

**ANNUAL REPORT  
COASTAL SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
FY 2012**



THE COASTAL SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT IS A LEGAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA. IT WAS CREATED ON FEBRUARY 14, 1945 AND IS COMPOSED OF BRYAN, LIBERTY, LONG, CHATHAM AND MCINTOSH COUNTIES.

GEORGIA'S RESOURCE CONSERVATION PROGRAM IMPLEMENTS BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES REGARDING THE ADMINISTRATION OF ITS NATURAL RESOURCES. ITS FUNCTION IS TO DESCRIBE TO EACH CONSERVATION DISTRICT PRACTICAL GUIDELINES FOR LAND DEVELOPMENT BY WORKING WITH INDIVIDUAL LAND OWNERS, ASSOCIATED AGENCIES AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES.

THE WORK OF EACH DISTRICT IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF AN OVERALL STATE CONSERVATION PROGRAM COORDINATED BY THE STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION.

THE DISTRICT EXISTS TO SERVE THE PUBLIC AND TO ENSURE A HEALTHY AND PRODUCTIVE ENVIRONMENT.

A Board of Supervisors governs the Coastal Soil and Water Conservation District. Each County in the District has two Supervisors - one who is appointed by the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission, and one who is elected by the registered voters of the County in a special election. The Board of Supervisors usually meet the first Thursday of every month at Holton's Restaurant, Midway. All Board members voluntarily give of their time to promote and encourage soil and water conservation. Representatives from agricultural agencies, state and federal governments, farmers, and businessmen attend these monthly meetings to discuss the District's needs and problems. Any interested individuals are encouraged to attend. The Coastal Board of Supervisors provide leadership in making the most effective use of conservation funds and technical assistance to programs which are designed to meet the conservation needs of our land and water resources for the benefit of both rural and urban development.

**DISTRICT ACTIVITIES**

1. Maintained Memoranda of Understanding with USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service and Farm Service Agency County Committee.
2. Entered into agreement with landowners or operators, furnished technical assistance in developing a sound conservation plan and applying needed conservation practices.
3. Cooperated with other Districts to be informed of statewide activities.
4. Held membership in Georgia Association of Conservation District Supervisors and National Association of Conservation Districts to support a united effort in working together toward state and national goals.
5. Cooperated with Coastal RC&D Council in developing projects within the District.
6. Sponsored Soil and Water Stewardship Week activities April 29th – May 6th.
7. Sponsored youth to the Natural Resources Conservation Workshop at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College.
8. Reviewed erosion and sediment control plans as required by the Erosion and Sedimentation Act of 1975, and contacted Local Issuing Authorities to ensure that the Erosion and Sediment Control ordinance was enforced and approved.
9. Hosted an Erosion and Sedimentation Control Seminar to provide Local Issuing Authorities and Engineering firms with an update on legislative, policy, and procedural changes in the erosion and sedimentation control compliance.
10. Assessed use of no till drill, tractor, grass digger, sprigger and aerator.
11. Sponsored a booth at the Strawberry Festival in Bloomingdale as well as the Earth Day Festival in Savannah to provide conservation educational materials to the public.
12. Provided financial support for the GACDS Annual Meeting held at Braselton, GA and encouraged supervisor participation.
13. Encouraged participation in the Forest Stewardship Program.
14. Provided technical assistance to Fort Stewart and Hunter Air Force base.
15. Encouraged supervisors to attend Supervisor Training in Young Harris, GA.
16. Held Erosion and Sediment Control Certification Courses for local issuing authorities
17. Received 319 Grant funds to hire personnel to assist LIA's with E&SC site inspections throughout the District.

**COASTAL BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Fred Warnell	Bryan
William C. Tillman	Bryan
Horace B. Waller	Chatham
Edward H. Zipperer	Chatham
M. L. Coffey	Liberty
Jerry Holcomb	Liberty
Thomas D. Houston	Long
Cecil Stafford, Jr	Long
Daniel Hawthorne	McIntosh
James R. Monroe	McIntosh



**IN APPRECIATION**

*The Coastal Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors would like to take the opportunity to thank the landowners and landusers of the District who are doing outstanding work in applying soil and water conservation practices.*



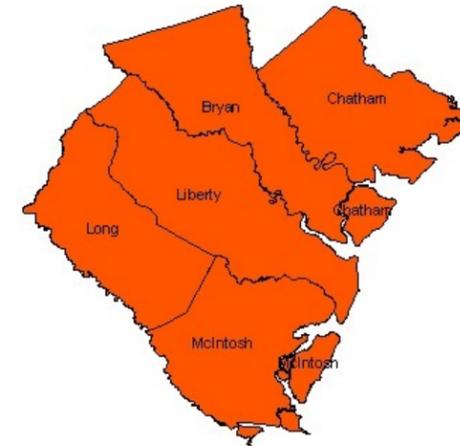
The Coastal SWCD in partnership with the National Wild Turkey Federation sponsored a landowner field day at Dorchester Shooting Preserve. More than 75 participants were given opportunities to learn about managing land for wildlife while maintaining profitable timber stands.

The Coastal Soil and Water Conservation District along with assistance from Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission personnel, manned a booth at the Annual Coastfest held in Brunswick, October 6th. Teachers were given information that could be carried back to the classroom and used with lesson plans. There were booklets for all ages to enjoy. This material was secured through a grant from the Georgia Coastal Zone Management Program.



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**GEORGIA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Brent Dykes, Executive Director, Athens  
 Rahn Milligan, Regional Representative, Statesboro  
 Jason Mallard, Resource Specialist, Statesboro  
 Ann Welch, Erosion and Sediment Control Specialist  
 Dianne Griffin, Administrative Assistant

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**NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE**

James Tillman, State Conservationist, Athens, Georgia  
 Sidney Lanier, Area Conservationist, Waycross, Georgia  
 Richmond Hill Office: Liberty, Long, McIntosh, Bryan, & Chatham Counties  
 James Austin, District Conservationist  
 Amy Bell, Soil Conservation Technician  
 Annie Couch, Soil Conservationist

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 151 Langston Chapel Road  
 Suite 700  
 Statesboro, GA 30458



Fort Stewart:

Carlton McRay, Construction Inspector  
 Jim Freeman, Civil Engineer

**RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

Coastal Georgia RC&D Office, Richmond Hill, GA  
 Sandra Porter, Administrative Assistant

**Others assisting agencies**  
**Georgia Forestry Commission**  
**University of Georgia Extension Service**