

FORWARD

MARYLAND SOIL CONSERVATION HISTORY (1)

Organized efforts to control soil erosion in Maryland started in 1935 and have continued to the present. Several histories that cover various aspects of these activities have been prepared. The Maryland Soil Conservation Leaders Association has assembled these histories in this publication.

Mr. Fred Bull, former Executive Secretary of the State Soil Conservation Committee recorded some of the history of the Maryland Association of Soil Conservation Districts in 1969. Information was organized around the first six presidents of MASCD, 1945-1969. MASCD published this under the title "History of Maryland Association of Soil Conservation Districts, Inc." Some of that publication is included in this publication. (2)

The history of soil conservation activities centering around MASCD Presidents was continued by Arnold Hawkins, Executive Secretary of the State Soil Conservation Committee, 1967—1983. Information relating to the SSCC was included because the President of MASCD was a member of the SSCC. Information regarding activities during each president's term of office, up through the term of Donald L. Spickler, July, 1987, is included here under the title "MASCD Presidents and Soil & Water Conservation." The Association has recommended that each president develop a history of their administration. (3)

An appendix to the history, "MASCD Presidents and Soil & Water Conservation" was also started by Arnold Hawkins. It included information on bylaws, awards, etc. Space was provided to record future award winners. (4)

"Soil & Water Conservation In Maryland, 1935—1985" was assembled by Arnold Hawkins for the observance of the 50th Anniversary of the Soil Conservation Service. It includes information on activities prior to the formation of SCS, the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Camps, the soil conservation districts formed in Maryland, the Maryland SCD Law, the State Soil Conservation Committee, etc. This publication has an appendix, which includes an article, "The Beginnings of SCS" by Harold Scholl, former State Resource Conservationist for SCS in Maryland. (5)

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(1) The Forward to "Maryland Soil Conservation History" as distributed by the Soil Conservation Leaders Association in 1989.

(2) It is Section 7b of the current Association Manual.

(3) It is Section 7c of the current Association Manual.

(4) This appendix named "Handbook of the MASCD Policy, Activity and Operating Procedures" was used to start the first four sections of the current Association Manual.

(5) It is Section 7a of the current Association Manual.

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In 2001 all of Section 7 was scanned into computer records with all the rest of the Association Manual records by Lynne Hoot, Executive Director and Marguerite Guare, Secretary. Some of the material had been retyped and copied several times when it was included in the various publications that led up to the development of the MASCD Association Manual. Some discrepancies were noted. An effort was made to make all of Section 7 like the originals.

Note: The original of 7b was a bound publication, which recorded activities of the MASCD during the first 24 years. That information has been copied here. The original also included pictures and an appendix, which supplemented the information recorded here.