

Another Conservation Success Story...

Catoosa County, Georgia

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Conservation Planning for Generations to Come

The beef cattle farm of Timothy and Marshall Taylor of Catoosa County is an excellent example of one generation passing the heritage of the family farm on to the next generation.

ervation plan that addresses the resource concerns on the farm.

Using that plan as a launching pad, the Taylors have been in a position to benefit from participating in several USDA programs to install conservation practices as well as enhance the management of the farm.

The Taylors currently are participating in the South Chickamauga Creek Land Treatment Watershed Project.

This Project is funded by the Natural Resources Conservation Service under the authority of the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act, Public Law 83-566(PL-566) as amended (16 U.S.C. 1001-1008).

Cost-share funds have been available to landowners in the South Chickamauga Creek watershed since the project was authorized in 2001.

Through this program, the Taylors have been able to develop a spring on the property as an alternative source of water for the cattle along with the installation of the pipeline and troughs to distribute the water for better utilization of the land for grazing.

Fencing has been installed to divide the existing pastures into manageable sizes to allow for rotational grazing.

Fencing is planned for excluding the cattle from Cherokee Branch, a tributary to Tiger Creek, and limiting access by equipment to a reinforced stream crossing.

All areas for feeding and watering the cattle will be protected with geotextile and gravel to prevent erosion and provide a stable base for managing waste that accumulates there.

Existing areas that were eroding have been stabilized and treated with vegetation.

The efforts of the Taylors to be good stewards paid off when they decided to apply for USDA's Grassland Reserve Program.

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Installation of pipeline for alternative water source for the cattle.



When the Limestone Valley Resource Conservation and Development Council's Coordinator, Doug Cabe, was looking for a site to demonstrate a solar powered pump, the Taylor farm was a prime candidate.

In the midst of an area where many farms are being auctioned off and subdivided for residential development, the Taylors are making significant investments in the family farm.

The family has been working with the LaFayette-Dalton Field Office of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS) and Soil Conservation Technician Bill Henderson to develop a con-



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