

LAMAR COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

FISCAL YEAR 2009 ANNUAL REPORT

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. The District cooperated with local and state governmental agencies to develop a comprehensive district plan of work.
2. District supervisors reviewed all Memorandums of Agreement with supporting agencies.
3. The District budgeted its funds to carry out district projects.
4. The District promoted the use of its no-till drill and straw mulcher. Color brochures advertising the drill were distributed to area landowners and printed in the District's newsletter.
5. The district, in conjunction with Two Rivers RC&D, promoted use of the pumpout equipment.
6. The District reviewed Erosion and Sediment Control plans for local governments. Submitted plans were discussed at the monthly meetings and were approved if complete and if they satisfied all criteria for erosion control.
7. The District supported the Natural Resources Conservation Workshop held at ABAC in Tifton.
8. The District assisted in inspecting and maintaining watershed structures in the county.
9. The District supported the NACD, GACDS and Two Rivers RC&D by attending meetings and paying dues to each.
10. The District actively supported the Lamar County Wetland Trails/Outdoor Classroom.
11. The District participated in Lamar County's "Clean and Beautiful" Campaign observance by coordinating it with Soil Stewardship Week promotions.
12. The District continued the strong working relationship it has enjoyed with the State Soil & Water Conservation Commission, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Cooperative Extension Service and Forestry Commission. Designated representatives gave monthly progress reports concerning activities of these agencies at district meetings.
13. The District belonged to and actively participated in the Barnesville/Lamar County Chamber of Commerce and its Ag After Hours program held on May 21st.

14. The District participated in the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) by setting priorities and soliciting input into the local conservation programs in the county.
15. The District distributed Soil Stewardship materials to local schools and the window display at the Lamar County Library was based on the Soil Stewardship theme.
16. The District, with the assistance of the local NRCS office, published a quarterly district newsletter.
17. The District financially supported and co-sponsored the 4-H Shotgun Team, and sponsored the Poultry Judging, Forestry, and Wildlife Judging Teams.
18. The District subscribed to *Progressive Farmer* magazine and the local newspaper the *Herald-Gazette* to keep the District abreast of agricultural issues nationwide.
19. On September 2nd, the District co-sponsored a Regional Forest Landowners Meeting in Forsyth. Seventy-three people attended to learn more about forest management.
20. The District implemented and sponsored a successful third annual Lamar County Farmers Market for local vendors during the growing season.
21. The District once again assisted the local Farm Bureau with their annual Farm City Day Program for local elementary school children.
22. On September 17th, the district co-sponsored with Cooperative Extension, an Introduction to Organic Farming Workshop held at the Pike County Farm Bureau. Forty-five people were in attendance.
23. On November 12th, the District helped sponsor an Equine Management Workshop at the Garden Patch in Barnesville. Fifty people attended the event.
24. On June 2nd, the District held a Backyard Conservation/Rain Garden Workshop at the Civic Center in Barnesville. Seventeen people were in attendance.
25. On October 22nd, the district co-sponsored an Ag Irrigation and Water Use Field Day at County Line Farms with thirty-nine people attending the event.
26. The district co-sponsored with the Towaliga SWCD, a Conservation Partners Luncheon on April 17th. Conservation programs and partnerships were discussed with thirty-seven people attending.