



2009 HIGHLIGHTS      FREDERICK 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.

<b>Staffing</b> <i>(shared with Catoctin SCD)</i>	<b>Local</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Federal</b>
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

<b>Current Staff and Operating Budgets</b>		
	<b>Staff</b>	<b>Operating</b>
Federal	\$ 382,264	\$ 57,340
State	240,629	41,330
County	0	146,405
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 622,893</b>	<b>\$ 245,075</b>

## 2009 Accomplishments

**Soil Conservation and Water Quality Plans (SCWQPs)**—Developed 41 comprehensive SCWQPs to help farmers protect natural resources on 3,059 acres of farmland. Updated eight additional plans covering 699 acres.

**Best Management Practices (BMPs)**—Worked with farmers to install 64 BMPs to control soil erosion, manage nutrients and protect water quality.

**Erosion and Sediment Control**—Reviewed 531 erosion and sediment control plans for construction projects to ensure their effectiveness on 1,039 acres. Three hundred seventy-four of these plans were approved.

**Cover Crop Program**—Provided technical assistance to 197 farmers who planted 18,207 acres of cover crops during the 2008-2009 planting season.



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