

CAROLINE SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Located on Maryland's Eastern Shore, the Caroline Soil Conservation District serves a predominately agricultural region. The district works with farmers and landowners to implement Soil Conservation and Water Quality Plans outlined in Maryland's Watershed Implementation Plan to restore the Chesapeake Bay. The district promotes financial assistance programs offered through the UDSA NRCS and the MDA. On the urban front, the district reviews erosion and sediment control plans and is authorized by the Maryland Department of the Environment to perform compliance activities.

Conservation Matters

-The poultry industry has a tremendous footprint in Caroline County. District staff work with poultry farmers to install the latest best management practices at their facilities to protect soil, water, and related natural resources. Heavy use pads constructed at poultry house entrances help prevent nutrients from impacting waterways during cleanouts. Manure storage structures help protect poultry litter from the elements until conditions are right for field application or transport can be arranged. In addition, trees and shrubs planted near poultry houses help improve air quality and provide visual screens for neighbors.



Vegetated buffer strips planted near this poultry house help improve air quality.




100 plans
Soil Conservation and Water Quality Plans Written/Updated Covering
12,624.8 acres




162 BMPs
Best Management Practices installed by
58 farmers



137 plans reviewed
137 plans approved
Sediment and Erosion Control Plans approved, covering
1,380 acres



30 plans written
Forest Harvest Plans Written Covering
404 acres



31,189 acres
Cover Crops Planted By
107 farmers

