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State Soil Conservation Committee (SSCC)
AGENDA (Hybrid)*
October 16, 2025
9:30 AM – 11:30 PM

Location: St. Mary's Soil Conservation District, 26737 Radio Station Way, Leonardtown, MD 20650

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 September minutes

9:35 AM

SSCC Admin (10 min)

- Nov 20 meeting @ MDA Headquarters (hybrid)
- Dec 18 All-Day 2026 Workplan meeting @ MD Farm Bureau (Davidsonville, MD) In-person only
- Status Update: MOU between MDE/MDA (Cases of Water Pollution Caused by Agriculture)

Pending Appointments

District	Affiliation	Term Expiration	Applications Received (as of 10/9/2025)	SSCC Review
Dorchester	At-Large	5/15/25	1	TBD
Talbot	At-Large	7/03/25	3	VOTE TODAY
Worcester	Farm Bureau	8/10/25	3	VOTE TODAY
Cecil	Farm Bureau	8/17/25	3	VOTE TODAY
Calvert	Farm Bureau	10/17/25	2	TBD
Baltimore County	At-Large	10/17/25	2	Closed Session- TODAY
Harford	At-Large	10/17/25	2	Closed Session- TODAY
Garrett	At-Large	10/20/25	2	Closed Session- TODAY
Carroll	At-Large	11/08/25	2	Closed Session- TODAY
Allegany	At-Large	11/17/25	1	TBD
Queen Anne's	At-Large	2/7/26	0	TBD
Caroline	At-Large	2/10/26	0	TBD
Washington County	At-Large	2/12/26	0	TBD

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9:45 AM **Quick Review**(~15 min)

- Supervisor Meeting @ MASCD Annual Meeting
- SSCC Application & Appointment Process

10:00 AM **Resource and Conservation Development (RC&D)** (~30 min):

Allison Burnett, Executive Director of the Southern MD RC&D Board, Inc., will discuss the role of RC&Ds in conservation efforts in Maryland.

10:30 AM **Southern MD Spotlight** (~15 min)

- Bobby Cooper, St. Mary's SCD Supervisor
- Area 2: Southern MD Updates - Amy Posey

10:45 AM **Member Reports** (~45 min)

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

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: October 16, 2025 ; Time: _____; Location: St. Mary's Soil Conservation District, Leonardtown, MD;

Motion to close meeting made by: _____ Seconded by _____;

Members in favor: _____; Opposed: _____; Abstaining: _____;
Absent: _____.

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";

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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.

Citation (insert # from above)	Topic	Reason for closed-session discussion of topic
§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 Van Funk, Presiding Officer.

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

NEXT MEETING: November 20, 2025 - 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM

LOCATION: MDA Headquarters, 50 Harry S Truman Parkway, Annapolis, MD 21401