

State Soil Conservation Committee (SSCC)

AGENDA (Hybrid)*

September 17, 2026

9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

MDA Headquarters, 50 Harry S. Truman Parkway, Annapolis, MD 21401

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- 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 July minutes
- 9:35 AM SSCC Admin**
- New Central Area Representation: Robert Butz, Montgomery SCD
 - The passing of Walter (Walt) Wells, Calvert SCD Supervisor since 1988
 - MDE/MDA Inspections and Enforcement MOU Progress Update (Hans Schmidt)
 - October 15 meeting at USDA-NRCS and -FSA MD Office
 - tentative topics include Leaders in Environmentally Engaged Farming (LEEF) and Nutrient Management Program updates.
 - Supervisor Appointments: **Charles, Talbot, Howard, Wicomico, Worcester**
- 9:45 AM MACS Follow-Up**
- Clarification on questions from July on the role of the SSCC in inclusion of new BMPs in the *MACS Manual* for cost-share grants.
- 9:55 AM Brief History: The Conservation Partnership**
- A review of the history of SSCC, MASCD, MDA, and the Districts over time: Where we were and where we are.
- 10:30 AM ACRE Reporting**
- Alisha Mulkey, MDA, will share results of a survey sent to District Managers to understand needs for ACRE reporting capabilities and next steps.
- 10:45 AM Member Reports**
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
Farm Services Agency
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 – Robert Butz
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)**
- Review of supervisor applications

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: September 17, 2026 ; Time: [to be determined]; Location: MDA Headquarters, Annapolis;

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 above, disclosure of the topic to be discussed and the public body's reason for discussing that topic in closed session.

Topic: Applicants for Soil Conservation District Board Supervisor

Reason for closed-session discussion of topic: Public discussion of applicant names and job info could discourage people from applying for supervisor positions.

This statement is made by Amy Posey, Presiding Officer.

12:00 PM Adjourn (from closed session)

NEXT MEETING: October 15 , 2026 - 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM

LOCATION: USDA-NRCS/FSA Maryland State Office 2629 Riva Road, Suite 102, Annapolis, MD 21401