

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE SEMINOLE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
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This report is prepared by the Board of Supervisors of the Seminole Soil & Water Conservation District, to review the accomplishments of the year and to sum up the goals and objectives for the coming year. It is directed to the public at large, since everyone is interested in the planning of how our natural resources of air, soil and water will be used. Being a corporate sub-division of the State of Florida and operating under State and Federal laws, the duly elected Supervisors of the District are;

- James E. Hughes- Chairman 1974
- Charles A Wales- Secretary & Treasurer
- Hubert Bagwell- Member
- Joe Hopkins - Member
- S.B.Crowe- Member

These men are elected to serve for four years of staggered intervals without pay.

Operating under Memorandums of Understanding with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service and in cooperation with other Departments and their Agencies, the District's goals are to provide the best assistance to all land users in planning the futur use of soil and water resources and protecting and improving these resources for the sustained use of future generations.

As a result of the rapid changes in land use and the inter-action of todays hectic existance, planning for the years ahead is even more important than ever. Priorities of a balance of quality as well as quantity are ever more demanding. We feel that this objective can be reached by inventories and interpretations of existing

available resources, and the far reaching planning for flexible production and development for future use while providing a satisfying existence today. Along these lines the priorities of assistance has shifted to working with Units of Government and private firms with the planning procedures.

The District operates under a policy of local cooperation of citizens and Units of Government, with assistance from the Federal Agencies. The District strives for cooperation, understanding and agreement at local levels through meetings and discussions of problems and solutions based on factual investigations and experienced solution decisions.

Since its inception and organization in 1948, the District has primarily assisted the Agricultural Interests. In more recent times the development and management of recreational enterprises has gained in priority. Today the emphasis is leaning towards Inventories & Evaluations for all land users, with problems dealing with Soil & Water resources.

Specialists in all related fields are available through the Soil & Conservation Service, at National, State and local levels. The local office is located at 110 E. Commercial St, in Sanford, Florida. It is listed in the telephone book under U.S. Government, Department of Agriculture (322-4426) Mr. John Winter is the District Conservationist.

The District is funded in the County Budget System by courtesy of the Board of County Commissioners, for operating expenses, compensatory travel and subsistence allowances, dues, telephone, and some office expenses and advertizing. Appreciation is extended to the

Board for contributing these items.

Our thanks to the local news media, radio stations, school and the Farm Bureau News Letter in publishing and dispensing information for educational purposes of the Districts program.

Appreciation is also directed to other agencies for cooperation and assistance in getting the job done.

In addition to planning and application assistance, educational efforts, inventories and evaluations of resources, the District makes available to local land users new plants and grasses for specific purposes. These are usually furnished on a trial basis for field conditions evaluation and for increase supplies after evaluation.

During the past year the District has assisted in a flood hazard study for the Department of H.U.D. These studies were made to pinpoint flood-prone areas to aid in zoning decisions regarding development and for Federal flood-insurance determinations.

Assistance was given the Internal Improvement Trust Fund, Department of Pollution Control, East Central Florida Planning Council, The Board of County Commissioners and their various Departments, numerous City Departments of the City Commissions. Many developers and planning concerns are using Inventories and Evaluations in their planning work. Individual land owners and users continue to use the services provided by the Seminole Soil & Water Conservation District, particularly in the field of wildlife and management.

A teacher conference viewed a slide presentation and talk given by the informational specialist, Marty Clark of the State SCS office

in Gainesville, Florida. A Conservation Plan for a model outdoor classroom is being planned for the Spring Lake Elementary School Grounds, which is expected to be used by other schools in the County.

A jointly sponsored workshop by the Orange-Osceola-Seminole Districts is to be presented in March for Interpretations of Soil Survey Reports and Engineering Principles of Water Management.

A reference Library and Informational material is available for Conservation measures and assistance.

Regularly scheduled and special meetings were held throughout the year by the Board of Supervisors. Guest speakers were invited to several meetings, to acquaint various interests with the Board's program, and to discuss ways in which the Board could cooperate in local problems. In addition the regularly scheduled business of directing the District activities, the Board participated in an Area Meeting to discuss problems through-out the Central Florida Area.

The State Association of Conservation Districts is pushing for completion of Soil Surveys in the entire State in the next ten year. This requires the financial assistance of the State in combination with Federal monies already allocated. Seminole County has already been mapped and the report published in 1966. This report has been widely used and accepted in the planning processes. The District heartily recommends support for this important project.

During the coming year the District plans to up-date its Long-Range Plan of Operations, develop an annual work plan for accomplishment of its objectives and hold regularly scheduled meetings to

carry out the Districts business.

Respectively Submitted -

James E. Hughes

James E. Hughes-Chairman
for the Seminole Soil &
Water Conservation District
Board of Supervisors.