



United States Department of Agriculture

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Dear Sir or Madame,

It is that time of the year again for the Gulf Coast Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) and the USDA-Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) Lake Charles Field Office to conduct our annual Locally Led Conservation Meeting. Each year, this meeting allows us to include all local stakeholders in identifying and evaluating the priority resource concerns on cropland, grazing land, and forestland at the local and state level.

This year we are pleased to announce that we will be hosting an in-person meeting. We will have the following presenter at the meeting: County Executive Director, Mr. Kirk Smith, there to talk about FSA programs and answer any questions, District Conservationist, Mr. Joshua Anderson, to discuss NRCS programs and answer any questions, and Gulf Coast SWCD Technician, Mr. Montana Faulk, to talk about the feral swine eradication program. Additionally, we will be serving Jambalaya and refreshments. We encourage you to attend to learn more about the programs as well as present any questions or concerns you may have.

During the Locally Led Meeting, the resource concerns are normally presented to you in the meeting by land use. Once all the resource concerns have been discussed, each participant will have the opportunity to assign 10 points per land use to prioritize the resource concerns. The participant can assign all the points to one resource concern or distribute the points among all resource concerns but cannot assign more than 10 points in total. This process will assist the Local Work Group in determining and focusing the priority resource concerns by land use for our parish.

We are asking that you please review the enclosed form thoroughly before ranking and jot down any questions or concerns you may have.

There will be several methods available for you to submit your vote. Only ONE form can be submitted per producer.

- A) Join us for some delicious Jambalaya and an informational evening on **February 28, 2023 at 6:00 pm**. The event will be held at McNeese State University's Gayle Hall, room 104 where we will have the meal with refreshments, a short run of presenters, and an in-person voting. We do ask that you RSVP by either calling 337-474-1583 Ext. 101 or emailing our secretary at Danielle.vail@la.nacdn.net no later than **Thursday, February 24th** so we can make sure every gets a plate. You can turn in forms at the door or participate in in-person voting. If you decide to submit your form via any of the other methods you are still encouraged to attend the meeting; again we just ask that your RSVP.

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- B) Complete the attached form and mail it back to Gulf Coast SWCD, 5417 Gerstner Memorial Drive, Lake Charles, LA 70607 with a post mark date no later than Friday, February 17th
- C) Drop the completed form off at the USDA Service Center, 5417 Gerstner Memorial Drive, Lake Charles, LA 70607 no later than Friday, February 24th
- D) Scan and email the completed form to our secretary at Danielle.vail@la.nacdnet.net no later than Friday, February 24th

Reminder: If you decide to submit your form via any of the other methods you are still encouraged to attend the meeting; again we just ask that your RSVP.

We, the Gulf Coast SWCD board of directors and the Lake Charles NRCS staff, thank you in advance for your willingness to assist us with ensuring that the local resource concerns for our parish are identified and addressed.

If there are any questions or concerns, feel free to contact us at the Lake Charles Field Office (337)-474-1583 Ext. 3.

Sincerely,

Doug Miller

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Gulf Coast SWCD Chairman

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