

Conservation Opportunities in a Changing World



**National Association of Conservation Districts
2009 Northeast Regional Meeting**

in conjunction with the
MASCD Annual Meeting

July 26-29, 2009

Holiday Inn, Solomons, Maryland



**Preliminary Agenda
and Registration Form**



Hosted by the
Maryland Association of Soil Conservation Districts



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Dear Fellow Conservationist:

The Maryland Association of Soil Conservation Districts (MASCD) is pleased to provide you with this registration package for the 2009 National Association of Conservation Districts Northeast (NACD NE) Regional meeting. We have the date – we have the location – and we have plans for a fun-filled, educational event here in America in Miniature – Maryland.

The next NACD NE regional meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn in Solomons, Maryland on July 26-29, 2009, registration materials are included with this package. We have a room block reserved at the Holiday Inn at Solomons, in Calvert County, Maryland, room costs are \$97.00 for a single and \$107.00 for a double room plus 6% state and 5% Calvert County tax; the cutoff date is June 26, 2009, but I recommend that you book early as there are only limited options available close by. Reservations canceled 24 hours prior to arrival for a full refund.

Our registration fee is very inclusive and with all meals, breaks and tours included. The auxiliary/spouse registration fee also includes most meals. Our proximity to Washington DC is helping to bring members of the new administration to meet with us and provide insight into current federal issues. Our program includes a USDA National Listening Session on the Resource Conservation Act—so come prepared to share your ideas with the new Secretary and Chief. We will showcase some of the activities in the Chesapeake Bay watershed and have invited Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley to share details of the state's efforts with you at the Opening Session.

On Monday night we will be holding a Banquet and Live Auction. Maryland's soil conservation districts will be donating items to auction for the MASCD Environmental Education Endowment Fund and we invite you to donate items to raise funds for the NACD National Conservation Foundation. Please email a photo of the item and a brief description to Bruce Young at bruce.young@md.nacdnet.net.

Our tours provide something for everyone: from a boat tour on one of Maryland's most scenic rivers; on how to capitalize on the urban—rural interconnection; to a preview of conservation of the future.

Our goal is to provide you with an informative meeting as we bring conservation-minded friends together to learn and share. Come enjoy the camaraderie of the conference, the picturesque surroundings of Maryland and meet new friends and acquaintances from the northeast conservation partnership.

We look forward to serving as your host. Additional forms and information will be posted on MASCD's web site - www.mascd.net. If you have questions, please feel free to call Lynne Hoot, 410-956-5771, lynnehoot@aol.com.

Sincerely,

Lee D. McDaniel

President

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NACD Northeast Regional Meeting
Registration Information
July 26-29, 2009
Solomons, Maryland

Meeting Registration

Please use the included Registration form to register with MASCD.

- \$325.00 (\$200.00 auxiliary/spouse) Early Bird Special (through July 1st)
- \$360.00 (\$210.00 auxiliary/spouse) General Registration (July 2-20)
- \$395.00 (\$220.00 auxiliary/spouse) Late Registration (after July 20th)

Full registration includes the following breaks, events, meals and tours:

- Hospitality Suite Access throughout meeting;
- Sunday – Calvert Maritime Museum, self guided walking tour, Welcome Dessert Reception;
- Monday – Breakfast (General or NASCA), lunch (General or NACDE), Banquet and Live Auction & breaks;
- Tuesday – Breakfast, morning break, box lunch, a choice of three tours, Taste of Maryland;
- Wednesday – Breakfast

Auxiliary/Spouse Registration includes:

- Hospitality Suite Access throughout meeting;
- Sunday – Calvert Maritime Museum, self guided walking tour, Welcome Dessert Reception;
- Monday – Breakfast (General or NASCA), Banquet and Live Auction & breaks;
- Tuesday – Sotterley Plantation Breakfast and Tour, box lunch, a choice of three tours, Taste of Maryland;
- Wednesday – Breakfast

One-day Registration:

- In light of the USDA National Listening Session and the opportunity to invite our conservation partners from other states to enjoy the day with us, we have established a special one-day registration fee for Monday, July 27, 2009 of \$82.00 per person, this includes lunch and breaks (but not the Banquet and Live Auction).

Special Meals:

- Meals are available for children under 12 years of age for the Banquet and Live Auction and the Taste of Maryland. Use the registration form to order these meals.
- Please indicate any special dietary needs on the registration form and the hotel will accommodate your request.

