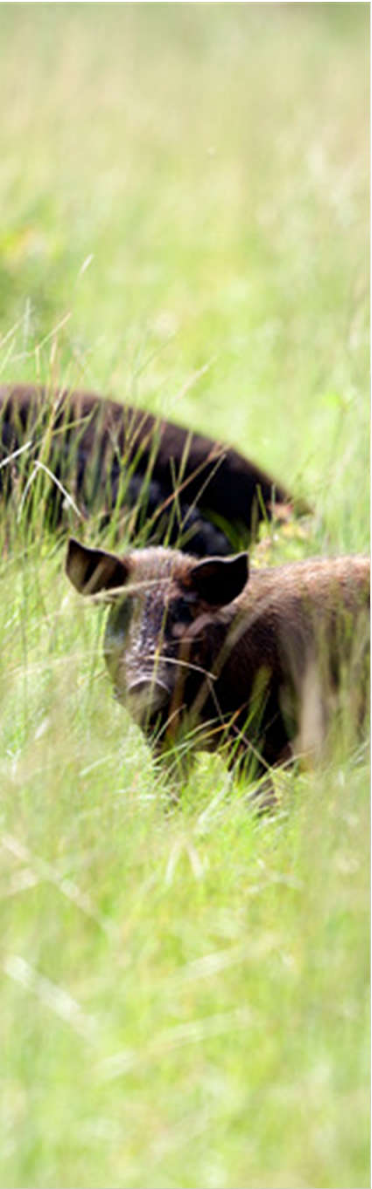




# ***Conservation Districts & Feral Swine Control***



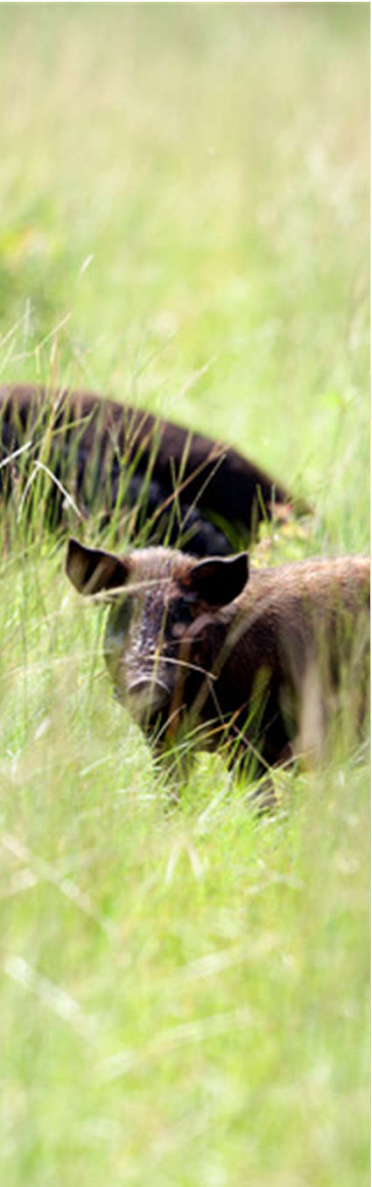


# ***GACD's Partnership with Districts***

- **What is Georgia Association of Conservation Districts (GACD)?**
  - GACD is a **non-profit association** that represents all 40 of Georgia's Conservation Districts.
- **What do we do for the Districts?**
  - GACD represents, advocates for, and provides a unified voice for all Districts.
  - We offer different initiatives and services the Districts can utilize.



