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Tuition is \$150.00 per student plus \$20.00 for transportation. To be eligible for a scholarship, an application and \$170.00 will need to be returned to the Hall County Soil and Water Conservation Office at 734 East Crescent Drive, Suite 400, Gainesville, Georgia 30501-5002 by May 15, 2000. If chosen to receive a scholarship, students will be notified. Tuition and transportation costs will be refunded after attending the Workshop. Students may attend without a scholarship by paying tuition and transportation costs.

Bus transportation will be provided from Gainesville to Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College and back. Students will be notified of the time and place of departure upon receipt of the application.

If you have any questions concerning the Workshop and would like an application, please call 770-536-6981 ext. 3 or 770-531-6827 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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## Natural Resources Conservation Youth Workshop

High school students with an interest in our natural resources will have an opportunity to participate in the 2000 Natural Resources Conservation Workshop, June 18-23 at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. The Youth Camp is open to Georgia high school students ages 15 through 18 who have not graduated from high school at the time of the Workshop, or who have not previously attended the Workshop. Over 10,000 students have graduated and this is a unique opportunity for our youth to learn about natural resources.

The main objective of the workshop is to give students an opportunity to learn about Georgia's natural resources—soil, water, air, minerals, plants, and animals. The camp utilizes classroom and field trip activities to help interested young people learn the basic principles of the wise use of our natural resources. Students attending will also get a taste of college life while spending an entire week on the college campus. Students will be able to gain insight into careers through their counselors and instructors consisting of professional personnel from the Department of Natural Resources, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Georgia Forestry Commission and private industry.

On the final day of the workshop, students will compete for over \$5,000 dollars in college scholarships and cash prizes based on test scores from the week's activities.

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## HEAVY USE AREA PROTECTION

The fall of 1992 saw the introduction of a completely new conservation practice for Hall County farmers. The first heavy use area in Northeast Georgia was installed at S & S Dairy Farm. Heavy use area protection became a simple solution to a complex problem. Installing a geo-textile fabric over a firm soil foundation and then compacting 6" of GAB (Graded Aggregate Base), immediately got livestock out of the muck and mud. It also made farmers' access to concentrated feeding,



**First Heavy Use Area in North East Georgia  
S & S Dairy Farm**



**Heavy Use Loafing Area  
Double C Dairy Farm**



**Heavy Use Area Under Construction  
Ray Haynes & Sons Farm**



**Heavy Use Area Lane  
Elmer Truelove Farm**

watering, and loafing areas during winter rains much easier. Finally, it helps turn a waste product into a valuable resource. Some Hall county farmers are now selling the waste they scrape from their Heavy Use Areas. The waste that used to be ground into the subsoil by livestock and farmers' equipment is now becoming a valued soil amendment by the area's gardeners and landscapers. In 8 years heavy use area protection has progressed from a new idea to one of the most commonly used and effective conservation practices for Hall County's farmers.

## SOIL & WATER STEWARDSHIP 2000



"When you drink  
of the water, don't forget  
the spring from which  
it flows."  
Charles Dickens



Community Waters is the theme for the 2000 Soil and Water Stewardship Observance. This annual observance, celebrated between the last Sunday in April and the first Sunday in May, reminds us of our individual responsibilities to care for the soil and water resources upon which we depend.

We are reminded of the need to join together in community efforts to keep our waters clean and healthy. This will usually require attention to how the lands around each community are treated. Where farm fields, pastures, and forests enjoy good conservation management the result is water that flows clean and clear most of the time. For people who live in cities, this means that the local drinking water supply is more dependable, and that it costs less because it enters the local water treatment plant clean instead of dirty.

Keeping community waters clean and plentiful takes effort from everyone. From huge farm fields down to tiny city lawns, people who protect soil from erosion and apply chemicals carefully are doing their part to keep waters clean. When you turn off unused lights or buy an energy-efficient home appliance, you not only save energy and money, you also conserve precious water.

As you read this message, think about your personal responsibility to be a good steward of the land and water that are part of God's Creation. What can you do to help your community avoid water problems now and in the future? If you don't have any ideas, contact the Hall County Soil and Water Conservation Office at 770-531-6827. Keeping our waters clean and healthy is a job for all of us, working together in the churches, schools, and communities that frame and shape our lives.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**April 20, 2000  
7:00 p.m.**

Cattlemen's Association Meeting  
Program- "Hands on Herd Health"  
Chicopee Woods Ag Center

**April 30 – May 7, 2000**

Soil and Water Stewardship Week  
"Community Waters"

**May 12, 2000 (Tentative)**

Hall County Farmer's Market Opens  
Open Tues. & Fri. through October

**May 13, 2000  
2:00 p.m.**

Goat Producers Field Day  
Chicopee Woods Ag Center

**May 17,  
12:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

Fruit & Vegetable Growers Workshop  
For Small Farmers

To register call the Extension Office at  
770-535-8293

**June 18 – 23, 2000**

NRCS Youth Workshop  
Abraham Baldwin College  
Tifton, Georgia