

# Golden Triangle's latest

September 2019

Golden Triangle Resource Conservation and Development Council

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Southwest Georgia



Golden Triangle RC&D

## Golden Triangle RC & D receives Award from Southeastern Association of RC&D's

The Golden Triangle Resource and Conservation Development Council was recently recognized for its service to the SWGA region through an award presented by the Southeastern RC&D Association. Biennially, the Southeast US Conference of Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Councils recognizes several of its member Councils with a handful of awards for outstanding service to their particular region. Southwest Georgia's Council, Golden Triangle RC&D based in Blakely, was recognized as the "2019 RC&D Council of the Year."

The 2019 RC&D Council of the Year Award recognizes the RC&D Council that makes the greatest impact on the priority concerns of the local community and beyond by developing partnerships that contribute to the overall area plan, fostering participation by partners and local citizens (including underserved groups), facilitating efforts to implement projects and ensuring the sustainability of the RC&D Program through good non-profit management.

The association identifies councils who promote projects with meaningful and sustainable social, economic, environmental, and/or conservation outcomes, especially projects that can be adapted by other RC&D Councils throughout the state; Use innovative approaches in solving local natural resource and community development needs; Move toward sustainability through good non-profit management; Promote the inclusion of underserved groups in RC&D Council membership, incorporating the insights and skills offered by underserved groups in RC&D Council work, and addressing the needs of underserved groups in the community; and Promote lasting partnerships and coordination among project partners.

Golden Triangle was delighted to have their council President, Billy Roland and their Executive Director, Rhonda Gordon at the recent conference in Asheville, North Carolina to receive the award. Golden Triangle is honored by the award and affirms the "true team effort" it takes on a consistent basis to win an award of this merit. "We are blessed with a great team, from our directors and members who offer their support and guidance to our amazing staff and partners who work together to make a difference" says Rhonda Gordon, Executive Director.



## Golden Triangle Representatives:

Don't forget to join us for our  
Annual Meeting!

**Thursday, October 31, Noon**

Main Street Theater, Dawson, GA

Please RSVP by Oct 18th



## Golden Triangle RC&D host Georgia House Representatives and State Senators



On September 16th Golden Triangle RC&D hosted a luncheon with Georgia House Representatives and State Senators from our member counties. This meeting was an opportunity to show our area officials what Golden Triangle is doing for their communities and find ways that we can further help Southwest Georgia.

Elected officials in attendance at the luncheon include State Senator Freddie Powell-Sims (12th), Representative Gerald Greene (151), Representative CaMia Hopson (153), and Representative Darlene Taylor (173). Golden Triangle RC&D was represented by President Billy Roland, Vice President Doug Wilson, Executive Board Member Jack Hufstetler and Executive Director Rhonda Gordon. After lunch attendees were given the opportunity to test Golden Triangle's newest purchase, Virtual Reality Headsets. The group was shown a 3D presentation on soil sustainability that Golden Triangle currently uses as part of its statewide Soil Health workshops. Golden Triangle RC&D is excited to have had this opportunity to brainstorm with our political partners and we look forward to all of the amazing things that will come as a result.



### Lunch and Learn

October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
11:30 am to 1:30 pm  
The 1800 Mexican Restaurant  
329 West Lamar St.  
Americus, Georgia

#### Topics

- Healthy Soil and Diversity
- Erosion/Compaction/Soil Moisture
- Pesticides and Fertilizers



Lunch will be provided

To Register call  
Golden Triangle RC&D

1-229-723-3841 or jandrews@goldentrianglercd.org

Funding provided in part by a Co-Operative Agreement from the Natural Resources Conservation Services, Golden Triangle RC&D, Region 3 Section 4

If you need a special accommodation to attend this event please contact James Andrews at 229-723-3841 or jandrews@goldentrianglercd.org no less than 14 days prior to the event



## Georgia Prescribed Fire Council

*Golden Triangle RC&D was pleased to be an exhibitor at the Georgia Prescribed Fire Council annual meeting and conference on Wednesday, September 25, 2019 at the Tifton Campus Conference Center in Tifton, GA.*

*The theme for this year's meeting was "Prescribed Fire: What YOU Want to Know".*





## Golden Triangle is on social media

Make sure to follow us on the following social media platforms:

Facebook — Golden Triangle RC&D

Instagram — Goldentrianglercd

Twitter — @GTriangle\_RCD



### Golden Triangle introduces new VR Technology

Golden Triangle RC&D will soon help people be able to tour world-famous landmarks, dive under the ocean, or visit back in time without leaving their chair.

Golden Triangle is introducing a Class VR virtual reality system by Tierney Brothers Educational Systems to the groups educational platform. The top-notch system includes 32 VR headsets which students can wear and instantly be immersed in an animal habitat, farming simulation, pollinator routine, or countless other applications.

This virtual reality technology has the potential to greatly enhance Golden Triangle RC&D education and outreach, both



in distance learning and classroom-based teaching. Research shows that virtual and augmented reality simulations increase motivation and improve collaboration and knowledge construction.

The purchase of a Vuze Xr 3D camera allows Golden Triangle to start creating its own content for VR headsets. Sharing this new content will allow educators all over the world to show their students the amazing attractions we have here in Southwest Georgia.

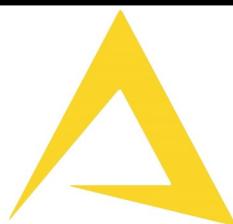
The funding for this new technology was generated in part from our unique "Escape Room" Game. The game was designed to be used as a fundraiser and shared with other non-profit organizations in our service delivery area.

### The Golden Triangle RC&D

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