

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
SEMINOLE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
1971

WITH THE WINDUP OF ANOTHER YEAR OF ACTIVITIES, THIS ANNUAL REPORT HAS BEEN PREPARED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SEMINOLE SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT TO REVIEW ITS ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE PAST AND TO POINT UP ITS OBJECTIVES FOR THE FUTURE.

SINCE ITS ORGANIZATION IN 1948, THE DISTRICT HAS PROVIDED LANDOWNERS AND USERS, UNITS OF GOVERNMENT AND OTHER GROUPS, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN LAND USE PLANNING, CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES, POLLUTION ABATEMENT, AND WILDLIFE AND TIMBER MANAGEMENT ALONG WITH MANY OTHER SERVICES. THROUGH A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE THE SERVICES OF SPECIALISTS FROM THE SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE ARE MADE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST ALL LANDUSERS IN THEIR VARIOUS FIELDS OF ENDEAVOR WITH LAND USE.

THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE DISTRICT IS COMPOSED OF FIVE ELECTED SUPERVISORS, SERVING WITHOUT COMPENSATION FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS. THE CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS ARE: MR. W. W. LINZ, CHAIRMAN; MR. JIM HUGHES, VICE CHAIRMAN; MR. C. A. WALES, SEC. & TREAS.; MR. HUBERT BAGWELL AND MR. JOE HOPKINS, MEMBERS. MR. WALES AND MR. LINZ HAVE SERVED ALMOST CONTINUOUSLY FROM THE BEGINNING.

THE SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE HAS AS ITS REPRESENTATIVE MR. JOHN WINTER, SOIL CONSERVATIONIST. THE OFFICE IS LOCATED AT 110 E. COMMERCIAL ST., SANFORD, FLORIDA.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND APPRECIATION IS DIRECTED TO THE SEMINOLE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR CONTRIBUTING \$500.00 TOWARD DEFRAYING THE COST OF OPERATIONS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

OUR THANKS AND APPRECIATION IS ALSO GIVEN TO ALL OTHER AGENCIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, THE FLORIDA STATE FORESTRY SERVICE, EXTENSION SERVICE AND TO THE AGRICULTURAL STABILIZATION CONSERVATION SERVICE FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE IN PROMOTING THE DISTRICT PROGRAM.

THE LOCAL OFFICE OF THE FARM BUREAU HAS BEEN VERY HELPFUL IN PUBLISHING NEWS ARTICLES CONCERNING CONSERVATION FOR ITS MEMBERS. THE LOCAL RADIO STATION WTRR HAS RELEASED SPOT ARTICLES AND TAPES ON THE AIR, DEALING WITH APPROPRIATE SUBJECTS.

THE OBJECTIVE OF THE DISTRICT IS TO ASSIST LANDOWNERS AND USERS IN PLANNING THE WISE USE OF THEIR LAND WITHIN CAPABILITIES AND PROTECTING AND IMPROVING IT ACCORDING TO ITS NEEDS. TO ACCOMPLISH THIS OBJECTIVE, THE BOARD DIRECTS THE PROGRAM WITHIN THE DISTRICT BY ENCOURAGING LAND USERS TO BECOME COOPERATORS WITH THE DISTRICT. CONSERVATION PLANS ARE DEVELOPED USING THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE OF THE SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE TO ESTABLISH VARIOUS PRACTICES ON THEIR LAND, OVERSEEING DEVELOPMENT OF THESE PLANS AND FOLLOW-UP NECESSARY TO APPLICATION ON THE LAND. NECESSARY RECORDS ARE KEPT. LOCAL, AREA, STATE AND NATIONAL LEVEL MEETINGS ARE ATTENDED AND REPORTS ARE PREPARED FOR INTERESTED PARTIES.

WHILE MOST OF THE WORKLOAD IS WITH INDIVIDUAL LANDOWNERS OF A RURAL NATURE, THE PROGRAM HAS BEEN BROADENED TO INCLUDE ALL LAND USERS, INCLUDING UNITS OF GOVERNMENT AND INTERESTED GROUPS WHO CONTROL THE USE OF LANDS.



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INTEREST HAS ALSO BEEN SHOWN IN COMMERCIAL CATFISH PRODUCTION AND SOME DEVELOPMENT ALONG THESE LINES HAS BEEN ENCOURAGING.

IN OUR EFFORTS FOR ABATEMENT OF POLLUTION FROM AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISES IN THE DISTRICT TWO ANIMAL WASTE LAGOONS HAVE BEEN INSTALLED AT LOCAL DAIRIES WITH ASSISTANCE FROM THE REAP OF THE ASCS.

IN ADDITION THE DISTRICT FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING SERVICES AND WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN HELPING VARIOUS LAND USERS ESTABLISH THE FOLLOWING PRACTICES ON THE LAND.

NEW COOPERATORS	23
CONSERVATION PLANS PREPARED	25
INVENTORIES & EVALUATIONS	58
TECHNICAL SERVICES PROVIDED	194
LANDUSERS APPLYING PRACTICES	87
UNITS OF GOVERNMENT ASSISTED	3
REAP REFERRALS SERVICED	31
DIKE	1,800 FT.
PONDS CONSTRUCTED	13
IRRIGATION PIPELINE	162,300 FT.
DRAINAGE MAINS	11,326 FT.
TILE DRAINS	4,887 FT.
STRUCTURES FOR WATER CONTROL	899

OBJECTIVES FOR 1972:

1. CONTINUE TO WORK WITH INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS OF LAND USERS IN  
DEVELOPING SOUND CONSERVATION PLANS FOR USE OF LAND, WATER AND  
NATURAL RESOURCES FOR PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT.
2. INCREASE EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES TO INFORM THE PUBLIC OF THESE  
PRINCIPALS OF CONSERVATION.
3. CONCENTRATE ON WATER CONSERVATION AND CLOSER CONTROL OF OUR  
WATER RESOURCES.
4. HAVE REPRESENTATION AT AREA AND FASCD MEETINGS.
5. PLAN FOR AND HOLD REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS.
6. PROVIDE CONSULTIVE ASSISTANCE TO UNITS OF GOVERNMENT IN POLLUTION  
ABATEMENT.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



W. W. LINZ, CHAIRMAN  
SEMINOLE SOIL & WATER  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT