



## **Cobb County Soil and Water Conservation District**

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# **FY 2013 ANNUAL WORK PLAN COBB COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**



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## **Objective 1 DISTRICT PLANNING**

### **Action**

1. The Cobb SWCD supervisors are committed to full attendance of the Monthly Meetings, the Annual GACDS Summer Group Meeting, Supervisor Training and the GACDS Annual meeting.
2. The Cobb Chairman may call special meetings if needed to plan special events.
3. Participate in the GACDS Group I meeting.
4. Work together with the GACDS board, GACDS Group I and the GASWCC to coordinate and host the 2013 GACDS Annual Meeting.

## **Objective 2 CONSERVATION EDUCATION**

### **Action**

1. Stream Buffer Re-vegetation Education Project – Seek opportunities in cooperation with the LIA's to provide education regarding the Shaw Park results.
2. Work as a partner with the City of Austell on the outdoor classroom and environmental education components of the Austell Community Gardens project.
3. Stream Buffer Replanting Guideline - continue to distribute resources to help serve as a replanting guide for LIAs when buffer encroachments occur and for residents for buffer stabilization.
4. Support the E&SC courses given by the Commission.
5. Cobb District Website- [www.cobbswcd.org](http://www.cobbswcd.org) - The District sponsors and maintains an educational website to inform local governments and landowners of educational opportunities provided by the District and be a resource for E&SC Regulations, Educational Opportunities and BMP information.
6. Natural Resources Conservation Workshop – Sponsor students to attend.
7. National Association of Conservation Districts Soil and Water Stewardship Poster Contest – Cobb Students participate through GACDS

## **Objective 3**

### **DISTRICT ASISTANCE TO CONSTIUENTS**

#### **Action**

Serving a predominantly urban county, Cobb SWCD has partnered with NRCS to promote urban agriculture by providing federal farm bill conservation funds to local land owners and producers as well as hosted several field days including a recently held equestrian workshop. The District has worked with NRCS to achieve the following objectives:

1. Local small Farmers - Increased technical services to Small, Beginning and Limited Resource Farmers producing locally grown food.
  - Host an educational workshop at the Bray family Farm in Powder Springs
2. EQIP - Encouraged Small, Beginning and Limited Resource Farmers to participate in NRCS Environmental Quality Incentive Program (**EQIP**) through publishing success stories on local farmers and visiting community based farmers markets to distribute program information.
  - Promote advantages of organic and naturally grown food to underserved communities in Cobb County.
  - Support NRCS mission and goal of *"Helping People Help the Land"* to promote conservation efforts.
  - Create a network showcasing installed conservation practices for first time EQIP participants.

## **Objective 5**

### **WATERSHED DAMS**

#### **Action**

1. Maintenance Agreements- work with Cobb County to ensure maintenance agreements are completed for the watershed dams.
2. Inspect the four Noonday Creek watershed structures and develop a plan to correct all deficiencies found.
3. Complete the As-Built Documentation and Engineering Certification for the Emergency Repair completed for Noonday Watershed Structure No 17.

## **OBJECTIVE 6**

### **EROSION & SEDIMENT CONTROL and Local County & City Involvement**

#### **Action**

1. Conduct a follow up meeting or communication with LIAs after any complaints.
2. Provide erosion control and conservation technical resource to all 7 LIAs in the District as requested.
3. Enforcement Activity Report- Review monthly information provided by LIAs indicating E&SC permitting activity, notices of non-compliance, stop work orders, etc.
4. Complaint Resolution- Resolve complaints in accordance with Level I, II & III procedure outlined in Supervisor Handbook.
5. Provide technical training to LIAs involved in E&SC.
6. Review E&SC plans submitted by Marietta, Powder Springs and Austell.
7. Overviews of LIA's - Schedule to review a few LIA's.

**The Cobb County Soil and Water Conservation District will expend their funds in compliance with state law, and, the District will conduct an annual audit.**