



ST. CLAIR COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Annual Report | Fiscal Year 2018

To provide service, leadership, and assistance to all citizens for the wise use, conservation, and development of our natural resources.

Our District Board!



(L to R) Member Tim Alsup, Chairman Perry Poe, Secretary-Treasure Garry Staples,
Vice-Chairman Donald Ray Walker, and Member Terry Templin.

St. Clair County Soil and Water Conservation District is composed of five members who serve without compensation, but have the responsibility of managing the District programs in a manner that will assist land users in planning and applying the best management practice, which in turn will protect and conserve our natural resources.

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Follow us for real time tweets and a more in depth look at the district activities. Look for tips on conservation practices, resources, and more!



St. Clair County office



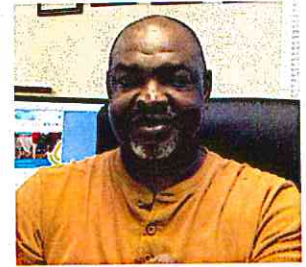
Rod Goode
District Technician



Charity Mitcham
District Administrative
Coordinator



Jesse Hall
NRCS, Civil Engineer
Technician



Phillip Slater
NRCS, District
Conservationist

NRCS EQIP totals

Obligated	\$ 77, 507.00
Paid out	\$ 40,010.94
NRCS Technical assistance	\$ 35,335.50
Total impact for St. Clair County	\$152,853.44

The local Soil and Water Conservation District plays a key role in the delivery of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) programs in Alabama. NRCS shares a common mission through these programs to assist clients that are protecting the natural resources of our county. Above are the total dollars that flow directly to St Clair County. The amounts are for NRCS dollars only and do not include funds you receive through the State of Alabama or other sources. This analysis covers FY 2018 which runs from October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018.

The above amounts of technical assistance (TA) funds for salaries, overhead, cost of operation, and the Technical Service Provider (TSP) funds are in addition to the funds that listed above.

Soil, water, forestry, agriculture conservation education -

St. Clair County Water Festival	1040 students
Soil Baby project	553 students
Enviroscape (pollution)	693 students
Ag in Action	325 students
Ag in Action (out of county)	426 students
Jefferson County Water Festival	180 students
Coosa River Basin—State of our Watershed	80 adults
Forest in the Classroom	430 students

Total 3727 students/adults

Scenes from 2018



Highlights of Fiscal Year 2018

Coosa Valley RC & D grants

Total - \$17,000.00

City of Pell City weather radio - \$ 6000.00 (General Funds)

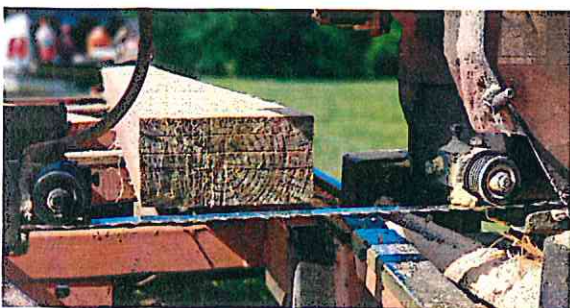
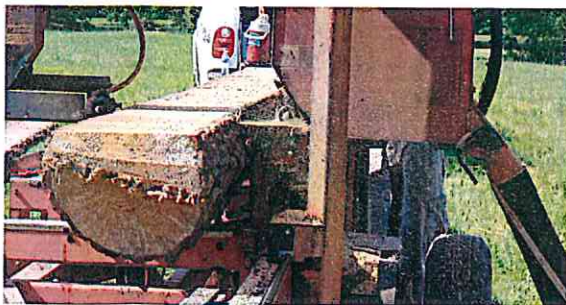
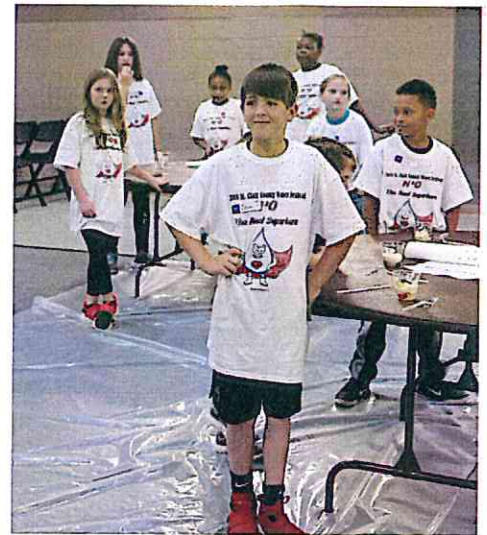
Coosa Valley Elementary pre-school playground - \$7000.00 (Education Funds)

St. Clair County Orchard - \$4000.00 (General Funds)



The St. Clair County Conservation District is pleased to announce that Lauren Staples from Ashville High School was this year's winner of the Alabama Conservation District Employees Association Area II scholarship. Lauren has been attending Auburn University in Montgomery and will start Jeff State in Pell City this year. Her field of study is agri-science education. She has been a major asset to the District. With a impressive resume of volunteer work with the District. She has been an amazing Earth Team Volunteer and we are very thankful for her, from the Ag in Action trailer, multiple water festivals, to helping the District with soil babies with the 4th graders.

Scenes from 2018



After the Dust Bowl of the 1930's, Congress made soil conservation a national priority and required each state to develop a soil conservation program. Ultimately, Alabama ended up with one conservation district per county. Each district is governed by a Board of Supervisors. These five volunteer landowners work to ensure District programs address resource concerns that are specific to their county. Here in St. Clair County, the District promotes conservation through both traditional farm outreach and news, facts, ideas and social media. Additionally, in this urban environment, we assist teachers and other leaders with conservation materials, educational programs, and information. To have a program presented at your school or community group, please call our office between 8:30 AM and 2:20 PM, Monday through Friday.

What We Do

The District works closely with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to assist in promoting conservation practices across St. Clair County. Programs such as Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP), and Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP) provide financial and technical assistance to agricultural producers to address natural resource concerns and deliver environmental benefits such as improved water and air quality, conserved ground and surface water, reduced soil erosion and sedimentation, and improved or created wildlife habitat. In the case of EQIP, the largest of these programs in St. Clair County, applications are received in batches, then ranked and funded according to prioritized resource concerns. October 21st was the end of the first batching deadline; however applications are accepted year round and will be ranked during the next batching period and funded if money is still available. Contact our office to learn more or visit www.nrcs.usda.gov.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

St Clair County Soil and Water Conservation District meeting is held the third Tuesday of the month at 7:30 am.

The public is invited to attend.

Call our office
(205) 338-7215 for
information.

The Board of Supervisors acknowledges the following for their contributions to the District programs and activities:

Landowners/Farmers of St Clair County, St Clair County Cattlemen's and Poultry Association, St Clair County Farmer's Federation, St. Clair County Farmers Federation Women's Committee, Alabama Cooperative Extension System, St. Clair 4-H, St. Clair County Forestry Commission, Metro Bank, Alabama Department of Environmental Management, Federal Land bank, First South Farm Credit, St Clair County Co-op, St Clair News-Aegis, Odenville Utility Board, St Clair Times, Daily Home, WFHK, Royal Sausage, Lyman Lovejoy, Bowling's B-B-Q, St. Clair County Sheriff's Department, Coosa Valley RC&D Council, and the State Soil and Water Conservation Committee.

A special note goes to the St. Clair County Commission and City of Pell City for their continuing support of the District.

We extend our appreciation to the Natural Resources Conservation Service for their partnership and assistance in carrying out the District cost share program and annual Plan of Work.

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