

Another Conservation Success Story...

Fulton County, Georgia

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Little River Watershed Dams in Fulton County

The State Soil and Water Conservation District-Fulton County (SSWCD-FC) sponsors eleven watershed dam structures in Fulton County.

During the severe storms in 2003 and 2004, the district became seriously concerned about the condition of these dams since the loss of life and property could occur if they were not maintained.

As a result, the SSWCD-FC has taken a proactive position on informing Fulton County of the issues and concerns of the Little River Watershed Dams.

“The majority of the Fulton County watershed dams have reached their 50-year lifespan threshold, although they still provide adequate flood protection,” said Dee West, Chair, SSWCD-FC.

There has been increased construction around and near these watershed dams; however, homeowners were unaware that the lake was built for flood control.

Since education is a major component of the SSWCD-FC annual plan, they developed an educa-



Increased construction around flood controlled dams makes maintenance of the structures even more critical.

tional pamphlet to let homeowner's know the do's and don'ts around the watershed dams in Fulton County.

They have successfully lobbied Fulton County to create and install noticeable signs near the watershed structures so the residents in the community will know who to contact if they notice any unusual activity occurring around the watershed structures.



Noticeable signs now inform citizens that area dams are Watershed Flood Control Structures.

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