

**WEST GEORGIA SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

Annual Report

June 2023 - July 2024



About the

West Georgia Soil & Water Conservation District

Founded July 13, 1938, we are a legal subdivision of Georgia state government that works to **conserve, improve, & protect Georgia's natural resources.**

We proudly serve the counties of :

Carroll, Coweta, Douglas, Haralson & Heard

We are charged by the State Constitution to help support citizens with managing & improving natural resources.

Our Partners

Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS)
Georgia Association of Conservation Districts (GACD)
Georgia Department of Natural Resources (GA DNR)
Georgia Forestry Commission
Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission (GSWCC)
UGA Extension & 4-H
FFA
Rolling Hills RC&D Quail Forever Local County & City
Governments and School Systems

We work with the above agencies and others along with non-profit organizations to implement conservation practices in our community.



OUR DISTRICT SUPERVISORS

Carroll County

Carl Brack

Tony Cole

Coweta County

Buddy Burns

Vacant

Douglas County

Tommy Waldrop

Vacant

Haralson County

Joan Boalch

Billy Sims

Heard County

Denny Rogers, District Chairman

Vacant

AVAILABLE SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

-No Till Drill Rental **770-607-8420**

-Erosion & Sedimentation Certification

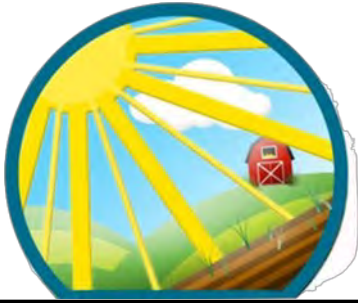
-Natural Resources Conservation

Workshop—go to abac.edu/nrcw



- Field Days

-Conservation Art & Photo Contest



2023

AT-A-GLANCE

\$6,196

Contributed to
local schools, FFA
& 4-H for natural
resource
education and
outreach.

21



Counties & schools
reached through
conservation
programs.

6



Natural resource &
agricultural
camps, events and
programs for K-12.

15+



Partner
Agencies

9



Farm Bill Programs
Implemented

Farm Bill Programs

CARROLL - COWETA - DOUGLAS - HARALSON - HEARD

Our Role

We are tasked by the Georgia Constitution to help local farmers and landowners implement natural resource conservation, including Farm Bill Programs.

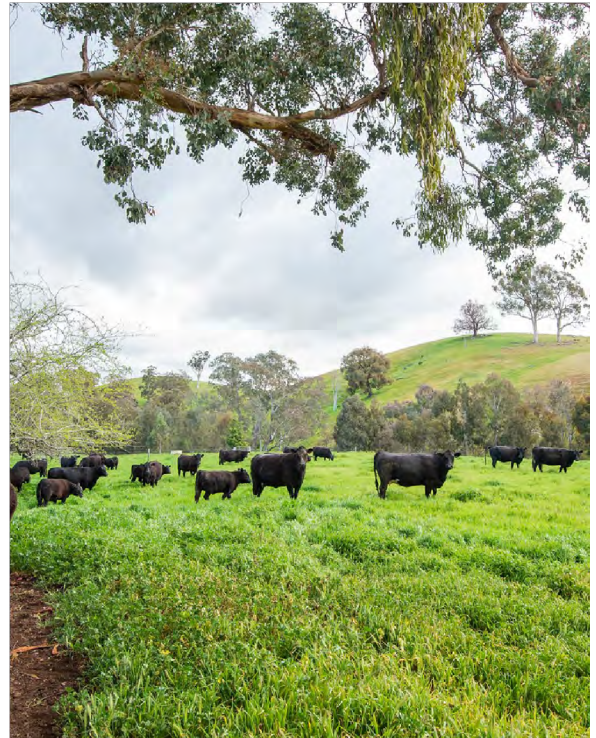
We work with the US Department of Agriculture-Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS) to host an annual Local Work Group meeting to learn the priorities of farmers within the 5 counties of our conservation district.

The information garnered from these meetings is then used to prioritize the application of federal funding allotted for Farm Bill Programs within the conservation district. Contact NRCS Carrollton for more info: 770-832-8942.