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# ***District Functions***

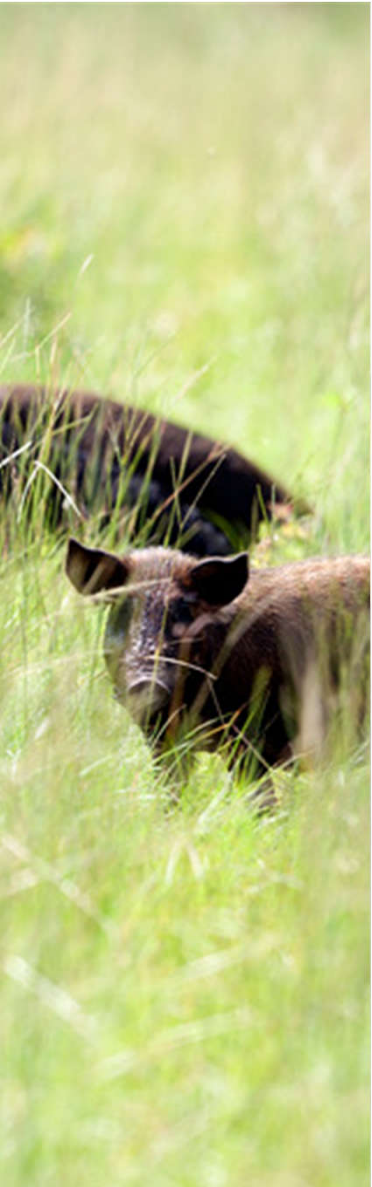
## **1- Develop comprehensive plans for conservation of soil and water resources in the District.**

- Promote BMPs such as no till, vegetative plans for stream banks, erosion and sediment control plans, and water conservation methods.

## **2- Work with land owners and developers as well as local, state, and federal governments to implement soil and water conservation measures and practices.**

- Maintain partnership with USDA- NRCS, RC&Ds, etc.
- Explain benefits of conservation practices to landowners
- Review erosion and sediment control plans and ensure installation of BMPs on land disturbance sites





# ***District Functions***

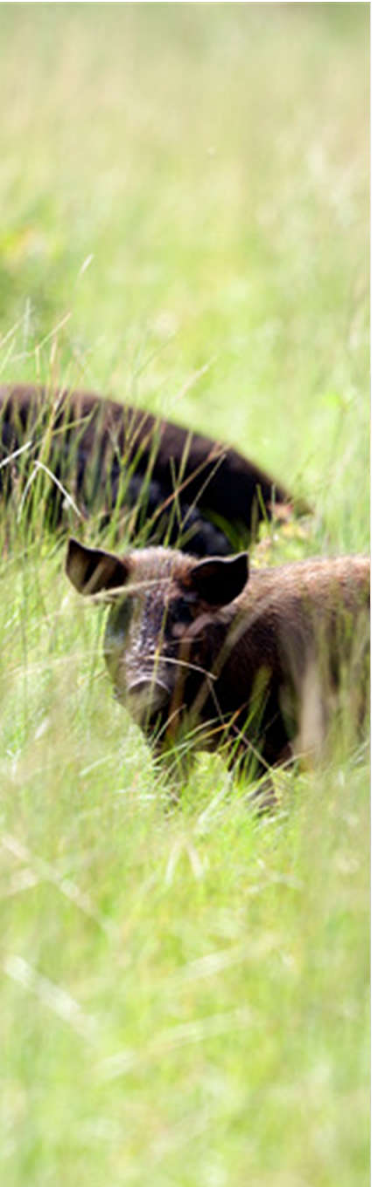
**3-Make machinery and equipment available landowners to help conserve soil and water resources.**

**4-Conduct surveys, investigations, and research on soil and water parasites. Generate and disseminate information and data on conservation measures.**

- Install on-farm demonstration sites
- Promote the importance of Soil Stewardship Week and facilitate distribution of educational and fun material to the community, schools, churches, etc.

