



## **Maryland Department of Agriculture Nutrient Management Guidance**

Agricultural operations participating in MACS cost-share programs are required to certify that they have a current Nutrient Management Plan (NMP).

- 1) The form, or a copy, must be completed and submitted to the local Soil Conservation District office when applying to MACS Capital Program. A nutrient management plan should not be submitted with this form.
- 2) The form must be included with the MACS application package. MACS applications received without this form will be considered incomplete.
- 3) The nutrient management consultant will need to sign the form and provide the required information which includes the following:
  - a) consultant's certification and license numbers,
  - b) total acres managed under NMP,
  - c) date the plan was written, and
  - d) the period of time the plan covers.
- 4) If the MACS applicant (landowner) does not hold the nutrient management plan the farm operator (tenant) must sign the certification at the bottom of the form.
- 5) The landowner/operator must sign and date the form. They should keep the original of this form with their nutrient management plan in the event the landowner/operator elects to participate in a MACS program in the future.
- 6) The form is available on the MDA website as a fillable PDF document, posted on both the MACS and Nutrient Management pages.