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## **FEDERAL CONSERVATION AGENCY ANNOUNCES FUNDS FOR GEORGIA'S 2011 CONSERVATION INNOVATION GRANT (CIG) PROGRAM**

ATHENS, GA, (Feb. 7, 2011) --- James E. Tillman, Sr., State Conservationist for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Georgia today announced that the NRCS is requesting applications for Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) to stimulate the development and adoption of innovative conservation approaches and technologies. Applications are due March 2, 2011.

For fiscal year 2011, up to \$150,000 is available for the Georgia State CIG competition. Grants will not exceed \$75,000 from NRCS. Funds will be awarded through a statewide competitive grants process. Applications are requested from eligible government or non-government organizations or individuals for competitive consideration of grant awards for projects between one and three years in duration.

Applications may be submitted electronically at the Grant.gov Web site or hard copy which must be received in the Georgia NRCS State Office by 4:30 p.m., Eastern Standard Time (EST) March 2, 2011. The address for the U.S. Postal Service, hand-delivered applications, or applications submitted using express mail or overnight courier service is: Dot Harris, Assistant State Conservationist - Operations, NRCS, 355 East Hancock Avenue, Mail Stop 200, Athens, GA 30601.

Funding Categories include the following; Energy, Productivity and Environmental Health of Pastureland, Productivity and Environmental Health of Forestland, Promotion of Sustainable Agriculture, Priority Landscapes, Nutrient Management, Pest Management, Air Quality and Atmospheric Resource, Sustainable and Organic Agriculture, Specialty Crops and Pollinator Habitat. A description of each of these funding categories can be found at the Georgia NRCS web site, <http://www.ga.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/cig.html>.

A full announcement of the Georgia CIG State Component is available on-line at

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search, selecting “Department of Agriculture,” should aid in locating the Georgia Conservation Innovation Grant State Component.

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