

Another Conservation Success Story...

Haralson County, Georgia

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NRCS Helps Protect City Water Supply

Haralson County native Bill White has lived on a farm his whole life.

"I have spent all of my 77 years on a farm and been involved in farming since I was old enough to milk a cow," he said.

Concentration of livestock around White's feed barn resulted in erosion and nutrient runoff to an adjacent creek-upstream of the city of Bremen's water supply reservoir.

Concentrated runoff from the roof of the barn across the bare areas resulted in accelerated erosion.

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) was used to assist the landowner with installation of the conservation practices.

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"Anything worth doing is worth doing right," said White, the last surviving male in his family.

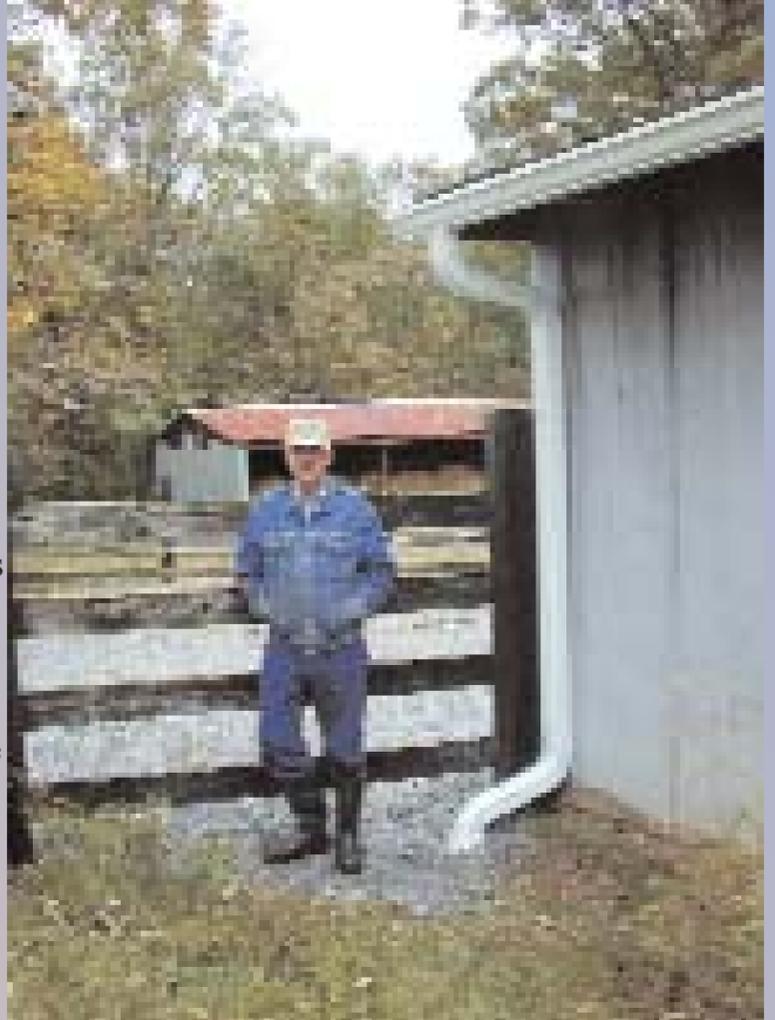
Both of his brothers were involved in farming.

White said he liked the EQIP program because: "It provides funding to farmers that might not otherwise have the funds or incentive to install conservation

practices on their own.

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Roof Runoff Management Practice

Bill White stands next to his newly installed roof runoff system. Cost-share assistance for this type of conservation practice is available through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service.



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After learning about the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) at a local FSA office, White contacted District Conservationist Sam Sharpe.

Sharpe recommended Heavy Use Area Protection to stabilize the traffic areas around the barn.

Roof runoff management was also recommended to collect the flow from the roof and transport it to a stable outlet.

Jennifer Odom, NRCS Soil Conservation Technician, walks with farmer Bill White near his new roof runoff management system.



Heavy Use Area

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