



# TEAMING UP

To Meet 2025 Chesapeake Bay Cleanup Goals

## 2019 Highlights | Wicomico Soil Conservation District

Installed **47** Best Management Practices on **734** acres.

**Approved 87** out of 136 Erosion and Sediment Control Plans impacting 783 acres.

Developed and updated 52 Soil Conservation and Water Quality Plans, **protecting 3,173 acres**. Currently there are 40,394 planned acres in the county.

**18,004 acres** of Cover Crops planted.

STAFFING	LOCAL	GRANT	STATE	FEDERAL	NEEDS
District Manager			1		
District Conservationist				0.5	
Soil Conservationist				1	
Agricultural Planner		1	1		3
Soil Conservation Engineer Technician			1		
Soil Conservation Technician				1.2	
Civil Engineer Technician				1	
Secretary					1
Program Support				0.33	

### OUR MISSION

The Wicomico Soil Conservation District serves both an agricultural and urban region on Maryland's Eastern Shore. Poultry, grain, and vegetable operations compromise the agricultural makeup of the area. Providing farmers with technical and financial assistance to install best management practices and protect natural resources is the main

focus of the district's technical staff. The Pocomoke, Wicomico, and Nanticoke Rivers - all tributaries of the Chesapeake Bay - are included in Maryland's Implementation Plan to reduce nutrients and sediment from entering the Bay. Additionally, the Pocomoke Watershed has been designated as a special water quality project targeted for technical assistance. Although agriculture remains the primary land use within the district, a growing urban and industrial center continues to flourish in the Salisbury area. Consequently, the district now devotes a substantial amount of time and resources reviewing erosion and sediment control plans. We also provide educators, students, and the general public with information on soils, wetlands, land use policies, and other educational services; this is a major function of the district's staff.

## Wicomico Soil Conservation District: Farm Profile



### **DONALD PULVER** | *Salisbury, Maryland*

The Wicomico Soil Conservation District is pleased to recognize David Pulver as an outstanding cooperater. Mr. Pulver is a leader in conserving and protecting natural resources. He has been active in restoring grasslands and establishing and maintaining perennial vegetative cover on his farm.

When Mr. Pulver learned that he could only enroll a portion of his requested acreage in the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, he applied for federal Environmental Quality Incentives Program to pick up the remaining acres. Producers are able to utilize both programs to accomplish their conservation goals! Mr. Pulver successfully enrolled 2.5 acres of his land. Additionally, 3.8 acres is being restored and managed for wildlife habitat through the planting of hedgerows and conservation cover. Mr. Pulver and his wife, Cynthia, are dedicated to protecting and establishing critical wildlife habitat and hope that their farm will serve as a model for environmental stewardship.

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