



Montgomery Soil Conservation District

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Dear Montgomery County Farmer:

The Montgomery Soil Conservation District (MSCD) is hosting a Nutrient Trading Outreach Meeting on Friday, March 20, 2015 at the Agricultural History Farm Park from 9:30 am – 12 pm. Lunch will be provided free of charge for those registered for the meeting. This informational session is designed to highlight some of the potential opportunities available for Nutrient Trading between the Urban and Agricultural sectors. Nutrient Trading Experts from the World Resources Institute (WRI) will be on hand to answer questions and present their findings from a yearlong analysis they have done on the potential for trading in Montgomery County.

Enclosed is a DRAFT Agenda which outlines the discussion topics and information to be presented at the Nutrient Trading Outreach Meeting. The goal of this meeting is to provide farmers with the latest information on nutrient trading and to determine the level of interest for this potential income opportunity within the agricultural community.

The Montgomery Soil Conservation District has not taken a position for or against nutrient trading, but we do want to provide an opportunity for the discussion and analysis of this and other agriculture and conservation issues. In order to plan accordingly for lunch, we ask that you please contact our Administrative Assistant, Karen Walker at 301-590-2855 by Tuesday, March 17th if you are interested in attending.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David C. Plummer".

David C. Plummer
District Manager

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Montgomery County Nutrient Trading Farmer Outreach Meeting

Agricultural History Farm Park

9:30 am – 12:00 pm

March 20, 2015

DRAFT Meeting Agenda

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| I. | Welcome | R. Butz/D. Plummer |
| II. | Purpose of Meeting | R. Butz/D. Plummer |
| III. | Introductions | |
| IV. | Results of Farm Baseline Assessment Project
in Howard County | B. Ensor/Howie Feaga |
| V. | MDA's Perspective on Current Status of Trading | Jason Keppler, MDA |
| VI. | Critical Questions and Issues
For Montgomery County Government | R. Butz/D. Plummer
Steve Shofar?,
Montgomery County DEP |
| | For Montgomery County Farmers | Robert Butz, MSCD |
| | For MDE and MDA | Jason Keppler, MDA |
| VII. | Valuing Nutrient Credits
Buyer Perspective | Cy Jones & WRI Staff |
| | Stormwater Nutrient Reduction Costs | |
| | Montgomery County | |
| | King & Hagen Study | |
| | Virginia Offset Credits Experience | |
| | Montgomery County Stormwater | |
| | Permit Requirements | |
| | Sample Farm Analysis Results | |
| VIII. | Ballparking Potential Credit Prices and Farmer Revenue | Cy Jones |
| IX. | Feedback and Discussion | |
| X. | Lunch and Adjourn | |