



Hillsborough Soil and Water Conservation District *and the*
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service



LOCAL WORKING GROUP MEETING

THURSDAY, MAY 27, 2021 / 3:00 to 5:30 PM

FL Strawberry Growers Association / 13138 Lewis Gallagher Road, Dover 33527

We want your input and opinions about funding for critical agricultural needs!



- Farmers
- Ranchers
- Agricultural Educators
- Affiliated Partners
- General Public

MEETING AGENDA:

I. Welcome and Introduction of Guests:

- Betty Jo Tompkins, Executive Director, HSWCD
- Andrew Brooks, Vice Chair, HSWCD

II. Remarks and PowerPoint Presentation:

- Walter Albarran, Area Conservationist, NRCS
- Leslie Diaz-Alvarez, Hillsborough/Pinellas District Conservationist, NRCS

III. Updates on Programs, Projects and Activities:

- Kenneth Parker, Executive Director, Florida Strawberry Growers Association
- Stephen Gran, Director, UF/IFAS Extension, Hillsborough County
- Dennis Carlton Jr., President, Hillsborough County Farm Bureau
- Matt Warren, Environmental Manager, FL Dept. of Agriculture & Consumer Services
- Dennis Carlton, Chairman, Hillsborough County Agriculture Economic Dev. Council
- Simon Bolin, Manager, Hillsborough County Agricultural Industry Development
- Jeff Whealton, Senior Environmental Scientist, Ag Team, Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD)

IV. Questionnaire Review and Open Discussion

V. Closing Remarks

GOAL: Help determine priorities for NRCS in the coming years.

Funding pools for NRCS programs are fixed for Grazing and Cropland. Recommend two additional pools from the following list: Forestry, Water Conservation, Seasonal High Tunnel, Brush and Herbaceous Weed Control, Invasive Plants and more. Recommend levels of investment in selected funding pools. Opportunity also to select eight Resource Concern Categories for FY 2022 as priorities for Florida.

Questionnaires available in advance / Visit: HillsboroughSWCD.com

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LOCAL WORKING GROUP FY2021 QUESTIONNAIRE



We want your input and opinions about funding for critical agricultural needs!

Please answer questions (9) through (12):

1. Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Name:

Hillsborough Soil and Water Conservation District (HSWCD)

2. SWCD Point of Contact (POC): Betty Jo Tompkins, HSWCD Executive Director

3. SWCD POC Email Address: bjt6890@yahoo.com

4. SWCD POC Phone Number: 813-477-8332

5. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Field Office:

Hillsborough County / 201 South Collins Street, Suite202, Plant City 33563

6. NRCS Representative Name: Leslie Diaz-Alvarez, District Conservationist

7. NRCS Administrative Area: Area 3

8. Partners present at meeting. List all that are present (e.g., Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, water management districts, etc.).

Hillsborough SWCD / NRCS / Florida Strawberry Growers Association /

UF/IFAS Extension Hillsborough County / Hillsborough County Farm Bureau /

FL Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services / Hillsborough Economic Development Council

Hills. County Agricultural Industry Development / Southwest FL Water Management District

9. There are two fixed local funding pools — Grazing and Cropland. Please recommend two additional funding pools from the list below:

Forestry

Water Conservation

Seasonal High Tunnel

Brush and Herbaceous Weed Control

Invasive Plants

Other: _____



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10. Please recommend the level of investment recommended for the selected funding pools. The total percent across funding pools should equal 100 percent (e.g., Grazing - 50%, Cropland - 30%, Wildlife - 10%, Seasonal High Tunnel - 10%).

- (a.) Cropland %
- (b.) Grazing %
- (c.) Forestry %
- (d.) Water Conservation %
- (e.) Seasonal High Tunnel %
- (f.) Brush and Herbaceous Weed Control %
- (g.) Invasive Plants %
- (h.) Other - Please list fund code(s) and percentage(s):
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11. Please choose eight (8) Resource Concern Categories for FY 2022 as Priority for the state. Below are the categories to choose from:

- Air Quality Emissions
- Aquatic Habitat
- Concentrated Erosion
- Degraded Plant Condition
- Field Pesticide Loss
- Field Sediment, Nutrient and Pathogen Loss
- Fire Management
- Inefficient Energy Use
- Livestock Production Limitation
- Pest Pressure
- Soil Quality Limitations
- Source Water Depletion
- Storage and Handling of Pollutants
- Terrestrial Habitat
- Weather Resilience
- Wind and Water Erosion