Contracts Funded - 67

Total Federal Funds Obligated—\$2,610,470

| Project Type | # OF CONTRACTS |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| CAFO/Poultry | 5 |
| Grazing | 18 |
| Forestry | 16 |
| High Tunnel | 8 |
| Energy Assessment | 1 |
| On Farm Energy | 6 |



CONSERVATION EDUCATION

LAND JUDGING COMPETITION



We sponsor an annual Land judging Competition for middle and high school FFA/Ag students across our 5 counties. Students compete in the areas of soil science, land judging & other conservation skills



CONSERVATION EDUCATION

Conservation Education is one of our primary objectives.

To learn more about the programs we offer, please visit our website at - www.GACD.us/WestGeorgia

or social media at -
www.Facebook.com/WestGeorgiaSoilandWaterConservationDistrict.



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POSTER CONTEST

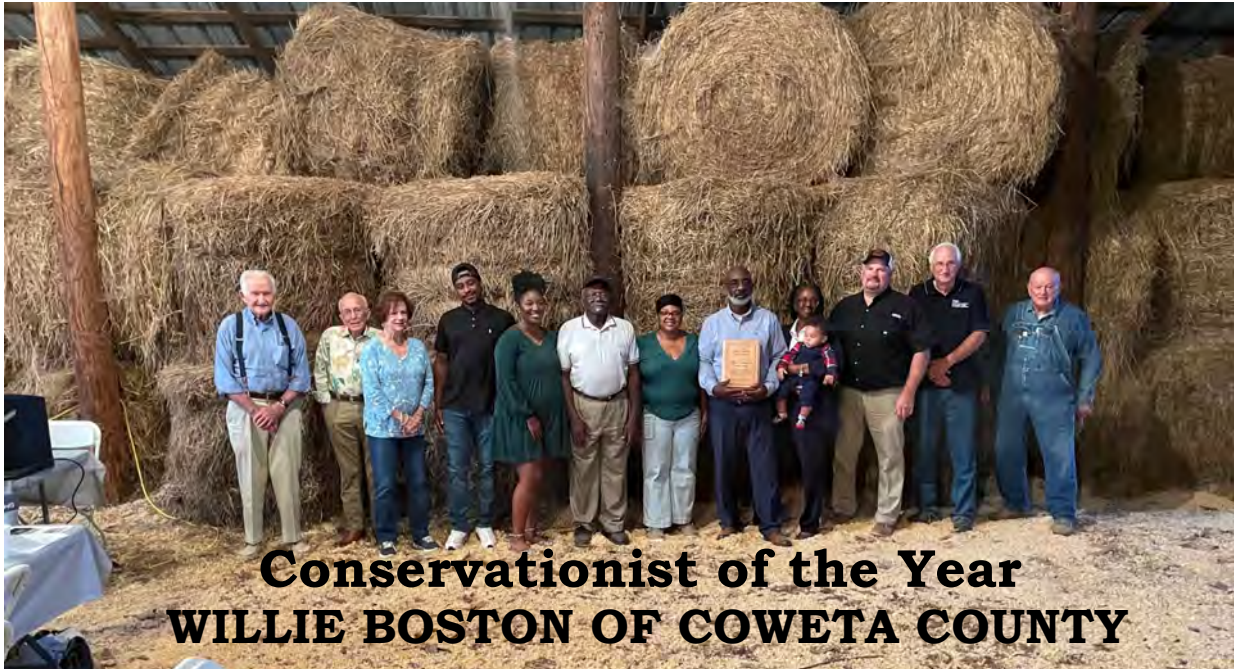
“May The Forest Be With You Always “



**This year's winner is Hailey Jeong, pictured above with her mother.
Hailey attends Welch Elementary in Newnan.**

We host an annual conservation themed poster contest for students in our 5 counties. The winner moves on to the state contest offered by the Georgia Association of Conservation Districts. This is a great way to engage kids in conservation lessons. For more info on the poster contest, visit www.GACD.us/education.

CONSERVATION and AGRICULTURE PROJECTS



**Conservationist of the Year
WILLIE BOSTON OF COWETA COUNTY**

Above pictured left to right: Supervisor Carl Brack, Supervisor Billy Sims, Supervisor Joan Boalch, Willie Boston Family, Supervisor Kirk Butcher, Supervisor Denney Rogers and Supervisor Tommy Waldrop



Forestry & Wildlife Field Day



Acknowledgements

We would like to thank our local, state & federal partners that help us accomplish our mission of natural resource conservation & engaging the next generation to be good stewards of these resources.

City & County Governments & School Systems

FFA

GACD

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Georgia Forestry Commission

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