



Maryland Association of Soil Conservation Districts

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Dear Fellow Conservationists:

On behalf of the Maryland Association of Soil Conservation Districts, I would like to invite you to attend the 2011 MASCD Annual Meeting to be held at the Sheraton Baltimore North Hotel in Towson, July 19-21. A tentative agenda for the meeting is enclosed. The Opening Session for this three-day event will follow a morning SSCC training session. The highlight for the first day is a group trip to the Orioles VS Red Sox game where we have rows 3-9 in section 94 (Utah St.) reserved (no ramps or steps). Registration for this event is \$45 and must be sent directly to Kent Soil and Water Conservation District by **June 30, 2011** using the enclosed form. Bus transportation is provided to and from the game.

Wednesday morning will start with Standing Committee meetings, an afternoon of partnership meetings followed by a tour of the new Baltimore County Agricultural Center, a 15 mile drive from Towson. The Awards banquet and auction will be held in the evening. The General Session will conclude the event for most participants at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday and the Board meeting will wrap up the event at noon.

The theme for the meeting is "Districts—Ensuring Watershed Implementation Plan Development at the Local Level" as we accept the challenge to produce workable solutions to meet local, state and federal clean water goals.

The total cost per room, standard single or double is \$105.00, plus the 8% Baltimore County Lodging tax. Please register directly with the hotel by **June 17, 2011** using the enclosed registration-listing sheet. To be exempt from state sales tax, you will need to enclose a copy of your sales exempt certificate, pay with a business or district check, and include a list of individuals who are to be exempted. Check-in time is 3:00 p.m.; checkout time is 12:00 p.m. A one-night deposit or a credit card number is required to guarantee reservations. The hotel will accept cancellations up until twenty-four hours prior to arrival.

Meal reservations should be sent directly to the Talbot Soil Conservation District on the enclosed form to arrive no later than **July 8, 2011**. No refunds will be made after this date. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Craig Zinter, Talbot Soil Conservation District at 410-822-1577, ext. 3.

I look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting where we will build knowledge and share ideas to ensure we continue to be Maryland's "Go to Team" for rural and urban conservation issues.

Sincerely,

R. Calvert Stuart
President