Optional events available at additional charge includes:

- Sunday – NACDE Tour to Washington DC, to see the Smithsonian “Dig It” Soil Exhibit
- Wednesday – lunch (Everyone is welcome but specifically the Green Infrastructure Training participants)

Activities of Special Interest:

- **USDA NRCS National Listening Session**—NACD NE is hosting a USDA National Listening Session on the Resource Conservation Act. Invitations will be sent to a broad range of agencies and interest groups. States should come prepared to sign up and make comments. Additional information will be provided on the MASCD web site as we get closer to the event, www.mascd.net.
- **Green Infrastructure Training**—NACD, in cooperation with Natural Resources Conservation Service is hosting a special 5-hour workshop on Green Infrastructure. The instructors come from The Conservation Fund, a national leader in this training. The workshop will draw from the publication, *Green Infrastructure: Linking Landscapes and Communities* by Dr. Mark A. Benedict and Edward T. McMahon. Conservation districts across the nation are working to help individuals and communities protect and properly use the natural resources in developed and developing areas. This workshop is designed to give conservation districts another tool in their work. To keep it an interactive learning opportunity, the session is limited to 25 participants. To register, check the appropriate box on the NACD NE registration form. Participants will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

TOUR INFORMATION

Sunday, July 26, 2009, 1:00-5:30

NACDE Tour of Washington, DC and the Smithsonian's Soil Exhibit "Dig It – The Secrets of Soil"—The tour starts at 1:00 p.m. from the main entrance of the Holiday Inn returning at 5:30 p.m. Relax in the comfort of an air-conditioned coach and take a ride through scenic Maryland to our Nation's Capital. Explore the fascinating world of soil and other unique exhibits at the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C., <http://forces.si.edu/soils>. A fun and educational trip for you and your family. Bottled water will be provided on the tour. Please eat lunch before boarding the bus at the hotel. The cost of the trip is \$35.00; use the registration form to sign up and pay for the tour.

Tuesday, July 28, 2009, 8:30-12:00

Auxiliary/Spouse Tour – Sotterley Plantation—Experience part of America's history over 300 years in the making. Located on the banks of the Patuxent River, this 1703 Tidewater Plantation features an architecturally significant Mansion of unique post-in-ground construction with beautiful woodwork including a Chinese Chippendale staircase. A National Historic Landmark, Sotterley has been home to generations of prominent families including that of the sixth Governor of Maryland, and later, the daughter of financier J. P. Morgan. The 90 acre site includes Colonial Revival gardens with panoramic views of the river, a rare original Slave Cabin, a smokehouse, a necessary, a Customs Warehouse and nature trails. Sotterley has a Museum Shop also. (website: www.sotterley.org). A continental breakfast will be served at the Plantation on the Portico to enjoy Sotterley's magnificent vistas. Sotterley is just 9.5 miles away and transportation will be arranged (probably by car-pooling). *Costs for participation in this Tour is included in the Spouse's Registration fee, but you must sign up as a headcount is needed.*

Tuesday, July 28, 2009, 12:45-4:00 p.m.

Tour A – Shoreline Management and Boat Tour of Solomons Island—Captain Glenn James will steer the good ship "The Bounty Hunter" from the dock at the Holiday Inn into the picturesque Patuxent River. This is Maryland's largest river with the watershed boundary within the state. On the tour you will see low impact shoreline protection installed in the harbor, off-shore breakwaters and embankment stabilization practices for high impact shoreline protection and learn about Maryland's efforts to clean up the Patuxent River—as well as enjoy an afternoon "just messing about on the river". This tour departs Holiday Inn dock at 12:45 p.m. Enjoy your box lunch onboard The Bounty Hunter, but sign up early as the maximum cargo is 45, first-come, first-served.

Tour B – Agri-tourism—Forrest Hall Farm and Orchard, this tour departs from the front of the Holiday Inn at 12:45 p.m. and returns at 4:00 p.m. Maximum 49. Participants will get to enjoy their box lunch at the Forrest Hall Farm and Orchard picnic pavilion. Forrest Hall Farm and Orchard owners Joe and Mary Wood will present a history of their farm and the process that they went through to convert to an Agri-tourism and Alternative Agriculture operation. Participants can get lost in their corn maze, visit the farm shop, and see their greenhouse and wine grape operation. At the end of their presentation you will have an opportunity to ask questions as well as shop for some fresh fruits and vegetables.

Tour C – Innovations in Conservation—New technology is likely to provide the key for improved crop yields, better utilization of nutrients and improved nutrition. Innovations in urban conservation design are changing the way development exists with the natural environment. This tour will explore innovative equipment, practices and designs, including an opportunity to see a demonstration of the new GreenSeeker™ imaging equipment and poultry litter injection equipment (negotiations underway). Both of these tools have the potential to greatly improve nutrient efficiency. This tour will leave the front of the hotel at 12:45 p.m. and return at 4:00 p.m. Maximum 49.

