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The Franklin County Conservation District is dedicated to promoting and educating about the wise stewardship of its natural resources.



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The District provides technical assistance for the following programs:

E&S/NPDES Program:

The Erosion and Sediment (E&S) Pollution Control Program & National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit for Construction Activities.

The state regulations require best management practices (BMPs) to be implemented and maintained for all earthmoving activities. A written E&S plan is required for earthmoving activities of 5,000 sq. ft. or more along with implementation and maintenance of the BMPs. Earth disturbance activity of 1 or more acres requires a NPDES for construction activities.

Dirt, Gravel & Low Volume Road Program:

This program provides funding for municipalities that have dirt, gravel & low volume roads. The purpose is to improve dirt, gravel & low volume roads in order to protect and enhance water quality by using environmentally sensitive practices to maintain them in order to reduce dust toxins and sediment – laden runoff from entering our streams.

Chesapeake Bay Program:

A federal and state funded program to provide cost sharing and technical assistance to landowners and farmers for implementing Best Management Practices to address critical nutrient management and water quality problems.

Nutrient Management Act 38 Program:

Provides oversight to Concentrated Animal Operations (CAOs) and Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs). Animal numbers and the acres available for manure application determine whether livestock operations are CAOs & CAFOs.

Manure Management:

The regulations require all non-CAO & non-CAFO livestock operations to develop and implement a written Manure Management Plan. This includes the backyard owners of horses, goats, sheep, etc. District staff is available to assist landowners/operators with the development with their Manure Management Plans.

AG E&S Plans:

All farms that plow and till (including no-till farming) more than 5,000 sq. ft. are required by Chapter 102 regulations to develop and implement a conservation plan or Ag E&S plan to ensure that soil loss is at an acceptable level. District staff provides technical assistance for the development of Ag E&S plans.

Watershed Conservation:

To create an awareness and promote the concept of watershed protection and planning.

- * Identify non-point sources of pollution
- * Secure funding for watershed projects
- * Organize new watershed groups
- * Stream Assessment restoration & protection projects
- * Work w/local/county planning agencies on watershed management plans
- * Develop & implement demonstration projects
- * Assist Landowners with Chapter 105 Permits and site surveys

Watershed Groups:

Franklin Co. Watershed Association
Antietam Watershed Association
Middle Spring Watershed Association
Johnston Run Revitalization Council

Environmental Education:

The District sponsors:

- * Tree Sale
- * Envirothon
- * Education programs by request
 - Eco Days
 - 1st grade Field Trip
- * Annual Golf Tournament for environmental scholarships