

## Partners

**The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)** is a unit of the United States Department of Agriculture. The partnership between NRCS and your Conservation District is one that was carefully designed. This unique and productive relationship continues to be a model for providing Federal resources at the local level. NRCS provides technical standards and guidance on conservation problems. NRCS has soil conservationists, soil scientists, biologists, foresters, and engineers to assist with conservation planning and implementation. As an agency within USDA, NRCS can also provide Federal funding for many projects. With the District providing the guidance on conservation priorities, this funding can be allocated to those resource needs that are most pressing. <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov>

*Working together, the NRCS/Conservation District team gets resource conservation on the ground!*

**Limestone Valley Resource Conservation and Development Council (RC&D)** is a non-profit organization with a focus on conservation, water quality improvement, natural resource education, sustainable agriculture, and improving the communities within its eleven county area in Northwest Georgia. <http://limestonevalley.org/>

**Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission (GSWCC)** was formed to protect, conserve and improve the soil and water resources of the State of Georgia. The Commission's goal is to make Georgia a better place for its citizens through the wise use and protection of basic soil and water resources and to achieve practical water quality goals. <https://gaswcc.georgia.gov/>

**University of Georgia-Agricultural Extension Service (UGA Extension)** provides information and assistance for producers and consumers of Georgia's agricultural products, environmental challenges and opportunities and resources for parents and other individuals promoting the positive development and safety of youth. UGA Extension provides assistance with consumer economic issues, food selection and preparation decisions, lawns, flowers, fruit trees, shrubs and home gardens. UGA Extension also directs the Georgia 4-H Program where youth and adults learn, grow, and work together as catalysts for positive change. <http://extension.uga.edu/agriculture/>

**Georgia Association of Conservation Districts (GACD)** - established in 1943 to support the efforts of Georgia's soil and water conservation districts, incorporated as a 501(c)3 in 2000. GACD is composed of approximately 370 soil and water conservation district supervisors. <http://www.gacd.us/>

**The National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD)** is the non-profit organization that represents America's 3,000 conservation districts and the 17,000 men and women who serve on their governing boards. <http://www.nacdnet.org>

**The Georgia Department of Agriculture** administers a variety of programs which all have a primary goal - to maintain the state's viable farm industry and protect the consuming public. <http://www.agr.georgia.gov/>

**The Georgia Department of Natural Resources-** From the majestic ridges and valleys of northwest Georgia to the marshes of Glynn County on our coast, we are fortunate to have a diversity of natural and cultural resources for you to enjoy. We are charged with the conservation and protection of these resources for current and future generations  
<http://www.gadnr.org/>

**The Environmental Protection Division (EPD)** of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources is a state agency charged with protecting Georgia's air, land, and water resources through the authority of state and federal environmental statutes. <http://epd.georgia.gov>

**The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)** – Federal Agency with the mission of conserving, protecting and enhancing fish, wildlife, and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. <http://www.fws.gov/>

**The Georgia Farm Bureau Federation** is Georgia's largest and strongest voluntary agricultural organization with more than 300,000 member families. It is an independent, non-governmental organization. The membership is mainly composed of farm families in rural communities and of people who want Georgia to be agriculturally successful, progressive and prosperous.  
<http://www.gfb.org>

**The Georgia Agribusiness Council (GAC)** is the organization that provides a forum for the entire agricultural industry to share views, develop understanding and work on issues of common concern. <http://www.ga-agribusiness.org>