State Soil Conservation Committee (SSCC)
AGENDA (Hybrid)*
October 15, 2026
9:30 AM – 12:00 PM
USDA-NRCS MD State Office, 2629 Riva Road , Annapolis, MD 21401
Join by computer https://meet.google.com/ttr-nkas-yqj
Join by phone **352-503-8958 PIN 815 189 797#**

9:30 AM **OPEN MEETING → Call to Order**

- Roll Call of SSCC Members → Interested parties please write name and affiliation in CHAT
- Review and approval of September minutes

9:35 AM **SSCC Admin**

- Update to MASCD correspondence: *Request for Local District Input in MDA Personnel Selection*
- November 19 meeting location at MDA Headquarters
- December 17 Workplan Meeting (IN-PERSON only) at MD Farm Bureau in Davidsonville
    - SSCC Member Survey on vision and mission of SSCC moving forward
- Supervisor Appointments: **Cecil (2), Harford**

9:45 AM **Solar Projects (10 min)**

Alisha Mulkey, MDA, will briefly discuss recommendations to reconcile State license conditions and State erosion and sediment control requirements for vegetative cover on solar installations.

9:55 AM **Leaders in Environmentally Engaged Farming (LEEF) (35 Min)**

Elizabeth Hoffman, MDA- LEEF Program Manager, will provide an overview and status update.

10:30 AM **Nutrient Management Update (20 min)**

Dwight Dotterer, MDA, will review updates to the Nutrient Management Program.

10:40 AM **Member Reports**

Area 1: Western - Diane Flickinger
Area 2: Southern – Amy Posey
Area 3: Upper Shore – Steve Freeman
Area 4: Central – Robert Butz
Area 5: Lower Shore- Anne-Meredith Webster

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Department of Natural Resources
Department of Environment
University of Maryland / Extension
Natural Resources Conservation Service
Farm Services Agency
MD Association of Soil Conservation Districts
MD Agricultural Commission

11:30 AM **CLOSED MEETING of SSCC membership (interested parties dismissed)**
Review of supervisor applications

PRESIDING OFFICER'S WRITTEN STATEMENT FOR CLOSING A MEETING ("CLOSING STATEMENT") UNDER THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT (General Provisions Article § 3-305)

Recorded vote to close the meeting:

Date: October 15, 2026 ; Time: [to be determined]; Location: NRCS MD Office, Annapolis; Motion to close meeting made by: [to be determined] Seconded by [to be determined]; Members in favor: [to be determined]; Opposed: [to be determined]; Abstaining: [to be determined]; Absent: [to be determined].

Statutory authority to close session (check all provisions that apply).
This meeting will be closed under General Provisions Art. § 3-305(b) only:

(1) x "To discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals";
For each provision above, disclosure of the topic to be discussed and the public body's reason for discussing that topic in closed session.

Topic: Applicants for Soil Conservation District Board Supervisor

Reason for closed-session discussion of topic: Public discussion of applicant names and job info could discourage people from applying for supervisor positions.

This statement is made by Amy Posey, Presiding Officer.

12:00 PM **Adjourn (from closed session)**

NEXT MEETING: November 19, 2026 - 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM
LOCATION: MDA Headquarters, 50 Harry S. Truman Parkway, Annapolis, MD 21401