## Maryland Department of Agriculture
## MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL WATER QUALITY COST-SHARE PROGRAM
## SEDIMENT CONTROL POND COST-EFFECTIVENESS QUESTIONNAIRE

*Use the back or additional sheets as needed*

1. What are the conservation practices already installed within the watershed that currently addresses soil erosion?

2. What are the conservation practice needs, or remaining needs, for adequate soil erosion control*[1] within the drainage area of the proposed pond site? **[*Soil loss calculations and conservation practice needs are to be based on current crop(s) or vegetative cover and not on crops historically raised or anticipated in the future.*]**

3. What, if any, MACS practices were considered as alternatives?

4. How do those practices compare with the proposed pond as far as cost-effectiveness? ***Please provide specific information, such as the extent of the alternate practice(s) and their cost-effectiveness, in comparison to the proposed pond.***

5. What was the applicant's response when field office staff members discussed alternatives with them? If a discussion was not held, please state reason(s).

6. If other practices, eligible for MACS assistance, were not identified as alternatives, what is the basis of saying the proposed pond is the most cost-effective? What is the environmental justification for the pond?

7. Does the pond site under consideration already contain a pond? If yes, was the pond constructed with or without SCD technical assistance?

* **1 Adequate soil erosion control refers to T. A BCS or an ACS level of control can be considered if Conservation Compliance is an issue.**