

WELCOME TO SOUTH CAROLINA



THE PALMETTO STATE

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SOUTH CAROLINA FACTS

Land Area: 31,400 square miles; 40th in size

Geographic Areas: Upstate, Midlands, Pee Dee, Lowcountry

Highest Point: Sassafras Mountain 3,560 feet



Population: 4.5 million (24th)

Growth: 10th fastest in U.S.

Counties: 46

SWCD's: 46

WATER RESOURCES

- ✘ Coast = 190 miles
- ✘ Inland water = 1,000 mi²
- ✘ Largest lake = Lake Marion, 175 mi²
- ✘ Longest river = Savannah, 240 miles, border between SC and GA
- ✘ Largest river basin= Santee, 140 miles long, drains 40% of state



TREES AND MORE TREES

- ✘ State tree = Sabal Palmetto
- ✘ Tree of the South = Live oak
- ✘ Oldest live oak = Angel Oak on Johns Island, about 1,500 years old; oldest thing (living or man-made) east of the Rockies
- ✘ Other Tree of the South = longleaf pine



1ST CONSERVATION PLAN IN U.S.



February 4, 1938

SOUTH CAROLINA RANDOM FACTS



Largest ginkgo farm – Sumter



U.S.'s only tea plantation – Charleston



SC leading peach producer east of MS River



Golf first played in SC – Charleston



Sweet grass baskets made in SC for over 300 years



Columbia is nation's 2nd planned city (Savannah 1st)

SOUTH CAROLINA RANDOM FACTS



South Carolina was the 1st state to export cotton to England (1764)



Boll weevil discovered in SC



Lake Murray has its own Loch Ness monster (Messie)



By law, if a man promises to marry an unwed woman, he must go through with the marriage



Also by law, musical instruments cannot be sold on Sunday



And horses may not be kept in bathtubs

TOP PHRASES OF 2009

Courtesy of the
State of South Carolina





"The governor is hiking the Appalachian Trail." — a spokesman for South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford

"You lie!" — Rep. Joe Wilson (R-SC), shouting out a retort to Obama's address before a joint session of Congress



"Keep your government hands off my Medicare." — an anonymous protester at a health care reform town hall meeting in Simpsonville, SC





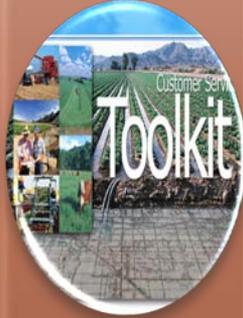
Assisted
6,300 users
(as reported
in PRS)



Improved
soil quality
on 82,000
cropland
acres



Applied
conservation
to improve
fish and
wildlife
habitat on
23,000
acres



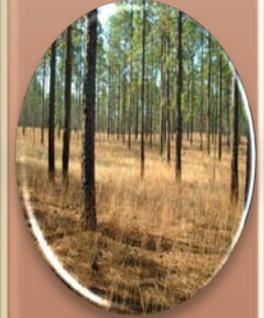
Wrote 1,000
conservation
plans
(85,000
acres)



