

# **CECIL SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

(Department 652)

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission statement of Cecil Soil Conservation District is to provide information, technical assistance, and education in conserving the county's natural resources.

## **VISION STATEMENT**

The vision of the Cecil Soil Conservation District is to continue to be proven and recognized leader in natural resources in Cecil County.

## **GENERAL SUMMARY OF DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

The duties and responsibilities of the Department of Soil Conservation are mutually shared as a partner with the Maryland Department of Agriculture, and the U.S.D.A. Natural Resource Conservation Service represented within the Cecil Soil Conservation District.

The District is responsible for the overall natural resource conservation programs in Cecil County. Responsibilities include reviewing, approving and disapproving erosion and sediment control plans for clearing, grading, forest harvest or other soil disturbances, and the approval of MD378 Small Pond plans.

Assistance is provided to facilitate other County departments and related agencies regarding all state Agricultural Land Preservation Programs, conservation easements, economic development, rezoning issues, special exceptions, variances, waivers, environmental site design, and storm water management, etc.

The District also supports the County's requirements for TMDL reporting of non-point source nutrient and sediment reductions through conservation implementation on agricultural lands.

The District locally administers the Maryland Agriculture Cost-Share Program and assists with the delivery of numerous USDA-NRCS cost-share programs.

Technical assistance and conservation planning is provided to support programs and assists landowners and operators with the installation and maintenance of best management practices. This facilitates the requirements for the critical area law, state Ag preservation participants, USDA Program compliance etc.

The District is responsible for the oversight of agricultural pollution complaints and the resolution of County right to farm ordinance issues.

This District coordinates county wide conservation education programs to all age groups and provides an extensive list of services to individuals, groups, and various organizations in carrying out our mission of preserving and conserving our natural resources.