

Chestatee-Chattahoochee RC&D Council, Inc.

Program Updates as of 12/31/2022

Fire Adapted Communities Learning Network–

- 2022 is our 9th year – one of the first 8 national members in 2013
- Fire Adaptive Communities Network for all of Southeast recently renewed for 2023

Georgia Firewise Liaison – CCRCD administer Firewise USA for Georgia Forestry Commission

- Georgia has 124 Firewise USA Communities
- 6th in nation
- Renewed for 2023

Appalachian RC&D FAC Coalition – Develop Firewise and Fire Adapted communities in the Appalachian region. We will Continue ongoing projects developed over the last 6+ years-

- Agreement has been renewed with the US Forest Service for 2 more years thru 2024
- Appalachian RC&D FAC Coalition 6 RC&Ds + 1 contractor in South Carolina
 - Western North Carolina 4 RC&Ds
 - Southwestern Virginia 1 RC&D Council
 - Western South Carolina 1 wildfire contractor
 - Northwestern Georgia 1 RC&D added 2022
 - North Georgia – Chest-Catt RC&D developed the coalition and administers complete program:
 - Working with US Forest service to secure funding and cooperating with USFS projects
 - Working with Georgia Forestry Commission on funding and cooperating with GFC projects
 - Administers Advertising for entire project
 - Administration and payment to the 6 RC&Ds & 1 contractor for entire project
 - Present Appalachian RC&D FAC Coalition program and results to local, state, regional, and national meetings

USFS/GFC – Fuel mitigation contract with Georgia Forestry Commission to contract fuel mitigation work within 10 miles around USFS lands

NRCS Small Landowner Assistance grant 2020 – 2022 – ***“Small Farmers need to make a profit Too!”***

Funded again as **“Small Farmers must make a profit to survive!”** Approved for 2 yrs. - 2022 – 2024

These grants include projects such as:

- Work with county commissions to plan and facilitate ag and forestry projects
- Facilitate Ag and Forestry field days, Fire on the farm, grain bin rescue, farm safety
- Develop Local ag events – feral hog workshops, feral hog traps
- Sponsor School Ag programs – vegetable field days, viticulture workshops,
- Sponsor FFA projects & events, Livestock shows, greenhouse supplies, livestock trailers
- Sponsor 4H projects events,
- Sponsor and partner with Soil & Water Conservation District for projects & events
- Donate High Tunnels to community gardens, schools, senior centers, and others public groups
- Perform Drone demonstrations with our 2 drones to show farm mapping capabilities.
- Sponsor and promote Agrability program for disabled farmers
- Loan small farm equipment to beginning, veteran, and small farmers
 - 6ft - 3pt no till drill
 - BCS garden tractor and equipment
 - No till Transplanter
 - Roller Crimper
 - 4 row no till planter
 - 6 ft Weed wiper
 - One row Covington planter

- One row cultivator
- 4 ft All-purpose plow,
- 5 ft bush hog,
- 5 ft harrow,
- This equipment is for beginning, disabled, veteran, and other farmers to use to start or help their operations
- Help Veteran Farmers learn or continue to farm
- Partner with North Georgia Technical College on events and ag projects to support their ag program and other local, state, or regional projects as requested

NRCS cooperative assistance grant 2 years “Farm Help for Success” similar to previous grant. 2021 - 2023

NRCS Watershed Dam inspection projects – internally inspect pipes on 15 dams - 2 years across N. Georgia

GA Soil & Water Commission – contract for watershed dam clearing & mowing

Georgia GEFA RC&D funding for 2023 & 2024

2022 Events Sponsors and Participants

*** All Events, field days, conferences, donations, equipment, & workshops are co-sponsored with a local Soil & Water Conservation District**

2020 – 2021 - Firewise Friday information email to all Firewise Communities across Georgia

1/21/2022 – Pigs on the Ridge Fannin County YF

1/22/22 – Farm Bureau Area livestock show

1/27 – 28/2022 – Georgia Young Farmer Convention – Savannah

2/1/2022 - Georgia Agribusiness Council Annual banquet – Atlanta

2/2/2022 – Georgia Agribusiness Council Legislative breakfast – Atlanta

2/5/2022 – Lumpkin county livestock show

2/5/2022 – Grain Bin Rescue Farm Bureau area 2

2/11/2022 – Learn & Burn New River state Park West Jefferson NC

2/26/2022 – Learn & Burn North Georgia Technical College Clarkesville

3/4/2022 – Georgia FFA Foundation GALA – Mercedes Benz Stadium Atlanta

3/15/2022 – Georgia RC&D Meeting – Athens

3/22-24/2022 – IAFC WUI conference Reno NV

4/4/ - 4/13/2022 Wildfire Prevention Team Southwest Georgia

4/10-12 2022 GACD conference Callaway Gardens Georgia

4/25-29/2022 Annual FAC NET conference Austin TX

4/24 – 4/27/2022 National RC&D conference – Gulf Shores AL

5/13/ - 5/14/2022 – Abbeville SC Community festival – Firewise USA

5/17-18-2022 – Washington DC

5/24 – 26/2022 – SBF FLN Dillard GA

6/9/2022 - Georgia Prescribed Fire Council Jasper Ga

6/10/2022- Coosawattee HOA Firewise meeting

6/11/2022 – Upper Chatt field day, Drone, pasture, fencing, Agrability

8/18/2022 – North Ga Ag Expo

8/29/2022 – Farm field day – Rabun elementary schools Tiger Ga

9/26/2022 – Ne GA Farm Bureau annual meeting – NGTC

10/8/2022 – Union county Farmers Market Firewise Day

10/17/2022- Sunbelt AG Expo exhibitor

10/22/2022 – Hardman Farms Ag field day – Sorghum cane grinding with mill we donated

