

GACD's mission is to advocate for the conservation of Georgia's natural resources by providing organization, leadership and a unified strategic direction to the Conservation Districts of the State.



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What is GACD's Cooperative Agreement Program?

Since 2012 the Georgia Association of Conservation Districts (GACD), in cooperation with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), has provided funding for matching agreements with counties and other local entities to facilitate the implementation of soil and water conservation practices in all parts of Georgia.



Benefits of GACD's Cooperative Agreements

- The local farmers and other land users have additional technical assistance available to them for planning and applying soil and water conservation practices.
- Additional financial resources are brought into the County.
- ***Enhanced implementation of soil and water conservation practices benefits everyone.***

NRCS helps America's farmers, ranchers and forest landowners conserve the nation's soil, water, air and other natural resources. All programs are voluntary and offer science-based solutions that benefit both the landowner and the environment.

How it Works

TWO YEAR AGREEMENT

Interested entities enter into two-year agreements with GACD. Upon expiration, the agreements are renewed if funding is available. Historically, most agreements have been renewed.

MAKE THE HIRE

The entity assigns an employee to work in the local USDA-NRCS office.

GACD REIMBURSES 50%

The entity is reimbursed by GACD for 50% of their costs for the person assigned to work in the local NRCS Office by periodically submitting a properly signed and completed Deliverables Tracking Report.

WHAT THEY DO

The responsibilities of the position include assisting landowners with NRCS application process and conservation practice implementation including:

- Design and layout of conservation practices
- Contract development and management
- Contract planning
- Eligibility determinations
- Application processing

