



2009 HIGHLIGHTS QUEEN ANNE'S SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Our Mission

Located on Maryland's Eastern Shore, Queen Anne's Soil Conservation District serves a predominantly agricultural region. Corn, soybeans and small grains are the primary agricultural products. Vegetable, poultry, beef and dairy cattle and equine operations comprise the remaining agricultural makeup of the area. The district provides a comprehensive education and information program directed toward all citizens—both urban and rural—which emphasizes human impacts on the environment and how people can lessen those impacts. Due to the explosive growth of the Kent Island area, the district's urban responsibilities have multiplied dramatically. Consequently, the district has the growing responsibilities of reviewing erosion and sediment control plans, and addressing urban growth issues.

Staffing	County	State	Federal	Needs
District Manager		1		
District Conservationist			0.5	1
Soil Conservationist			2	
Agricultural Planner		3		1
Agricultural Technician	0.5	2		
Secretarial/Support Staff		1		
Conservation Specialist	1			
Centerpiece Watershed Coordinator				1

Current Staff and Operating Budgets		
	Staff	Operating
Federal	\$ 153,428	\$ 23,014
State	307,928	46,301
County (agricultural)	62,000	6,000
County (urban)	23,000	0
Fees	15,471	19,076
Total	\$ 561,827	\$ 94,391

2009 Accomplishments

Soil Conservation and Water Quality Plans (SCWQPs)—Developed 32 SCWQPs to help farmers protect natural resources on 2,579 acres of farmland. Updated 52 additional plans covering 7,591 acres.

Best Management Practices (BMPs)—Helped farmers to install 88 BMPs to protect water quality.

Erosion and Sediment Control—Reviewed 105 erosion and sediment control plans for construction projects affecting 264 acres of land. Performed 35 inspections and 39 pre-construction meetings.

Corsica River Restoration Project—Served as an active participant in efforts to restore the health of the Corsica River.

Cover Crops—Provided technical assistance to 124 farmers who planted 19,396 acres of cover crops during the 2008-2009 planting season.

Bay Restoration Efforts—Worked to enroll landowners in CREP, promote EQIP and other cost-share programs for conservation practices, and participate in the startup of a nutrient trading program for Maryland.

MAFO/CAFO—Worked with poultry farmers to help them comply with new MAFO/CAFO requirements.

