

Association of Florida Conservation Districts Annual Meeting and Supervisor Training

February 7, 2023

- **PRESENTATION:**

- **Purpose of Soil and Water Conservation Districts and**
- **Roles of Florida's Associated District Officials/Supervisors**

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Who am I

- Farm experiences
- Education
- Professional
- Community Service
- Past **Non-partisan Elected Official** (Duval SWCD)
- Retired
- Husband, Father and Grandfather

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS (SWCD) COMMON QUESTIONS AND CHALLENGES

- What is a SWCD
- WHAT ARE YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES?
- HOW ARE YOU FUNDED?
- WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?
- WHAT CAN YOU DO FOR ME?
- **Become familiar with the Florida SWCD SUPERVISOR HANDBOOK!!!**

What are Florida's Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD's)

- Governmental sub-divisions of the State of Florida.
- Established in 1937, under Chapter 582. Florida Statutes to provide leadership in the conservation of the state's natural resources to:
 - To provide local Leadership and **encourage Partnerships** to **identify and address common Resource Concerns and potential solutions.**
 - To Facilitate programs, projects and practices that will address existing and/or potentially negative impacts to the local natural resources, **on and beyond the Farm Boundary.**

**THE ROLES AND RELATIONSHIPS
BETWEEN THE
SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION
DISTRICTS
&
THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
CONSERVATION DISTRICTS>**

Potential SWCD Partnerships

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

USDA Farm Service Agency FSA

Association of Florida Conservation Districts (AFCD)

National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD)

Water Management Districts

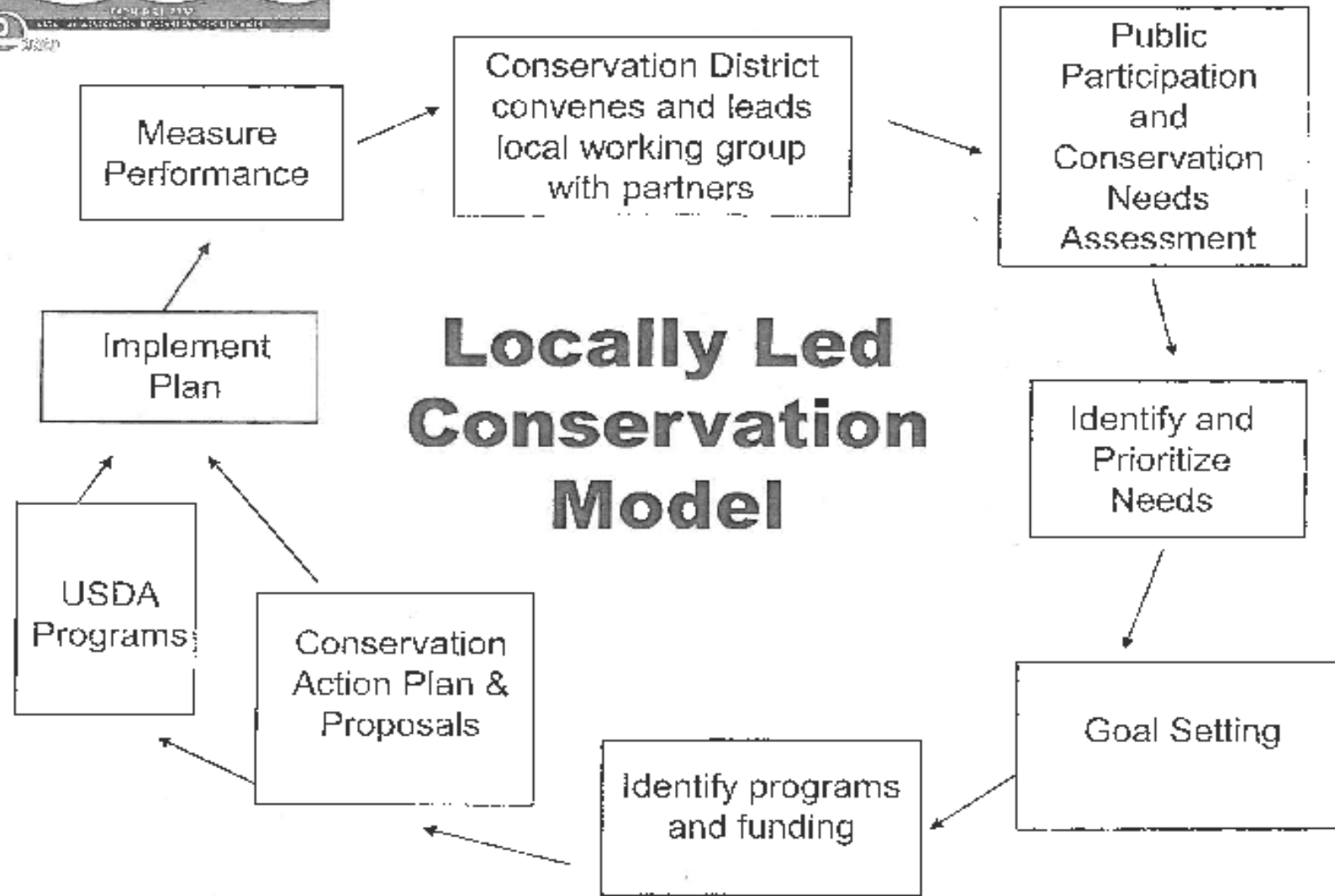
County Commissioners & City Councils

Florida Forestry Service & US Forestry Service

Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission (FWC)

Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS)

And others



Roles of Conservation District Supervisors

- **The office of supervisor is a four-year term.**
- **Candidates are elected**, by the general public, in the general election.
- An election of Supervisors for each Soil and Water Conservation District is held every 2 years and the seats are filled following a four-year cycle.
- The seats are aligned so that seats 1, 3, and 5 are elected in one election year and seats 2 and 4 are elected in the alternate election year.
- Depending on the year that the district was formed, these seats are grouped so that one set runs in a presidential election cycle and the other set in a non-presidential election cycle.
- Unless resigning from the SWCD, a supervisor shall hold office until his or her successor has been elected or qualified.
- The office of the supervisor is a **nonpartisan office**, and each supervisor represents **their** entire district.
- **See FL Statutes 582, as amended by SB 1078, in 2022.**

Oath of Office for SWCD Supervisor







True partners each bring something to the table

FLORIDA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISORS/BOARD MEMBERS

- **See NACD-NASCA – PPP**
- **See Florida SWCD Supervisor Handbook**
- **See on-line references**

Develop and Evaluate your District Activities (APO & LRP) Every Year

- **See NACD Website for Evaluation Form**

QUESTIONS???

*Good luck as you carry out your duties as
Conservation District Supervisors!*

THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION!