



FY 24 Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy & Environment (TIEE) Committee Budget Review

CONSERVING
SOIL, WATER & NATURAL RESOURCES

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PRINCE GEORGE'S
SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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DISTRICT OPERATIONS

2023 marks the Prince George's Soil Conservation District's 82nd 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

FY24 Budget Sources:

- **County:** Prince George's County Government (73%)
- **Federal:** U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) - Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) (12%)
- **Review Fees :** Technical Plan Review (6%)
- **Grants:** Chesapeake Bay Trust Fund (2%)
- **State:** Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) (7%)

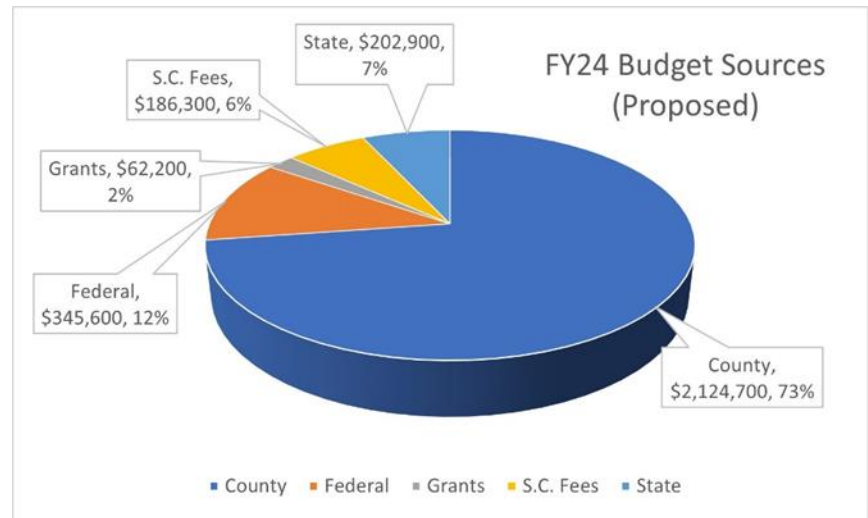




FY 24 OPERATING BUDGET (PROPOSED)

FY2024 Budget Sources (Proposed)

<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>STAFFING</u>	<u>OPERATING</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Federal	\$309,000	\$36,600	\$345,600
State	\$188,000	\$14,900	\$202,900
County	\$2,004,900	\$119,800	\$2,124,700
S.C. Fees	\$186,300	\$0	\$186,300
Grants	\$62,200	\$0	\$62,200
TOTAL	\$2,750,400	\$171,300	\$2,921,700





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 23 stats as of March 31, 2023

- Reviewed over 1165 technical submissions and approved 302 projects (73% and 60%) respectively
- Maintain average review turnaround time of 5.1 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 23 stats as of March 31, 2023
- **2889** acres of SCWQP farm plans have been written and implemented w landowners (67%)
- **195** Best Management Practices (BMPs) have been installed by producers (97.5%)
- **4631** acres of farmland have received conservation BMP treatment (113%)
- On track to meet/exceed Maryland's Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP III) Goals for FY23



BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES ADDRESSING SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION



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 4,329 ac

MALPF: 20 properties for 1,971 ac

Rural Legacy: 7 properties for 916 ac



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Maintained State Certification in MALPF keeping more of ag-land transfer tax (75%) in Prince George's County

Have seven pending HARPP applications for another 358 acres

Permanently preserved 7218 acres on 76 farms

URBAN AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION PROGRAM

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

STATS for FY23 as of March 31, 2023

Conducted 60 site visits

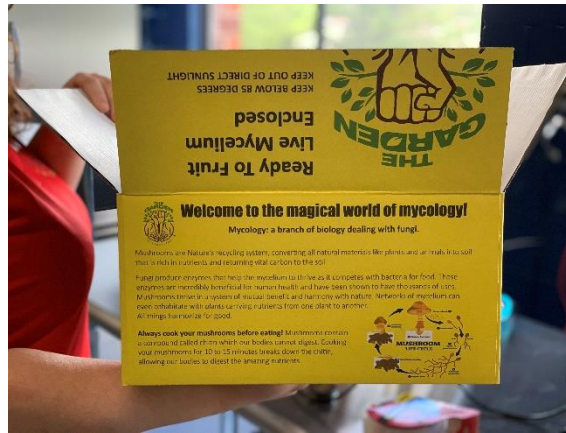
Assisted 56 urban farmers (167 contacts) & 45 stakeholders (110 contacts) with technical assistance

Conducted 23 outreach events (trainings, workshops, and presentations)

Provided support Urban Farm Incubator @ Watkins Regional Park



Millie Farms (native plants & flowers)



The Garden International (mushrooms)



Curemore Farms (produce, herbs, eggs, honey)

M-NCPPC LAND ACCESS PROJECTS

Partnered with M-NCPPC to provide technical assistance to 2 land access projects:

The Urban Farm Incubator at Watkins Regional Park

Small Acreage Ag Leasing Program at Clagett Landing Road, Patuxent River Park



*Maiya Lay of Love Bug Farm and her daughter at
The Urban Farm Incubator at Watkins Regional Park:
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*Sweet Love Flower Farm, Ecoblossoms Farm & Purple Mountain Organics 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



\$33,500 higher education scholarships to students on local winning Envirothon teams

Donated Training Kits to 8 high schools participating in Envirothon

17 teams from 10 schools are participating in the 2023 Envirothon Competition in April

OUTREACH & EDUCATION PROGRAMS



2022 SPRING SEEDLING GIVEAWAY!



Saturday, April 23

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!

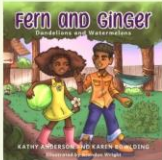
Join us on Saturday, April 23 as we will be giving out FREE seedlings, including **tomatoes, beans, and peppers!** Our giveaway event will also feature a "How Does Your Garden Grow?" class taught by Master Gardener and Urban Farmer Renee Baccus!

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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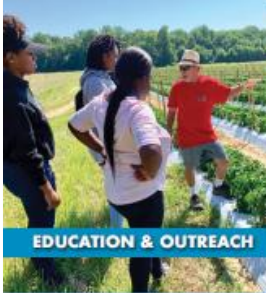


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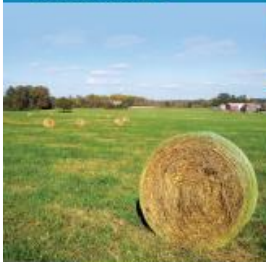
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