Holiday Inn, Solomons, MD



Reservations at the Holiday Inn, Solomons, MD:

- A room block for the evenings of Sunday, Monday and Tuesday have been reserved for you at the Holiday Inn Select, 155 Holiday Drive, Solomons, MD 20688. The rate for single occupancy is \$97.00; double occupancy is \$107.00; plus 5% Calvert County Tax and 6% State Tax. The same room rate is extended for one day before and after the NACD NE event.
- To make your reservation contact the hotel directly at 1-800-356-2009 and ask for NACD NE room block or book online at <http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/sl/1/en/hotel/slmmmd>, using the Group Code FD9.
- The hotel deadline is June 26, 2009, but please book early as overflow options are limited.
- Directions to Hotel:
 - From the north: follow I-95 south towards Baltimore and take the Harbor Tunnel towards Annapolis. Keep right and take I-895 spur towards I-97 south towards Annapolis/Bay Bridge. Take the MD-2 South Exit towards Glen Burnie. Merge onto I-97 south for 9 miles. Take the MD-32W/MD3 south exit, Exit 7 towards Bowie/Odenton. Merge onto Crain Highway for 19 miles. Merge onto MD-4 towards Prince Frederick for 42 miles. Follow this road south for 42 miles to Solomons and turn left onto Solomons Island Road South and right onto Holiday Drive.
 - From the west: from the Washington beltway (I-495), take Exit 11A MD-4 towards Pennsylvania Avenue/Upper Marlboro, Merge onto MD-4 south for 50 miles and turn left onto Solomons Island Road South and right onto Holiday Drive.
- Nearest Airports:
 - Baltimore Washington International (BWI) - Distance 75 miles
 - Reagan International (DCA) - Distance 75 miles

Want to learn more about Solomons and Maryland's picturesque Southern Maryland Area?

- Holiday Inn Hotel - <http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/sl/1/en/hotel/slmmmd>
- Southern Maryland Tourism - <http://www.southernmdisfun.com>
- Calvert Marine Museum (0.05 MI) - <http://www.calvertmarinemuseum.com>
- Calvert Cliffs State Park (8 MI) - <http://www.dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/calvertguide.html>
- Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum (20 MI) - <http://www.jefpat.org>
- Sotterly Mansion (12 MI) - <http://www.sotterley.org>
- Anmarie Gardens Sculpture Garden (1.5 MI) - <http://www.annmariegarden.org>
- Flag Ponds Nature Park (5 MI) - <http://www.calvertparks.org>
- Point Lookout State Park (25 MI) - <http://www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/southern/pointlookout.html>
- St. Mary's City (20 MI) - <http://www.stmaryscity.org>
- For updated information on the NACD NE meeting, check the MASCD web site: www.mascd.net

2009 NACD NE Regional Meeting

Preliminary Agenda

Sunday, July 26th

1:00 – 5:30	<i>NACDE Tour to Washington, DC</i>	Calvert Maritime Museum - self guided visit (Open 10:00 am-5:00 pm)
5:00 – 7:00	MASCD BOD	
7:00	Dinner on your own	
8:00 – 9:30	Welcome Dessert Reception	

Monday, July 27th

7:30 – 8:45	Breakfast	NASCA BREAKFAST	Exhibit area opens at 8:00 a.m.
9:00 – 11:45	Opening Session and State of the State Presentations (break in Exhibits/Silent Auction Room)		
12:00 – 1:30	Lunch	SIDE NACDE LUNCHEON	
1:45 – 3:30	NRCS NATIONAL LISTENING SESSION	FORESTRY & WILDLIFE	URBAN PROGRAMS
3:30 – 3:45	Break (in Exhibits/Silent Auction Room)		
3:45 – 5:00	NACD NE BOD	ASSESSING TRAINING NEEDS: DISTRICT OFFICIAL ACCREDITATION	Joint MD DM's & DC's Meeting
3:45 – 5:30	SSCC		
6:00 – 7:00	Cash Bar Reception		
7:00 – 9:00	Banquet and Live Auction (Meal selection required on registration form)		

Tuesday, July 28th

7:00 – 9:00	Breakfast		
8:30 – 12:00	AUXILIARY/SPOUSES TOUR TO SOTTERLEY PLANTATION		
9:30 – 10:30	FARM BILL UPDATES	CAFO's & TMDL's	BUDGETING & FUNDRAISING
10:30 – 10:45	Break		
10:45 – 12:15	MASCD Technical & Administrative	RENEWABLE ENERGY, ORGANICS	ECO-TRADING
12:45 – 4:00	FIELD TRIPS WITH BOX LUNCH (SIGN UP REQUIRED—SPACE LIMITED)		
	BOAT TRIP AND SHORELINE REVIEW	AGRI-TOURISM	INNOVATIONS IN CONSERVATION
5:30 – 9:00	Taste of Maryland, Navy Recreational Center, (continuous transport throughout evening to and from facility)		

