



FY 23 Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment (TIEE) Committee Budget Review

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SOIL, WATER & NATURAL RESOURCES
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PRINCE GEORGE'S
SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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DISTRICT OPERATIONS

2022 marks the Prince George's Soil Conservation District's 81st year of implementing locally led soil and water conservation in Prince George's County.

The Soil Conservation District works inclusive of the Maryland Conservation Partnership along with 23 other Soil Conservation Districts and over 3000 Districts nationally

The District receives funding, staff, equipment and operating funds from multiple sources

We have three primary partners:

- Prince George's County
- Maryland Department of Agriculture
- USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service

FY23 Budget Sources:

- **County:** Prince George's County Government (64%)
- **Federal:** U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) - Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) (20%)
- **Review Fees :** Technical Plan Review (6%)
- **Grants:** Chesapeake Bay Trust Fund (3%)
- **State:** Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) (7%)

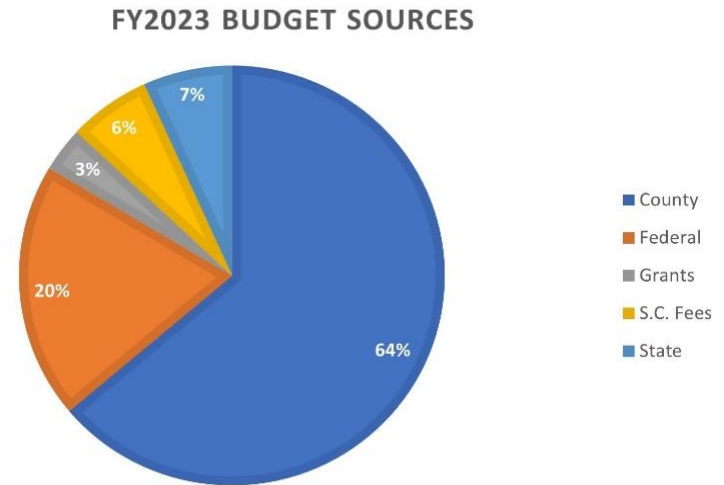




FY 23 OPERATING BUDGET (PROPOSED)

FY2023 Budget Sources (Proposed)

<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>STAFFING</u>	<u>OPERATING</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Federal	\$191,200	\$395,000	\$586,200
State	\$185,700	\$14,900	\$200,600
County	\$1,826,600	\$105,100	\$1,931,700
S.C. Fees	\$186,300	\$0	\$186,300
Grants	\$101,800	\$0	\$101,800
TOTAL	\$2,491,600	\$515,000	\$3,006,600





THE PRINCE GEORGE'S SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT IS A TECHNICAL SERVICE AGENCY

Locally Led Soil & Water Conservation Programs

- **Urban Development & Conservation Program**
- **Rural Agricultural Conservation Program**
- **Agricultural Land Preservation Program**
- **Urban Agricultural Conservation Program**
- **Outreach & Education Programs**

URBAN DEVELOPMENT & CONSERVATION PROGRAM

FY 22 stats as of March 31, 2022

- Reviewed over 1205 technical submissions and approved 304 projects (75% and 61%) respectively
- Maintain average review turnaround time of 4.6 business days
- Collaborate with the Department of the Environment (DOE), Department of Permits, Inspections and Enforcement (DPIE), Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPWT), Private Consultants, and the Clean Water Partnership on the review and approval of erosion and sediment control plans for Storm Water Retrofit projects to meet Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) and Maryland's Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP III) milestone goals
- Provide training and on-site construction site assessments/field changes with inspectors from the cities of Greenbelt, Laurel, Bowie, and the County (DPIE)



AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION PROGRAM

- **60,000 acres** of rural agricultural land in Prince George's County with **67% (40,000 ac) privately owned**
FY 22 stats as of March 31, 2022
- 2937 acres of SCWQP farm plans have been written and implemented w landowners (68%)
- 183 Best Management Practices (BMPs) have been installed by producers (92%)
- 3002 acres of farmland have received conservation BMP treatment (73%)
- On track to meet/exceed Maryland's Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP III) Goals for FY22



Prince George's County Agriculture is Diverse a wide variety of Best Management Practices are to Address Soil and Water Conservation Needs



Dry hydrant in farm pond



Irrigation water recovery system



Field Strip cropping System



Watering Facility for Livestock



Farm Irrigation Pond

AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM

The District administers 3 land preservation programs for the County.

