

Okeechobee Soil and Water Conservation

2020-2024 Strategic Plan

Goal: Resource Conservation

To assist landowners in managing natural resource concerns.

Action	Accountability/Focus	Resources	Timeline
Conservation Planning	Basin/Watershed	Staff Agency Partners	Ongoing
Best Management Practices	Basin/Watershed	Staff, Agency Partners *FDACS-OAWP Cost Share Administrative Fees	Ongoing
Farm Bill Program Implementation	Basin/Watershed	Staff *USDA-NRCS	Ongoing
Basin Management Action Plan	*BMAP: Caloosahatchee, Okeechobee, and St. Lucie	Staff Agency Partners Administrative Fees	Ongoing

*FDACS-OAWP: Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services – Office of Agriculture Water Policy

*USDA-NRCS: United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service

*BMAP: Basin Management Action Plan adopted by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Agency

Goal: Special Projects

To provide funding opportunities for the betterment of conserving natural resources.

Action	Accountability/Focus	Resources	Timeline
Best Management Practices Implementation	*NEEPA *BMAP	Staff Agency Partners FDACS Contracts	Annually
Small Farms Nutrient Management	Okeechobee County	Staff Agency Partners Administrative Fees	As requested
Urban Irrigation Evaluation	Local	Staff Agency Partners Administrative Fees	As requested
Emergency Watershed Assistance	Local-priority area	Staff Agency Partners Administrative Fees	As requested

Invasive Species Control	Okeechobee County	Staff Administrative Fees	As requested
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Goal: Special District Compliance

To keep Okeechobee SWCD in compliance with state and federal laws.

Action	Accountability/Focus	Resources	Timeline
Board Supervisor Training	Board of Supervisors	Conferences Meetings *AFCD *SENACD *NACD Administrative Fees	Ongoing
Employee Training	Staff	Conferences Meetings *FCDEA/AFCD *SECDEA/SENACD *NCDEA/NACD Administrative Fees	Ongoing
Code of Ethics/Sunshine Law	Board of Supervisors Staff	Commission on Ethics Department of Economic Opportunity Florida Statutes	Monthly Annually
Audits/Reporting	Local, State	Staff Bookkeeper Auditor General Administrative Fees	Monthly Quarterly Annually

*ACFD: Association of Florida Conservation Districts

*SENACD: Southeast National Association of Conservation Districts

*NACD: National Association of Conservation Districts

*FCDEA: Florida Conservation District Employees Association

*SECDEA: Southeast Conservation Districts Employees Association

*NCDEA: National Conservation Districts Employees Association

Goal: Youth Conservation Education and Outreach

To encourage critical thinking on natural resources and agriculture for future generations.

Action	Accountability/Focus	Resources	Timeline
Speech Contest	Local, Area, State	Staff Volunteers Administrative Fees	Annually
Poster Contest	Local, Area, State, National	Staff Curriculum Schools Volunteer Judges Administrative Fees	Annually
Envirothon	Local, Regional, State	Staff Curriculum Schools Administrative Fees	Annually
Land Judging	Local, Regional, State	Staff Administrative Fees	Annually
Okeechobee AgVenture	Local	Staff Administrative Fees	Annually
Educator Grants	Local	Staff Administrative Fees	Ongoing

Goal: Adult Conservation Education and Outreach

To bring public awareness of conservation issues, especially as they pertain to agriculture.

Action	Accountability/Focus	Resources	Timeline
Best Management Practices	*NEEPA *BMAP	Staff FDACS Administrative Fees	Ongoing
Farm Bill Program Outreach	Okeechobee and Glades County	Staff NRCS Administrative Fees	Ongoing
Field Day/Farm Tour	Local	Staff Agency Partners	Annually
Social media	Local Newspaper Website Facebook Pages	Staff Administrative Fees	Ongoing

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Goal: Personnel

Provide personnel to carry out the mission and goals of the Board of Supervisors.

Action	Accountability/Focus	Resources	Timeline
District Administrator	Okeechobee County Florida	Administrative Fees Okeechobee BOCC	Ongoing
Program Specialist	Okeechobee and Glades County	Administrative Fees NRCS Agreement	Ongoing
Conservation Technicians (3)	*NEEPA *BMAP	FDACS Contract	Ongoing

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