to participate in Ag Days and other natural resources educational events to provide conservation education materials to students and teachers district wide.
- Sponsor the West Georgia and Young Farmers Winter Classic Livestock shows.
- Hold a Poster Contest for elementary school aged students to promote this year's Stewardship Week Theme.



## PUBLIC RELATIONS

- Develop and distribute an annual report on the District's accomplishments.



- Provide oversight of District funds by the annual review of expenditures and income and provide a detailed financial report to the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission at the end of each fiscal year.
- Work closely with other agencies (NRCS, FSA, RD, Georgia Association of Conservation Districts (GACD), Cooperative Extension Service, Georgia Forestry Commission, Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission, and DNR) to coordinate conservation program activities in the District.
- Encourage each agency representative to attend board meetings and keep District Supervisors informed on the various agency programs in the District.
- Host a Conservation Banquet to recognize the Conservationist of the Year and conservation supporters of the district.
- Prepare news articles on the District's programs and activities.
- Invite public government officials to all District functions to make the aware of District goals.
- Appoint SWCD Liaison to serve on the Rolling Hills RC&D Council Board.
- Purchase and distribute stewardship materials from NACD to inform the public of the need to manage and protect natural resources.
- Develop and maintain a District website and social media accounts to help maintain the District's exposure to the public and bring more awareness.



## **EROSION/SEDIMENTATION PROGRAM**

- Provide Technical assistance to evaluate soil and water resources for proposed

development projects.

- Promote soil and water conservation through the GSWCC Erosion and Sedimentation Certification Program.
- Provide LIA's with technical assistance for their erosion and sedimentation control program and assist with interpretation of the Georgia Erosion and Sedimentation Act.

### **WATERSHED FLOOD CONTROL PROGRAM**

- Conduct regular inspections of the District sponsored Watershed Flood Control Structures.
- Request funding to clear tress and repair damage on District sponsored Watershed Flood Control Structures.
- Raise awareness of the Watershed Flood Control Structures with the public and locally elected officials to solicit assistance with the maintenance and to show their importance to the watershed.

<b>West GA Plan of Work Budget</b>	
GACD Annual Meeting	\$385.00
GACD Dues	\$875.00
Livestock Shows	\$1,000.00
NRCW Sponsorship	\$1,100.00
Soil Stewardship Materials	\$500.00
NACD Dues	\$101
MISC. (20% of budget total)	\$1,654.00