

Georgia Better Back Roads Program



Project Background:

County commissioners from throughout the state have long been concerned with the increased costs for maintaining unpaved roads as well as the potential for water quality related fines caused by sediment leaving these dirt roads. In response, the Georgia RC&D Council secured grants to address these needs. This statewide partnership also includes the USDA-NRCS, Georgia RC&D Councils, Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission, Georgia DOT, Georgia ACCG, US Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Georgia Chapter of the American Public Works Association. The project will consist of three components: 1) Statewide Demonstration Sites 2) Statewide Training Seminars 3) Publication of Georgia's First Better Back Roads Field Manual.

Project Goals:

1. Improve water quality by identifying cost-effective techniques/materials for stabilizing road surfaces and ditches.
2. Establish 40 statewide demonstration sites
3. Publish Georgia's first Unpaved Road Improvement Field Manual.
4. Provide statewide training opportunities to county officials responsible for maintaining unpaved public roads.

Project Timeline:

- Demonstration Sites - Eight sites will be treated in the Upper Flint Water Council Area by June 2014
- Unpaved Road Maintenance Manual - Available on our website at- www.tworiversrcd.org
- Statewide Training Seminars - Four statewide seminars will be conducted before June 2013



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