



(Attachment E.)

Montgomery Soil Conservation District

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Jeremy Criss
DED Agricultural Services
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Dear Mr. Criss,

As part of cooperative effort to restore the health of the Chesapeake Bay, it is important that we work together to develop realistic goals for the agricultural community. As an interested party to the TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load) Phase II Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP), **you are invited to attend the first Agricultural Workgroup Meeting and participate in the development of the Montgomery County WIP.**

MDA has compiled data used in the Phase II WIP. The Montgomery Soil Conservation District (MSCD) is coordinating an agricultural workgroup that will develop an implementation plan for your local government to meet the agriculture sector target, and be incorporated into the overall county plan due back to MDE.

These agriculture plans will contain 2-year milestones for 2012 to 2017. **The first Montgomery County workgroup meeting will be held July 7, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon at the Agricultural History Farm Park, 18410 Muncaster Road, Derwood, Maryland. Lunch will be provided following the meeting.** Please come prepared to contribute information about your agricultural specialty and ideas for helping the agricultural sector meet the reduction goals assigned by EPA.

The Soil Conservation Districts have a major role in the development of the WIP strategies for the agricultural sector, however implementation activities involve a number of other partners like you. At the time of the agricultural workgroup meeting, MDA will provide background information and Best Management Practice (BMP) implementation data to help establish opportunities for conservation treatment, BMP strategies, and nutrient /sediment load reduction estimates. This information will be used to develop a draft agricultural strategy that will need to be adjusted once we receive the final load reduction goals from the Chesapeake Bay Program.

Please R.S.V.P. to Karen Walker at MSCD by July 1 at -301-590-2855.

If you are not able to attend the July 7, 2011 meeting, please forward comments to:

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Regards,

George Lechlida, Chairman
Montgomery Soil Conservation District

**Agricultural Phase II – Watershed Implementation Plan Meeting
Total Maximum Daily Loads, Agriculture, and the Chesapeake Bay
Montgomery Soil Conservation District**

July 7, 2011

**Agricultural History Farm Park
Ag Activity Center – Basement/Garage
9 am to Noon with Lunch Provided**

Agenda

9-9:15	Introductions/welcome	Montgomery SCD
9:15 – 10	Background/Process	John Rhoderick-MDA Jason Keppler-MDA Beth Horsey-MDA
10-10:15	Questions	
10:15 – 11:45	Discussion and BMP Commitments	Participant Discussion
11:45 – Noon	Wrap-Up and Follow-Up	Montgomery SCD

Lunch provided by Montgomery SCD