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## 2022 Friend of Conservation Opportunity

*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.*

**About GACD:** GACD is a non-profit association that promotes conservation of Georgia's natural resources and supports the work of the State's Soil and Water Conservation Districts. Georgia's 40 Conservation Districts are units of State Government that provide locally-driven conservation solutions across the State.

### Your Support Will Supplement the Funding of GACDs 2022 Objectives for Natural Resources Conservation in Georgia

- **Feral Swine Control via Conservation Districts:** Feral swine are a serious threat to Georgia's natural resources as they pollute waters and destroy agricultural crops and land. Since its inception, our program has saved Georgia landowners over \$2,000,000 in damages to property and crops.
  - 5 workshops and trapping demonstrations held in partnership with state and federal agencies to educate on the issue and demonstrate effective control techniques.
  - Equip additional Conservation Districts with trapping systems to provide control services to their constituents. GACD has equipped 14 Districts covering 83 counties with equipment thus far.
- **Georgia Conservation Assistance Program (GCAP):** Expand program for urban Conservation Districts to fund installations of stormwater control practices to reduce runoff and erosion on residential land. Currently operating through Cobb and Fulton County Conservation Districts.
- **Pollinator Initiatives:** All citizens of Georgia will benefit from an increased awareness of the importance of pollinators. Pollinators ensure full harvests and seed production from agricultural crops and provide for healthy plants grown in backyards, community gardens, and other urban areas.
  - GACD will continue maintenance of pollinator gardens and habitat sites throughout Georgia (including 15 habitats at Welcome Centers in partnership with Georgia Department of Transportation). GACD will continue the development and presentation of pollinator themed educational curriculum for schools and community groups.
- **Education and Outreach:** GACD reaches thousands of landowners and K-12 students through conservation focused events & through partnered leadership of the STEM Challenge that exposes elementary school students to science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) involved in agricultural production. This is a prime example of what we can accomplish with contributions and why we need your support. We also giveaway \$14,000 in educational scholarships a year.
- **Direct Conservation District Support:** Continuation of supporting the District's objectives for natural resource stewardship through outreach and administrative assistance. GACD also provides continuing education to Districts and hosts one statewide Annual Meeting and four regional Group Trainings every year to bring Conservation District Supervisors and partners together to update on natural resource issues in the state.



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**Support Conservation Initiatives by becoming a Friend of Conservation!**  
**Please check which level you would like to support and mail or email this form to GACD:**

**Gold level: Contributions of \$5,000**

- Prime visibility of donor logo on all pages of GACD website([www.gacd.us](http://www.gacd.us)) .
- 2 minute speaking opportunity at GACD's 2023 Annual Meeting that is attended by state and federal agencies representing all counties of Georgia.
- 4 shoutouts on GACD's Facebook page([@GACDConserve](https://www.facebook.com/GACDConserve)) to over 1,600 followers. Shoutouts will include 1 individual spotlight showcasing the donor.
- 4 shoutouts through GACD's virtual newsletter visible to over 800 subscribers.

**Silver Level: Contributions of \$1,000**

- Visibility of donor logo on all pages of GACD website([www.gacd.us](http://www.gacd.us)) .
- 1 minute presentation at GACD's 2023 Annual Meeting that is attended by state and federal agencies representing all counties of Georgia.
- 2 shoutouts on GACD's Facebook page([@GACDConserve](https://www.facebook.com/GACDConserve)) to over 1,600 followers. Shoutouts will include 1 individual spotlight showcasing the donor.
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**Bronze Level: Contributions of \$500**

- Visibility on GACD's Friend of Conservation webpage ([www.gacd.us/friendofconservation](http://www.gacd.us/friendofconservation)).
- Visibility at GACD's 2023 Annual Meeting that is attended by state and federal agencies representing all counties of Georgia.
- 1 shoutout recognizing the donor's organization or business on GACD's Facebook page([@GACDConserve](https://www.facebook.com/GACDConserve)) to over 1,600 followers.

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**Thank you for your support of Conservation Initiatives in Georgia!** Please make all checks payable to Georgia Association of Conservation Districts and mail, along with this form, to GACD, PO Box 1134, Ringgold, GA 30736. You can also pay on our website via PayPal. In that case, we ask that you submit a digital copy of this form to [info@gacd.us](mailto:info@gacd.us) to accompany your donation. *Due to the ongoing pandemic, details are subject to change.*