



FY 22 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BUDGET REVIEW

CONSERVING SOIL, WATER & NATURAL RESOURCES

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DISTRICT OPERATIONS

2021 marks the Prince George's Soil Conservation District's 80th 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

We have three primary partners:

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

FY22 Budget Sources:

- **County:** Prince George's County Government (**65%**)
- **Federal:** U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) - Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) (19%)
- **Review Fees :** Technical Plan Review (7%)
- **Grants:** Chesapeake Bay Trust Fund (4%)
- **State:** Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) (5%)

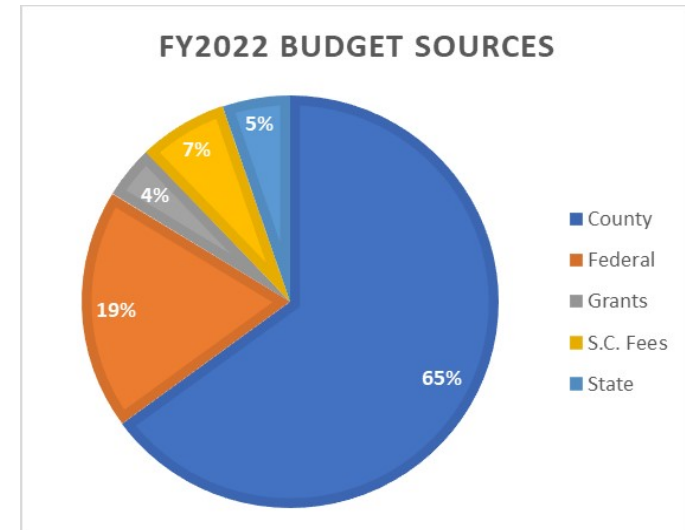




FY 22 OPERATING BUDGET (PROPOSED)

FY2022 Budget Sources (Proposed)

<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>STAFFING</u>	<u>OPERATING</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Federal	\$174,300	\$336,000	\$510,300
State	\$128,000	\$14,300	\$142,300
County	\$1,660,300	\$99,200	\$1,759,500
S.C. Fees	\$186,300	\$0	\$186,300
Grants	\$112,100	\$0	\$112,100
TOTAL	\$2,261,000	\$449,500	\$2,710,500





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 21 stats as of March 31, 2021

- Reviewed over **1250** technical submissions and approved **314** projects (78% and 54%) respectively
- Maintain average review turn around time of **5.6** business days
- Collaborate w 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 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 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 21 stats as of March 31, 2021

- 2829 acres of SCWQP farm plans have been written and implemented w landowners (60%)
- 118 Best Management Practices (BMPs) have been installed by producers (60%)
- 2100 acres of farmland have received conservation BMP treatment (51%)
- On track to meet/exceed Maryland's Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP III) Goals for FY21



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 FY21 as of March 31, 2021

Conducted 31 site visits, assisted 89 urban ag producers/stakeholders with technical assistance

Conducted 7 trainings, workshops, presentations and outreach events

Produced 7 newsletters, blog posts and publications promoting urban agriculture conservation

Partnering w M-NCPPC & ECO-City Farms on an 11 acre “incubator” farm @ Watkin’s Regional Park w a grant from National Association of Conservation Districts



