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**ALAPAHA  
SOIL & WATER  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

2012  
ANNUAL REPORT  
&  
2013

**PLAN OF WORK**

## DISTRICT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Maintained Memoranda of Understanding with NRCS and Farm Service Agency.
- Held Local Work Group Meeting to set resource concerns and priority practices under EQIP
- Cooperated with Seven Rivers RC&D Council in developing projects within the District.
- Sponsored Soil and Water Stewardship Week Poster Contest
- Sponsored students attending the Natural Resources Conservation Workshop
- Reviewed erosion and sediment control plans as required by state law
- Attended statewide annual meetings and trainings
- Held Browns Canal Stream Bank Restoration Project Field Day in Lowndes County
- Held meetings with Local Issuing Authorities to discuss MOA updates



Alapaha SWCD District meeting at the Suwannee River Eco-Lodge in Fargo



Brown's Canal Stream Bank Restoration Project in Valdosta

As a consequence, The Alapaha Soil and Water Conservation District was organized on November 10, 1943, and comprises Berrien, Clinch, Cook, Echols, Lanier and Lowndes Counties. Two District Supervisors from each county serve on a 12-member Board of Directors. Each county has an elected and appointed Supervisor serving a 4 and 2 year term respectively.

Following the 1930s Dust Bowl disaster, Congress passed legislation declaring soil and water conservation a national policy and priority. In 1937 President Roosevelt wrote to state governors recommending legislation that would allow local landowners to form soil conservation districts.



Assisting the District are the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission and the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS).

The Commission, established by the General Assembly in 1937, is charged with and empowered to provide guidance, coordination and assistance to the District. Their primary goal is to provide maximum protection to Georgia's soil and water resources.

By written agreement with and at the request of the Alapaha District, NRCS provides professional conservationists to help implement the District's long-range conservation programs. The Alapaha District channels the services of NRCS to cooperators, individuals, groups, and units of government - and sets priorities for the implementation of conservation practices.