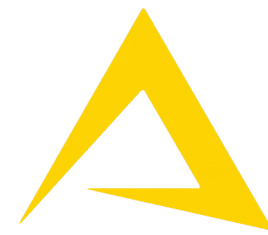


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GOLDEN TRIANGLE RC&D NEWSLETTER



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Landscape Cleanup



With gravel additions around our Urban Ag operations, understory maintenance in our wooded areas, and beautiful new flags, the Hooks-Hanner Environmental Resource Center is looking better than ever. The Golden Triangle team is proud to spruce up the landscaping around our office, and we are excited about opportunities for guests to visit and learn. We can't wait to show off!

Urban Ag Update

November was a busy month for our high tunnel and educational greenhouse operations, and we are happy to share that a new project has begun in the educational greenhouse! By upcycling single-serve coffee pods, we were able to start new spores of mushrooms and new strawberry seedlings. The foil lid of the pod is removed, and used grounds are consolidated before the pods are filled. For the mushrooms, pods were re-filled with a generous amount of grounds before spores were planted; the image on the right demonstrates their speedy proliferation in the medium. Worm castings (also known as "black gold") were added to the grounds to kickstart the growing process for strawberries. We love exploring solutions like this, which can encourage youth to take advantage of the resources they have on hand in order to grow in their own backyards!





Stay up-to date with Golden Triangle RC&D and our upcoming events!

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Farmers' Market Toolkit Workshop

On November 9th, Golden Triangle hosted a workshop led primarily by Nema Etheridge, representing the UGA Small Business Development Center; she provided information relevant to both market veterans and new or prospective vendors. This workshop explained the importance of knowing one's target market, understanding the system in which small businesses operate, and exploring market feasibility from the perspectives of profitability and competition.

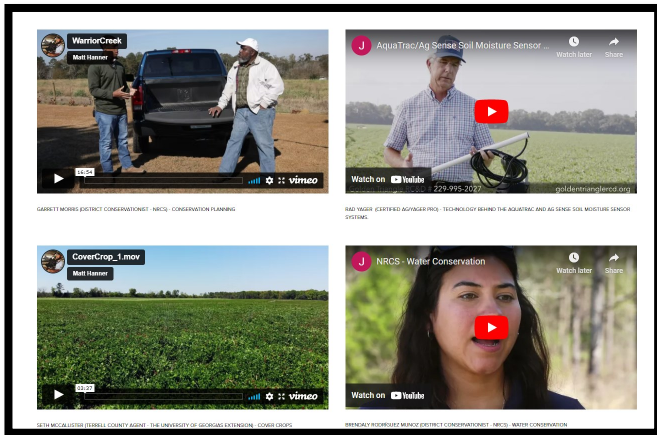
Nema also reviewed some regulatory guidelines, cultural challenges and opportunities, and strategies for developing and promoting sellers' Unique Selling Propositions.

Following the presentation, Golden Triangle conducted a food demonstration using foods grown in the educational greenhouse and high tunnel. James Andrews assembled black-eyed-pea hummus for attendees before inviting participants to enjoy a lunch break. The group ate burgers made with grass-fed Bronwood beef sourced locally from Terrell County, black-eyed-pea hummus, and chocolate-mint cupcakes



crafts with mint grown in the high tunnel's raised beds. Finally, the group was treated to a tour of Golden Triangle's Urban Agriculture operation. James directed participants to the high tunnel to review its development and some lessons learned before heading to the educational greenhouse, where he detailed some of the benefits of various growing strategies and the versatile technology we use.

Watch the first series in our free 2022 Virtual Ag Workshops!



In 30 minutes, we review water conservation, cover crops, conservation plans, and technology for agricultural conservation.

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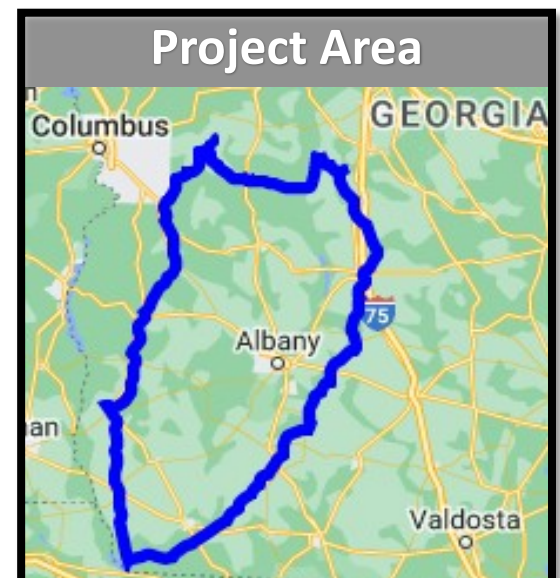


GA-FIT Drought SWAP

Golden Triangle has been busy in preparation for an exciting new project! Through the Drought SWAP program, Georgia Flow Incentive Trust (GA-FIT) is providing new groundwater wells that will supply water during drought to farmers who rely on surface water sources for irrigation. Over the next four years, Drought

SWAP aims to provide water supply alternatives during drought at over 200 farms that currently use surface water for irrigation supply, in order to significantly improve drought-year streamflows in the Lower Flint River Basin.

Drought SWAP is funded by a grant from the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget via allocations established from the American Recovery Plan Act for infrastructure development. Implementation is led by the Georgia Water Planning and Policy Center at Albany State University, in partnership with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Environmental Protection Division and Golden Triangle RC&D. Farmers can apply for participation on ga-fit.org/drought-swap through December 15th. Golden Triangle will act as a contracting arm for the project. We have reached out to the Georgia Association of Groundwater Professionals and all licensed drillers across the state of Georgia in order to get the ball rolling!



Reserve the Golden Triangle Prescribed Fire Trailer!



Golden Triangle RC&D is proud to announce that our Prescribed Fire Trailers are now available for rent.

These pull-behind trailers contain specified burning tools recommended by the Georgia Forest Commission. This includes drip torches, blowers, hand tools and more.

For more information and availability please call the Golden Triangle office at 229-995-2027



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Household WELL WATER Maintenance

Maintenance Tips:

- ★ Winterize your well by wrapping the pipes during freezing temperatures (at a minimum an old comforter can be used over the well)
- ★ At least once per month, check pipes & pipe fittings for any leaks as well as any frayed, damaged, or loose wires
- ★ Keep hazardous chemicals such as paint, fertilizer, pesticides, & motor oil away from your well
- ★ Have your well water tested annually for coliform & anaerobic bacteria



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