Wednesday, July 29th

7:00 – 8:00	Breakfast		
8:00 – 9:00	Maryland Awards Presentation (to follow breakfast)		
9:00 – 11:00	MASCD General Session		
11:00 – 12:00	MASCD Board of Directors		
11:00 – 4:30	GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE TRAINING, NACD TRAINING FOR 25 MAX		
12:30	<i>Lunch (meal selection required)</i>		

ITEMS IN BLUE/CAPS REQUIRE SIGN UP, THEY ARE PART OF THE REGISTRATION PACKAGE SO DO NOT REQUIRE ADDITIONAL CHARGE
Items in Red/Italics are not included in the Registration Package, they require sign up and additional payment
Items in Green/Times are Maryland specific, but all are welcome to attend

**NACD Northeast Regional Meeting
Registration Form
July 26-29, 2009, Solomons, Maryland**

District/Agency _____

Name: _____ Spouse (if attending) _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____ Cell: _____

Name as preferred for badge: _____

Check one:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> District Supervisor/Director | <input type="checkbox"/> Association officer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> District Employee | <input type="checkbox"/> Association staff |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State Employee | <input type="checkbox"/> Auxiliary |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NRCS | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Registration	Cost	Fee
<input type="checkbox"/> Early Bird Special Registration (through July 1st)	\$325.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Early Bird Registration Auxiliary/Spouse	\$200.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> General Registration (July 2-July 20th)	\$360.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> General Registration Auxiliary/Spouse	\$210.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Late Registration (after July 20th)	\$395.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Late Registration Auxiliary/Spouse	\$220.00	
Special one-day Registration Fee for Monday's events		
<input type="checkbox"/> Monday, July 27th, Registration, lunch & breaks	\$82.00	
Extra Events or Meal		
<input type="checkbox"/> NACDE Tour to Washington DC—"Dig It" Exhibit, <i>Sunday, July 26, 2009 1:00-5:30 p.m.</i>	\$35.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Banquet for Child under 12 (Chicken fingers), Monday, July 27, 2009</i>	\$10.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Taste of Maryland for child under 12, Tuesday, July 28, 2009</i>	\$10.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Luncheon—Wednesday, July 29, 2009* (make meal selection below)</i>	\$28.00	
TOTAL DUE		

Meal selections

Banquet, Monday 27th Prime Rib or Chicken Chesapeake (crab stuffed chicken breast)

*Luncheon, Wednesday 29th Caribbean Pork or Chicken Cordon Bleu

Special dietary needs: allergies, vegetarian, etc. _____

Concurrent Sessions (Please rank your preference for each session with 1 as first choice)

Monday, July 27, 2009 1:45-3:30 p.m.

- NRCS National Listening Session
- Forestry And Wildlife
- Urban Programs

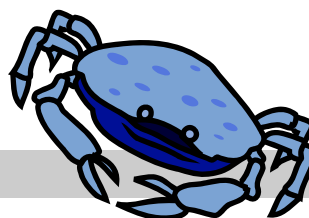
Tuesday, July 28, 2009 9:30-10:30 a.m.

- Farm Bill Updates
- CAFOs & TMDLs
- Budgeting and Fundraising in a Financial Crunch



Tuesday, July 28, 2009 10:45-12:15 p.m.

- MASCD Administrative & Technical Committee
- Renewable Energy, Organic Production
- Eco-Trading Programs and Opportunities



Special Meals and Events

- NASCA Breakfast (Monday)
- NACDE Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon (Monday)
- NACDE Panel and Discussion, Assessing Training Needs: District Official Accreditation (Monday)
- NACD Green Infrastructure Training (25 max) (Wednesday)

Field Trips Tuesday, July 28, 2009

8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

- Auxiliary Tour to Sotterley Plantation (included with Spouse Registration)

12:45-4:00 p.m. (Please rank your preference with 1 as first choice)

- Shoreline Stabilization Boat Trip
- Agri-Tourism Tour
- Innovative Conservation Tour



The completed registration forms as well as your check, made out to Somerset Soil Conservation District, should be mailed to:

Larry Fykes
Somerset Soil Conservation District
30730 Park Drive
Howard H. Anderson Ag Building
Princess Anne, MD 21853

Postmark dates will be used for registration deadlines. No refunds will be provided after July 1st, full refunds will be provided prior to June 30th.

Registration questions should be directed to Larry Fykes: 410-651-1575, ext 3, larry.fykes@md.nacdnet.net; Event questions should be directed to Lynne Hoot: 410-956-5771, lynnehoot@aol.com.