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State Soil Conservation Committee (SSCC)

AGENDA (in-person)*

December 18, 2025

9:30 AM – 3:30 PM

Location: Maryland Farm Bureau, 3358 Davidsonville Road, Davidsonville, MD 21035

9:30 AM **OPEN MEETING → Call to Order**

- Roll Call of SSCC Members and participants
- Review and approval of November minutes

9:35 AM **SSCC Admin**

Pending Appointments

District	Affiliation	Term Expiration	Applications Received (as of 12/9/2025)	SSCC Review
Dorchester	At-Large	5/15/25	2	VOTE TODAY
Calvert	Farm Bureau	10/17/25	2	TBD
Garrett	At-Large	10/20/25	2	VOTE TODAY
Allegany	At-Large	11/17/25	3	Closed Session TODAY
Queen Anne's	At-Large	2/7/26	2	Closed Session Jan
Caroline	At-Large	2/10/26	0	TBD
Washington County	At-Large	2/12/26	0	TBD
Montgomery	At-Large	3/01/26	0	TBD
St. Mary's	At-Large	3/30/26	3	Closed Session Jan
Prince George's	At-Large	4/15/26	0	TBD
Charles	At-Large	4/18/26	0	TBD
Anne Arundel	At-Large	4/19/26	0	TBD

9:45 AM **Update: Definition of Agriculture**
Harrison Palmer, Executive Secretary Ag Commission)

9:55 AM **2025 Review**

10:00 AM **Brainstorming Topics for 2026**

Goals for workplan:

- Topics for education/information
- Topics for potential action/policy recommendation
- Topics to support roles of SCDs

12:00 PM **LUNCH**

1:00 PM **Wrap-Up Brainstorm**

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- 1:30 PM **Assemble Workplan**
- Clarify issues/topics as necessary
 - Prioritize issues for workplan consideration
 - Agree on issue/topics for 2026 workplan and discuss follow up actions as needed

- 2:00 PM **CLOSED MEETING of SSCC membership (interested parties dismissed)**
- Discussion of supervisor appointment
 - Discussion of administrative matters dealing with the operations of SSCC

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: December 18, 2025 ; Time: _____; Location: Farm Bureau, Davidsonville, 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";

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 by Van Funk, Presiding Officer.

3:30 PM **Adjourn (from closed session)**

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