**5- Conduct demonstrations for soil and water conservation methods.**

- Field days, tours, project site visits
- Conservation workshops for youth and teachers



# ***District Functions***

**6- Construct, improve or maintain structures necessary for flood water control & storage.**

- Seek funds and local support to maintain watershed dams

**7- Facilitate and generate financial assistance to landowners, as well as local, state and federal agencies, for soil and water conservation practices.**

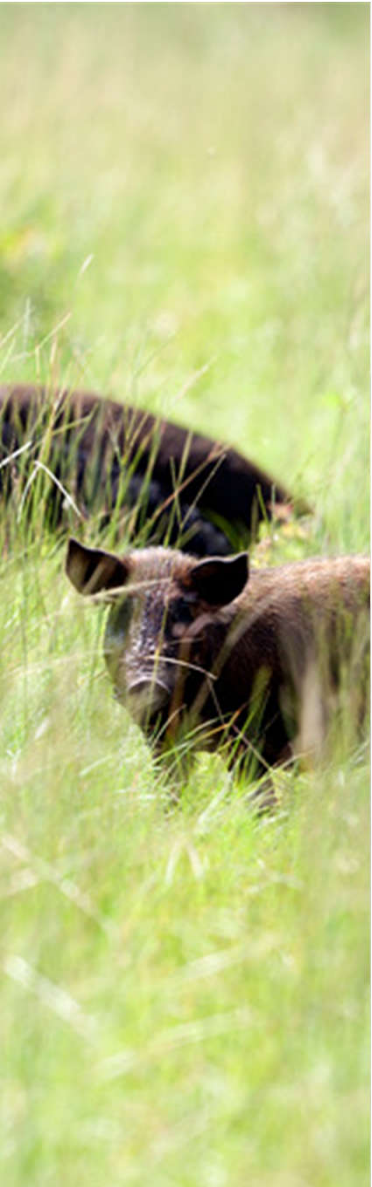
- Chair and decide upon federal funding priorities through Local Work Group process
- Promote local and federal cost-share programs to landowners
- Be innovative and apply for grants that will further soil and water conservation efforts

**8- Administer and/or participate in the management of soil and water conservation projects**

- Farm Bill Programs (EQIP, WHIP, CRP, etc.)

# ***Districts & Feral Swine***

**Feral swine are one of the greatest invasive species challenges facing Georgia with estimated damages of over \$150 million. Feral Swine are reported in all 159 counties.**





# Districts & Feral Swine

- **Outreach**
  - From 2017-2019, 11 Feral Swine Workshops were held throughout the state.
  - More workshops coming soon!



## FERAL SWINE & TRAPPING DEMONSTRATION WORKSHOP

### TOPICS

Disease Issues  
Biology & Economics  
Water Quality Issues  
Control Techniques  
Trapping Demonstration  
Transport Issues  
Regulations  
Diseases Found in Hunters  
Question and Answer Panel

### SPEAKERS

**Dr. Mike Mengak**  
University of Georgia

**Matt Ondovchik**  
USDA Wildlife Services

**Charlie Killmaster**  
GA Department of Natural Resources

**Dr. Robert Cobb**  
GA Department of Agriculture

**Tom Mims**  
GACD Feral Swine Committee

**Dr. Julie Gabel**  
GA Department of Public Health

### REGISTRATION

[www.gacd.us/events](http://www.gacd.us/events)

Email [info@gacd.us](mailto:info@gacd.us) with any questions

### UPCOMING DATES

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Blackshear, GA - December 11, 2018  
Dawsonville, GA - December 18, 2018  
Quitman, GA - January 7, 2019  
Hawkinsville, GA - January 29, 2019

Onsite check-in begins at 8:30 AM.  
Pre-registration is required.  
Lunch is provided.



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# *Districts & Feral Swine*

- **GACD's Feral Swine District Initiative**



## **ASK US ABOUT FERAL SWINE CONTROL ON YOUR LAND!**

Participating Conservation Districts:

### **ALAPAHA**

BERRIEN, CLINCH,  
COOK, ECHOLS,  
LANIER, LOWNDES

### **BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAIN**

FANNIN, RABUN,  
TOWNS, UNION

### **BRIER CREEK**

BURKE, GLASCOCK,  
JEFFERSON, JENKINS,  
RICHMOND

### **BROAD RIVER OGEECHEE RIVER**

BANKS, FRANKLIN,  
HART, MADISON,  
ELBERT,  
OGLETHORPE,  
WILKES

BULLOCH, CANDLER,  
EFFINGHAM, EVANS,  
SCREVEN, TATTNALL

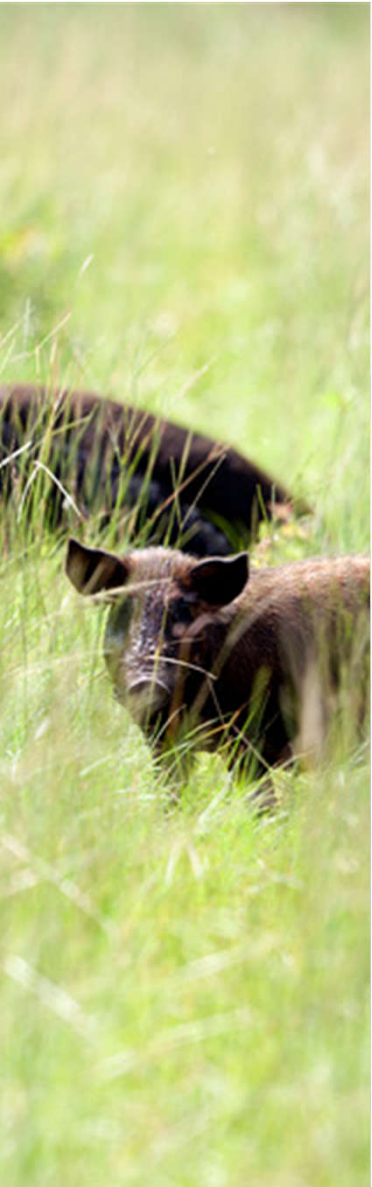
### **PIEDMONT**

BALDWIN, GREENE,  
HANCOCK, JONES,  
MORGAN,  
PUTNAM, TALIAFERRO

More Information at  
[www.gacd.us/feralswine](http://www.gacd.us/feralswine)

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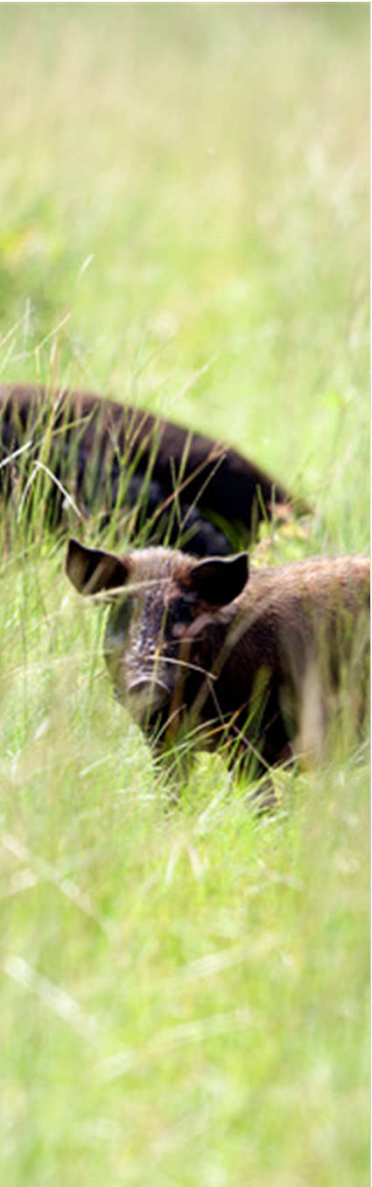
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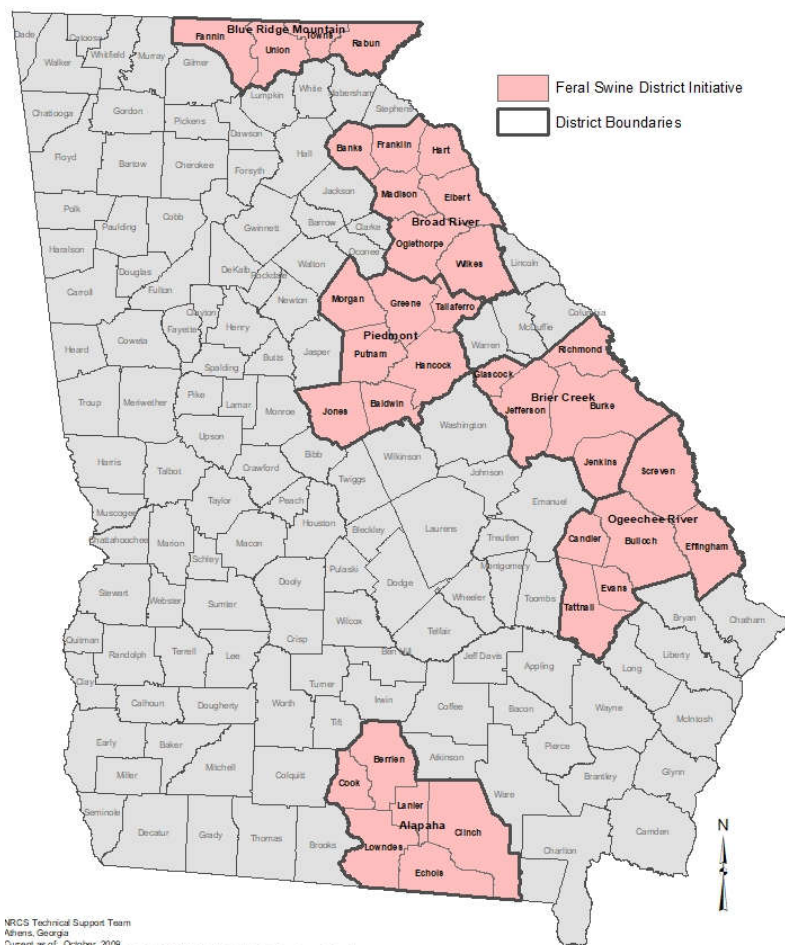
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# Feral Swine District Initiative Program Area