Low tunnels at Sweet Love Flower Farm



*Lemon thyme & peppers from
New Brooklyn Farm*

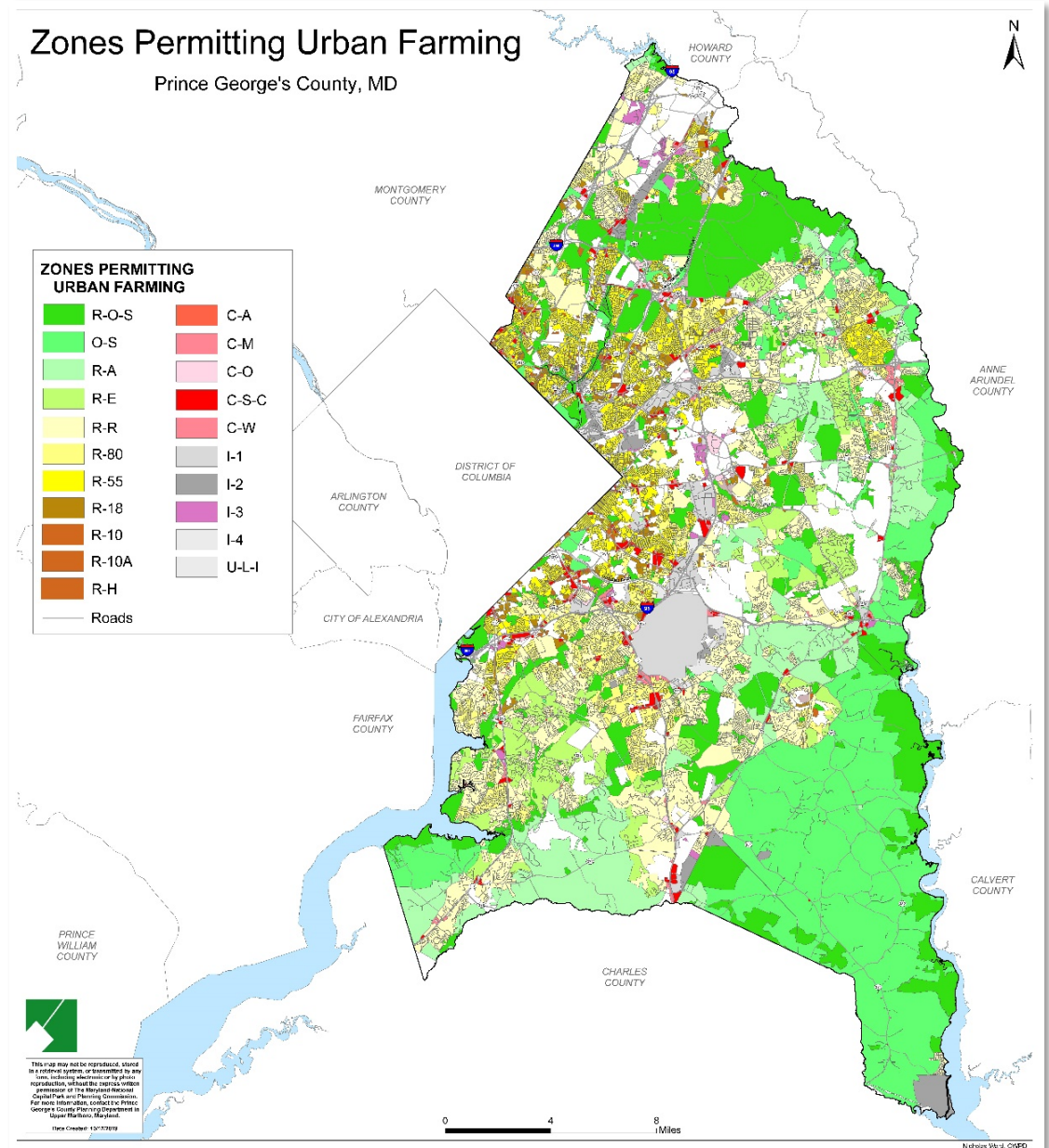


*High tunnel certification at
Pale Blue Dot Farm*



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Thank you for
expanding the
definition of urban
farming and the
zones where urban
farms can locate
through
CB-14-2019!



OUTREACH & EDUCATION PROGRAM

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 Ag Conservation Incubator Farm Project



Students learn about soils in a soil pit



State Delegate James Proctor overseeing students as they inspect soil profiles

\$26,000 higher education scholarships to students on local winning Envirothon teams

Provided recycle containers to elementary schools in support of the Public School's Green School Program

Only Soil Conservation District to hold a local Envirothon in 2021 in Maryland. Nine teams from six schools will participate and will all have the opportunity to participate in the State Envirothon



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OUTREACH & EDUCATION PROGRAM

Plant Giveaway

Free Plants & Seeds!!!



Available Plants & Seeds

Tomatoes (seedlings & seeds)
Peppers (seedlings)
Herbs (seedlings)
Summer squash (seeds)
Turnips (seeds)



Grow Your Own Garden

During this challenging time the partners below have come together to support families in Prince George's County in growing produce at home.

Please share the joy of growing your own food by engaging your child(ren) in planting these seeds and/or seedlings. Below are resources that support student learning.

Resources for Growing Vegetables

<https://bit.ly/PGCGrow> - Creative gardening resources with links and video tutorials!

extension.umd.edu/hgic - A resource for science-based, sustainable gardening, and integrated pest management education for better human and environmental health.

washingtongardener.blogspot.com - An extensive gardening resource by local gardeners, for local gardeners.

Making Gardening Fun for Students

<https://kidsgardening.org/garden-activities/> - Fun activities that provide opportunities for families to garden and craft together.

<https://growing-minds.org/> - Student gardening videos, recipes, and tips.

<https://anrcatalog.ucanr.edu/pdf/8423.pdf> - A Garden of Words/Un Jardin de palabras - a bilingual tool for after school garden clubs.

Beginning April 6

GRAB N' GO PROGRAM

Distribution Sites:
Marlow Heights Community Center
Oakcrest Community Center
Glenarden Community Center

Monday-Friday 12-2PM

Parks & Recreation M-NCPPC
live more, play more
pgparks.com

Prince George's Soil Conservation District
FOOD BANK

Washington State University
GARDEN OF WORDS

University of Maryland Extension ESNE

This institution is an equal opportunity provider

For More Info Call: 301-699-2255

Grab N' Grow coming soon!

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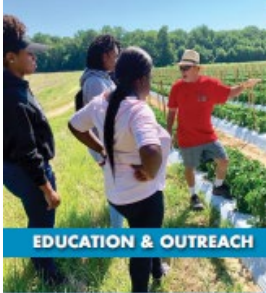


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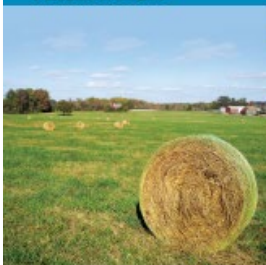
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