10/25/2022 – GACD Group II meeting Rock Eagle

11/8/2022 – Firewise program for Sons of the American Revolution

11/14/2022 – Cohesive Strategy workshop Asheville NC

12/3/2022 – Georgia Farm Bureau annual meeting Jekyll Island Ga

12/12/2022 – Exhibit Firewise at Young Harris college Basketball tournament plus Smokey

**Seasonal High Tunnels – 2016 – 2022 - Donated to public groups, colleges, and counties
Funded with GEFA, NRCS, and Soil & Water Conservation District funds**

1. **Oglethorpe** – Senior Center (Broad River S&WCD)
2. **Clarke** – Gaines School Elementary – (Oconee S&WCD)
3. **Rabun** – Community Garden (Blue Ridge S&WCD)
4. **Union** – Union Ag Center - NRCS grant
5. **Franklin** – Emmanuel College (Broad River S&WCD)
6. **Forsyth** – Silver City Elem. School (Upper Chatt)
7. **Forsyth** – Liberty Middle school (Forsyth Rotary)
8. **Lumpkin** – Lumpkin High School – (Upper Chatt S&WCD)
9. **Habersham** – Wilbanks Middle School – (Upper Chatt S&WCD)
10. **Hart** - Hart Community Garden – (no sponsor)
11. **Stephens** – Senior Center – Stephens S&WCD
12. **White** – White County high Ag center – (Upper Chatt S&WCD)
13. **Lumpkin** - University of North Georgia – Appalachian Studies (NRCS)
14. **Forsyth** - Little Mill Elem School (Forsyth Rotary)
15. **Forsyth** - Cumming Elem School (Forsyth Rotary)
16. **Towns** – Senior Center – (Blue Ridge S&WCD)
17. **Dawson**– Kilough Elementary – (Upper Chatt S&WCD)
18. **Union** – Woody Gap School – (Blue Ridge S&WCD)
19. **Forsyth** – Coal Mountain Middle School – (Forsyth Rotary)
20. **Forsyth** – North Forsyth Middle School – (Forsyth Rotary)
21. **Hall**– Tadmore Elementary School – (NRCS)
22. **Jackson** - East Jackson County Middle – (Oconee S&WCD)
23. **Forsyth** - Chestatee Elementary School – (Forsyth Rotary)
24. **Madison** high School – (Broad River S&WCD)
25. **Oglethorpe** - Oglethorpe Middle School – (Broad River S&WCD)
26. **Madison** - Madison Middle School – (Broad River S&WCD 64')
27. **Rabun** - Lady Bug Farms – Rabun County
28. **Oconee** - Oconee Presbyterian Church – NRCS
29. **Elbert** - Elbert Elementary – (Broad River S&WCD)
30. **Clarke** - Athens Christian School – (Oconee S&WCD)
31. **Forsyth** y - Mashburn Elementary – (Forsyth Rotary)
32. **Hall** - Sugar Hill Elementary – (Hall County S&WCD)
33. **Hall** - The River Church community garden - NRCS
34. **Banks** – Banks County Middle School – (Broad River SWCD)
35. **Habersham** – Level Grove Elementary – NRCS
36. **Stephens**– Shepherds Hill Academy – NRCS
37. **Lumpkin** - The Butterfly Farm - NRCS
38. **Forsyth** – The Place of Forsyth County – (Forsyth Rotary)
39. **Dohty Rehab Farm** – Fannin County – NRCS
40. **Oglethorpe** - Oglethorpe Primary — Broad River S&WCD
41. **Habersham** – North Georgia Technical College – NRCS
42. **Elbert** – Brian Warwick (1st private paid for)
43. **Towns** – Towns County Schools – Blue Ridge S&WCD
44. **Clarke** – Athens Christian School – GEFA – expansion
45. **Hall** – East Hall Middle School –NRCS

46. **Clarke** - Master Gardner Coop Extension NRCS
47. **Hall** - Myers Elementary School – NRCS
48. **Franklin** – Lavonia Elementary School - NRCS
49. **Forsyth** – Chestatee Elementary repair
50. **Fannin** - Fannin County Middle School – NRCS
51. **Hall** – Lanier Elementary School – NRCS
52. **Hall** - St Mary of Bethany Episcopal Church school – NRCS
53. **Forsyth** – Sawnee Elementary School NRCS
54. **White** - Mossy Creek Elementary – NRCS
55. **Clayton** – Kendall’s garden – NRCS
56. **Union** – Union County Middle School - NRCS
57. **White** – White county – White Creek Academy
58. **Banks** – Banks County Primary school
59. **Towns** - Nannen Investments – Private for \$
60. **Rabun** – Rabun County Elementary School
61. **Hall** – Sardis Enrichment School

GACD Cooperative Agreement for NRCS office Kim helps in the Eastanollee NRCS office when needed Thru 9/2023