



**Maryland Department of Agriculture
MARYLAND AGRICULTURE WATER QUALITY COST-SHARE PROGRAM**

POOLING AGREEMENT GUIDELINES

The persons signing Section I of this Agreement request cost-sharing to perform the practice(s) shown on the Application (MACS-SO1). The practice(s) is needed to reduce pollutants from being delivered to the waters of the State. We understand that this pooling agreement shall become effective when approved by the Maryland Department of Agriculture.

Each person signing Section I of this Pooling Agreement:

1. Certifies that he/she has an interest as landowner or tenant in the identified farm.
2. Agrees to perform the practice(s) in a professional manner within the specified general location, to maintain and use the practice(s) for the purpose authorized and to obtain the authorities, rights, easements, or other approvals necessary to perform and maintain such practice(s).
3. Grants such authorities, rights, easements, or other approvals to the other participants in this agreement to enter upon his/her land as may be necessary to install and maintain the practices.
4. Agrees that the person shown as such is designated agent and is authorized to act for the parties of agreement in securing the necessary easements, rights-of-way, labor and equipment, construction details, compliance determinations, reports, certifications, and contacts with the MDA and SCD.
5. Agrees that cost-sharing will be divided among the eligible participants based on their respective contribution (%) in the cost-shared project. The eligible participants must have an interest as a landowner or tenant on the farm where the cost-sharing will be earned.
6. Agrees to his/her proportionate share of the total payments received by the designated agent for the practice performed.

Copies of the Pooling Agreement, Application and Approval Letter shall be provided to all participants.