Program Results 2019								
Soil & Water Conservation District	Start Date	HCC / County	Sows	Boars	Shoats / Pigs	Trapped	:	Total Yearly
Brier Creek 2019	Jan-19	Charlie Burch / Jenkins County 706-871-5629	35	39	25	3	96	99
Brier Creek 2019	Jan-19	Dan Brett / Jefferson County 478-494-8539	54	24	101	82	97	179
<b>Brier Creek Total</b>			<b>89</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>278</b>
Ogeechee River 2019	Jan-19	Eric Baugh / Candler County 912-687-5839	106	112	67	9	276	285
<b>Ogeechee River Total</b>			<b>106</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>285</b>
Blue Ridge Mnt 2019	Jan-19	Ryan Talton / Union County 706-897-0087	10	7	11	27	1	28
<b>Blue Ridge Mnt Total</b>			<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>28</b>
Broad River 2019	May-19	Tracy Kagle / Elbert 706-318-3907	12	6	24	19	23	42
<b>Broad River Total</b>			<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>42</b>
Piedmont 2018	May-19	Kris Pope / Putnam County 404-402-2207	11	2	37	50	0	50
<b>Piedmont Total</b>			<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>District Program - Total 2019 =</b>			<b>217</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>633</b>
<b>District Program - Total 2017 - 2019 =</b>				<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>		
				403	1184	633		<b>2220</b>
<b>Brier Creek District - USDA APHIS Helicopter (3.5 days - March 2019)</b>							<b>=</b>	<b>120</b>
<b>Brier Creek District - (USDA APHIS Helicopter+ District HCC's )</b>				<b>2019</b>				<b>398</b>

A photograph of a feral pig in tall grass. The pig is dark-colored and is partially obscured by the tall, green grass. It is looking towards the camera.

# ***Districts & Feral Swine***

- **Future Projects**
  - More outreach focused on Northeast and Southeast GA
  - Funding additional traps in Northeast and Southeast GA





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