Created,
restored, or
enhanced
6,500 acres
of wetlands



Improved
pasture on
33,000
acres of
grazing land

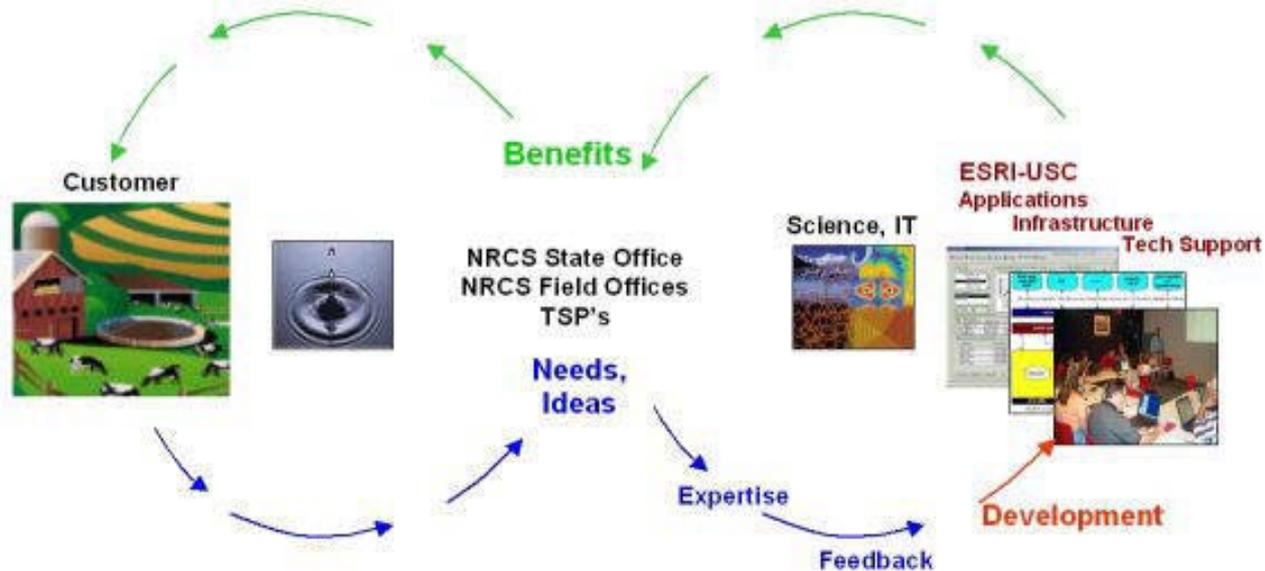


Improved
forestlands
on 46,000
acres

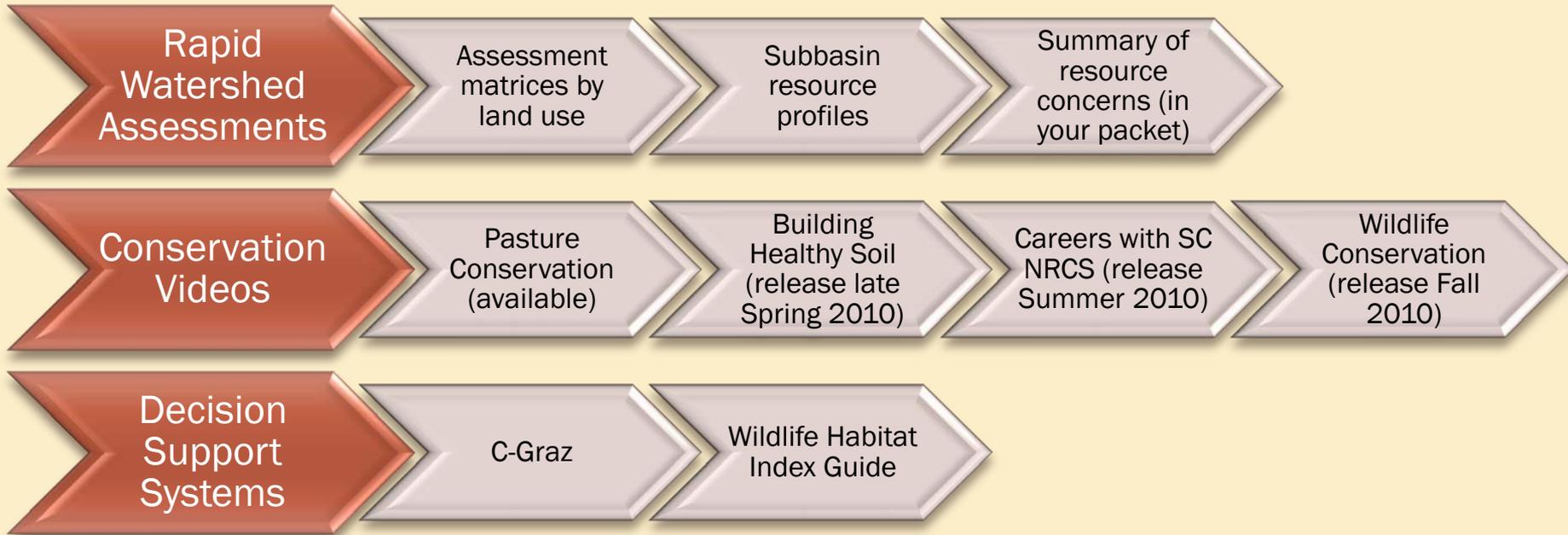
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WATERSHED TEAMS

