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**State Soil Conservation Committee (SSCC)**

**AGENDA (Hybrid)\***

**April 16, 2026**

**9:30 AM – 12: 00PM**

Location: Baltimore County Agricultural Center, 1114 Shawan Rd, Cockeysville, MD 21030

Join by computer <https://meet.google.com/ttr-nkas-yqj>

Join by phone **352-503-8958 PIN 815 189 797#**

**9:30 AM**

**OPEN MEETING → Call to Order**

- Roll Call of SSCC Members → Interested parties please write name and affiliation in CHAT
- Review and approval of March minutes

**9:35 AM**

**SSCC Admin**

- May 21 Meeting at MDA Headquarters, Annapolis (Hybrid)
- Apr 21 [Stream Restoration Expert Panel Discussion](#) (MD Native Plant Society)

**Pending Appointments**

<b>District</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>	<b>Term Expiration</b>	<b>Applications Received (as of 4/8/2026)</b>	<b>SSCC Review</b>
Montgomery	At-Large	3/01/26	3	<b>VOTE TODAY</b>
Prince George's	At-Large	4/15/26	3	<b>VOTE TODAY</b>
Charles	At-Large	4/18/26	1	TBD
Anne Arundel	At-Large	4/19/26	3	<b>Closed Session TODAY</b>
Dorchester	UME	5/15/26	0	TBD
Kent	At-Large	5/28/26	0	TBD
Somerset	At-Large	6/01/26	0	TBD
Talbot	At-Large	7/03/26	0	TBD
Howard	At-Large	7/10/26	0	TBD
Wicomico	At-Large	7/14/26	0	TBD
Worcester	At-Large	8/10/26	0	TBD
Cecil	At-Large	8/17/26	0	TBD

**9:40 AM**

**MACS Follow-Up from March Meeting**

Guest Speaker: Jason Keppler

**9:55 AM**

**Erosion and Sediment Control Topics**

Forest Clearing Workgroup Update (Loretta Collins, MDA)

MDE Erosion and Sediment Control Handbook Update, Guest Speaker: Ray Bahr, MDE

**10:45 AM**

**Member Reports**

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Farm Services Agency

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MD Association of Soil Conservation Districts  
MD Agricultural Commission  
Area 1: Western - Diane Flickinger  
Area 2: Southern – Amy Posey  
Area 3: Upper Shore – Steve Freeman  
Area 4: Central – Van Funk  
Area 5: Lower Shore – Anne-Meredith Webster  
Department of Agriculture  
Department of Natural Resources  
Department of Environment  
University of Maryland / Extension

**11:30 AM      CLOSED MEETING of SSCC membership (interested parties dismissed)**

**PRESIDING OFFICER’S WRITTEN STATEMENT FOR CLOSING A MEETING (“CLOSING STATEMENT”) UNDER THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT (General Provisions Article § 3-305)**

Recorded vote to close the meeting:

Date: April 16, 2026 ; Time: [to be determined]; Location: Baltimore County Agricultural Center, Cockeysville;  
Motion to close meeting made by: [to be determined] Seconded by [to be determined];  
Members in favor: [to be determined]; Opposed: [to be determined]; Abstaining: [to be determined]; Absent: [to be determined].

**Statutory authority to close session (check all provisions that apply).**

**This meeting will be closed under General Provisions Art. § 3-305(b) only:**

**(1) x** “To discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals”;

**For each provision checked above, disclosure of the topic to be discussed and the public body’s reason for discussing that topic in closed session.**

<b>Citation (insert # from above)</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Reason for closed-session discussion of topic</b>
§3-305(b) ( 1 )	Applicants for Soil Conservation District Board Supervisor	Public discussion of applicant names and job info could discourage people from applying for supervisor positions.

**This statement is made by Van Funk, Presiding Officer.**

**12:00 PM      Adjourn (from closed session)**

**NEXT MEETING:** MAY 21, 2026 - 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM **LOCATION:** MDA Headquarters, Annapolis, MD