



2009 HIGHLIGHTS CATOCTIN SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Our Mission

The Catoctin Soil Conservation District serves Frederick County west of the Catoctin Mountains, including the fertile Middletown Valley. Dairy operations dominate the region, but there are a number of grain, beef and poultry operations as well. Developing Soil Conservation and Water Quality Plans (SCWQPs), stream buffer protection programs and manure storage facilities are primary functions of the district’s technical staff. The Catoctin Soil Conservation District shares office space and staff with the Frederick Soil Conservation District.

Staffing <i>(shared with Frederick SCD)</i>	Local	State	Federal
District Manager	.5	.5	
District Conservationist			1
Soil Conservationist			1
Soil Conservationist Technician			1
Sediment Control Planner	1		
Agricultural Planner	1	3	
Agricultural Technician		4	
Secretarial/Support Staff	1.5	.5	
Soil Scientist			1

Current Staff and Operating Budgets		
	Staff	Operating
Federal	\$ 382,264	\$ 57,340
State	183,558	36,983
County	0	146,780
Total	\$ 565,822	\$ 241,103

2009 Accomplishments

Soil Conservation and Water Quality Plans (SCWQPs)—

Developed 30 comprehensive SCWQPs to help farmers protect natural resources on 2,644 acres of farmland. Updated five additional plans covering 482 acres.

Best Management Practices (BMPs)—

Worked with farmers to install 31 BMPs to control soil erosion, manage nutrients and protect water quality.

Erosion and Sediment Control—

Reviewed 60 erosion and sediment control plans for construction projects to ensure their effectiveness on 203 acres. Forty of these plans were approved.

Cover Crop Program—

Provided technical assistance to 13 farmers who planted 808 acres of cover crops during the 2008-2009 planting season.

New Ag Complex—

Moved forward with plans to establish a new ag complex in Frederick County.

