



Georgia Association of Conservation Districts

2023 Georgia Conservationist of the Year Award

Purpose:

GACD would like to recognize farmers and/or landowners that are conducting exemplary conservation work on their land and have demonstrated a strong commitment to soil and water conservation through their land stewardship, outreach and community interactions, and/or education.

Eligibility:

This award is open to any and all nominations from across the state. Local Conservationist of the Year (past and present) winners are eligible for nomination. Nominees must be landowners and/or farmers in the state of Georgia that have a record of conservation activities taken place on their property. A local NRCS District Conservationist will be required to sign off on the application form to verify conservation minded activities have either taken place or are currently in process and they will be required to endorse the nomination of the candidate. Additionally, a local Conservation District Supervisor must sign off on the application as well. All applications will be reviewed and ranked. One awardee will be selected from the candidate pool and honored at the GACD Annual Meeting in 2024. Winner will also be considered for the national "Friend of Conservation" award given by the National Association of Conservation Districts. There can only be one nominee per Conservation District. Nominee does not have to be a District Supervisor.

Procedure:

All nominations should be submitted to GACD by **AUGUST 1, 2023**.

Please fill out the following form and submit to info@gacd.us.

Pictures may be included as evidence of stewardship activities however all photos must be accompanied by captions.



GACD's 2023 Georgia Conservationist of the Year Award Nomination Form

Nominee Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone and email address: _____

Conservation District: _____

Information for Nominator Submitting this Form:

Name: _____

Phone and email address: _____

Capacity with which you know the nominee: _____

Natural Resource Conservation Service and Conservation District Verification:

By signing below, you verify that you have observed the nominee's strong efforts to include conservation minded activities on their property and you endorse the nomination of this candidate for this award.

District Conservationist Signature

Date

Local District Supervisor Signature

Date

Commitment to Conservation:

Instructions: Please number your responses and respond below in the Response section.

1. Please provide a brief background of the nominee and their interactions with land stewardship and conservation.
2. Detail and describe the conservation methods that the nominee has put in place and utilized in regards to soil and water conservation and land management. You may include in this portion if the nominee has been involved with any conservation education or outreach here as well.
3. In your opinion, why should this person receive this award?

Responses:

1.

2.

3.