



# Johns Creek Flood Control Dams

## Mountain Castles SWCD

### Craig County, Virginia

The Johns Creek Flood Control Dams were built in the late 1960's by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) for the purpose of protecting agricultural land in the Johns Creek Valley. The Mountain Castles Soil & Water Conservation District and Craig County both signed the Watershed Agreements and the Operation & Maintenance Agreements for the dams, making them co-sponsors of the structures. Since the dams were built, many homes have moved into the area downstream from the dams. This increased the hazard classification of the dam to Class I. Due to this change, the required amount of water that can pass through the emergency spillway increased, and therefore, the dams must be upgraded to pass current Dam Safety Regulations. The district and the county have submitted three applications for federal assistance in order to make the necessary upgrades. The application for Dam #3 is under consideration.

## Pictures



*Dam #1 during the summer of 2006*



*Dam #2 during the summer of 2006*



*Dam #3 during the summer of 2006*



*Dam #4 after a flood in Nov. 2006*

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