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State Soil Conservation Committee
2026 Workplan*

**Subject to change based on timeliness and speaker availability*

Month	Topic
Monthly	Supervisor Training: Short trainings (5-15 min) "Good News" stories from Soil Conservation Districts
On-going	Farm Bill/USDA Updates Budget shortfall: Impacts on agricultural programs
January	2026 Workplan Approval Preview: Legislative Session DNR Agroforestry Projects Underway Climate Pollution Reduction Grants
February	Early Update: Legislative Session Carbon Sequestration/Climate Resiliency/ MDA Healthy Soils
March	Forest Clearing Workgroup update MD Agricultural Water Quality Cost-Share (MACS) practices and component flat rates
April	Erosion & Sediment Control Discussion: needed updates to MD Standards and Specifications manual
May	Updated CAFO permit Post-Session: Legislative outcomes
June	Chesapeake Bay Program updates
July	Update on the Leaders in Environmentally Engaged Farming (BFF) program, Bay-Friendly Farming (BFF) updates Envirothon (post-nationals) and our hosting of NCF Event
August	NO MEETING (MASCD ANNUAL)
September	Producer-Led Initiatives; The Whole Watershed Act
October	MDA Nutrient Management regulations
November	Reserved for future issue
December	Workplan 2027
TBD: Pending more info	MOU- MDA/MDE Addressing pollution from ag lands Conowingo Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP)