

# Cleveland Soil And Water Conservation District's Long Range Program

The main objective of the Cleveland Soil and Water Conservation District's Long Range Program and Work Plan is improved conservation and wise use of our natural resources, according to the annual report just released by officials.

Improved farming habits will greatly reduce the severe erosion of areas throughout the District and improve the more efficient use of our water supply in our streams.

Some of the good conservation practices encouraged by the District and being followed by some land users are terraces, waterways, field borders, grassland, contour farming, timber improvement and tree planting, critical area planting, wildlife, plantings, and no-till planting.

The District has received an ever increasing number of requests throughout the year for assistance on terraces, ponds, waterways, field borders, critical areas, drainage and lagoons.

After reviewing the District Long Range Plan, the annual work plan, the conservation needs inventory and the accomplishments made during this fiscal year we find there has been some good accomplishments.

Much is still to be done in some areas where land users continue to work up and down slopes and across terraces.

The main agriculture crops in the District this year are corn, soybeans, cotton, small grain, grasses (hayland and grassland) fruits (apples, peaches and grapes), vegetables (truck farming), and tree farming.

Some other farming operations are beef cattle, dairy cattle, hogs, poultry, sheep and bees.

The District works closely with the N.C. Forest Service.

The District encourages land users to plant trees on the more sloping, less suitable areas for row crops and etc.

The District assists in helping land-users with securing seedling applications so they may order the seedlings needed from the N.C. Forest Service Nursery.

During this fiscal year several land-users have received cost sharing assistance through various programs, (FIP, LTA, FDP and ACP) for doing land preparation and tree planting. Approximately 335.0 of tree planting was completed with cost share assistance through one of the cost share programs. Several individuals ordered seedlings and planted the trees themselves without cost share

assistance. Several individuals ordered White pine for Christmas tree planting.

The Cleveland District works with the Resource Wildlife Commission by the distribution of forms for landusers to mail request to the Wildlife Biologist, requesting wildlife materials for planting for wildlife. These plants help to control erosion as well as being a good source for wildlife to hide in as well as fine food. We also assist people in contacting various wildlife people such as the game protectors. Also, when the seed are being delivered the District aids in making contact with the persons who are to receive the materials.

Some of the practices available in the Cleveland

District for cost share assistance are sod waterways; permanent vegetative cover (critical area); sediment retention, erosion or water control structures and animal waste control structures.

The District works with the Extension Service in various ways. The District helps distribute soil sample boxes and information sheets. The District answers questions on how to take soil samples.

The District works with Farmer's Home Administration in supplying soil's information and erosion control plans as the property owners make request for this assistance.

The Realty Companies also request this information from the

District as requested by property owners.

The District aids with programs to help various individuals, churches, schools and civic groups by distribution of various conservation booklets and information sheets. Also, programs are given to these various groups as they are requested.

News articles are mailed to the newspapers and spot announcements mailed to the radio stations throughout the year by the District.

A conservation field tour was conducted by the District. Various business men attended, such as bankers, mayors, county commissioners, news media, State Representatives, and SCS

personnel. Twenty five people attended this tour.

The tour route included the Harold Lineberger farm where the group viewed several good conservation practices. Mr. Lineberger's family was the 1978 Conservation Farm Family State runner up. The group stopped at the G.W. Bell farm, viewed an animal waste management structure. The last stop was the J.D. Ellis farm where they saw an animal waste lagoon. At the close of the meeting the group enjoyed a steak supper.

The Board selects a conservation farm family in the District who is doing a good job of conservation for the family to represent the District in the State contest. The 1979 District winner

## Seven Week HRD Program To Be Held

When students finish the seven week orientation and motivation training program—Human Resource Development (HRD) they are presented certificates. Graduation exercises were held Friday at Cleveland Technical College, in the conference room, 2120.

Twenty students who completed the course were presented certificates by Dr. James B. Petty, president, assisted by Dr. Alvin Sherlin, vice-president, and Dan Camp, dean of continuing education.

During this seven week course, participants have received training in group interactions, self awareness, job seeking and job holding skills, basic education, consumer economics, effective communications, and personal/career goal setting. Some of the students have already found employment or pursuing further educational programs. The staff is currently engaged in placing the remainder of this class in various work or educational opportunities.

Human Resources development classes are held on Cleveland Tech's campus and at the Community Center in Kings Mountain. This program has as its goal—meaningful employment. Meaningful employment means finding a job for an individual or starting an educational program that leads to meaningful employment.

The next HRD class begins Mon., August 4, and applications are being received. Persons interested in this program are encouraged to contact Cleveland Tech, 482-8351.

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