

State Soil Conservation Committee 2026 Workplan*

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

Timing	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
	MACS ¹ 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 LEEF ² program, BFF ³ program updates
	Envirothon (post-nationals) and our hosting of NCF Event
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
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¹ MD Agricultural Water Quality Cost-Share

² Leaders in Environmentally Engaged Farming

³ Bay-Friendly Farming

⁴ Watershed Implementation Plan