

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY

Office of Soil and Water Conservation



Our Mission

The mission of the OSWC is to conserve and sustain water quality, quantity and soil health on croplands, woodlands, grasslands, wetlands, and waterways of Louisiana, and to ensure the conservation of Louisiana's soil and water resources as necessary to protect the health, safety, and general welfare of our people.



Ag Solid Waste Program

Through the use of Best Management Practices (BMPs), producers and processors are able to bypass solid waste permitting. This allows for less regulatory oversight from the LA Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ).



Ag Prescribed Burn Program

Voluntary landowners and land managers that use fire to maintain agricultural and marshlands are provided the training and resources needed to create and implement burn plans in order to become Certified Prescribed Burners.



Invasive Species Eradication Programs

Through effective data gathering, programs and funding opportunities are sourced and created to further eradication efforts of invasive species that pose a threat to our land and communities.



Coastal Wetland Re-vegetation

Through extensive partnerships, over 35 linear miles of shoreline and interior wetland are restored annually. With the help of over 10 SWCDs, 20-25 project sites are planted each year on public and private lands, using locally adapted plant species.



Education and Outreach

Outreach is provided through trainings, field days, and presentations to educators, students, partners and landowners to increase knowledge and awareness of conservation practices and sustainability of our natural resources.



Ag Nonpoint Source Pollution Abatement (319 Program)

Nonpoint source pollution results from rainfall runoff on broad landscapes, resulting in unknown origins. Best Management Practices (BMPs) are utilized to reduce and minimize these scenarios.



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