



2009 HIGHLIGHTS CHARLES SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Our Mission

The Charles Soil Conservation District serves an area that is changing rapidly from rural agricultural to suburban residential, commercial and industrial land uses. The Potomac and Patuxent rivers border the district in the west, south and east, and are the focus of multi-agency cleanup programs. Although the district’s main priority is to provide the agricultural community with technical assistance to conserve valuable soil and water resources, development pressures have generated an increased workload. More than 60 percent of the land area of the county remains forested.

Staffing	District	County	State	Federal
District Manager		.5	.5	
District Conservationist				.5
Soil Conservationist Technician	1	1		
Agricultural Engineer				.3
Agricultural Planner			1	
Agricultural Technician			1	
Resource Conservationist				1
Equine Planner			.3	
Urban Engineer	.4			
Secretarial/Support Staff		1		

Current Staff and Operating Budgets		
	Staff	Operating
Federal	\$ 195,971	\$ 29,396
State	211,504	23,646
County (agricultural)	0	16,700
County (urban)	298,905	16,700
Fees	53,850	0
Grants	46,439	3,645
Total	\$ 806,669	\$ 90,087

2009 Accomplishments

Soil Conservation and Water Quality Plans (SCWQPs)—

Developed 53 comprehensive SCWQPs to help farmers protect natural resources on 1,675 acres of farmland. Updated 53 additional plans covering 2,070 acres.

Best Management Practices (BMPs)—

Worked with farmers to install 211 BMPs to control soil erosion, manage nutrients and protect water quality.

Cover Crops—Provided technical assistance to farmers who planted 3,757 acres in cover crops in Fall 2009.

Web Site—Provided the public with information and programs through our website: www.CharlesSCD.com.

Conservation Education—Provided ongoing training for six high schools participating in the Envirothon. Sponsored MASCD Coloring and Poster Contests.

No-till Rental Equipment—Coordinated and provided technical assistance to farmers who planted 482 acres utilizing no-till equipment offered through a subsidized rental equipment program.

Navy Shoreline Stabilization Project—

Performed project management for contract for Phase I of NFS Indian Head Shoreline Stabilization project. Awarded contract to manage Phase II and Phase III of the project. Began \$3.8M Phase II project.

Awards—Received MASCD’s Associate Supervisor of the Year Award.

Erosion and Sediment Control—

Reviewed 1,502 plans protecting 4,447 acres.



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