PRESERVED FARMS

HARPP: 49 properties for 4,245 ac

MALPF: 20 properties for 1,971 ac

Rural Legacy: 7 properties for 916 ac



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Maintained State Certification keeping more of ag-land transfer tax in Prince George's County

Have six pending applications for another 433 ac

Permanently preserved 7129 acres on 76 farms

URBAN AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION PROGRAM

Improving Health, Education, Environment & Economic Development
for Prince Georgians through Urban Agriculture

STATS for FY22 as of March 31, 2022

Conducted 48 site visits

Assisted 39 urban ag producers and 42 stakeholders with technical assistance

Conducted 27 outreach events - trainings, workshops, and presentations

Provided support to 2 new incubator farm projects @ Watkins Regional Park & Patuxent River



Blue Berwyn Farm (produce & flowers)



Mona Center Urban Farm (produce)



The Garden International (mushroom kits & CBD)

FARM INCUBATOR PROJECTS

Partnered with M-NCPPC to provide technical assistance to 2 incubator farm projects:

The Urban Farm Incubator at Watkins Regional Park
Incubator Farm at Clagett Landing Road, Patuxent River Park



*Sisters of the Soil Community Farm at
The Urban Farm Incubator at Watkins Regional Park:
Growing Food, Farms & Farmers
Prince George's County Maryland*



*Sweet Love Flower Farm & Purple Mountain Organics at
Incubator Farm at Clagett Landing Road, Patuxent River Park*





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URBAN AG CONSERVATION

As of April 1,
2022, all zones in
Prince George's
County allow
urban agriculture!
Fowl are allowed
on urban farms, as
well





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OUTREACH & EDUCATION PROGRAMS

MULTIPLE PROGRAMS & OUTREACH EVENTS

Envirothon, Arbor Day, Earth Day, Champion Tree Tour, County's Summer Youth Enrichment Program, Summer Intern, Envirothon Scholarship, PGCPs Green School Program, PGCPs Environment, Ag & Natural Resources Program & Advisory Committee, Soil Health Advisory Committee, Urban Farm Incubator at Watkins Regional Park



\$30,500 higher education scholarships to students on local winning Envirothon teams

Donated Training Kits to 6 high schools participating in Envirothon

11 teams from 7 schools are participating in the 2022 Envirothon Competition

OUTREACH & EDUCATION PROGRAMS



2022 SPRING SEEDLING GIVEAWAY!



Saturday, April 23
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
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WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!

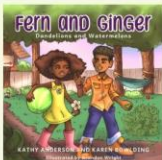
Join us on Saturday, April 23 as we will be giving out FREE seedlings, including **tomatoes**, **beans**, and **peppers**! Our giveaway event will also feature a "How Does Your Garden Grow?" class taught by Master Gardener and Urban Farmer Renee Baccus!

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM: Seedling Giveaway

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM: "How Does Your Garden Grow?" Class

Class Registration: <https://bit.ly/36p3t7z>

Featuring...



Fern and Ginger: Dandelions and Watermelons book signing
by authors Kathy Anderson and Karen Bowlding!
(www.karenbowlding.net)



Linda Jones
Urban Farmer and Founder of
Elements of Nature: Botanicals
and Pharmaceuticals
(www.elementsofnatureusa.com)

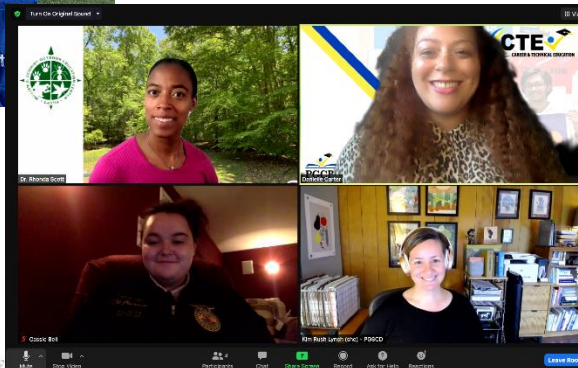


Esther Mitchell
Master Gardener Coordinator
of UMD Extension
(extension.umd.edu/mg)



*Gwynn Park High School
Environment, Ag & Natural
Resources Program Hunger Walk*

FFA Region 3 Competition



*Tour of ECO City
Farms with USDA
Secretary Tom Vilsack
to celebrate National
Farmers' Day*

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