Southern Maryland RC&D Board, Inc.

# **Annual Report**

July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025



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### Small but Significant

Middle Through the Chesapeake Sentinel Landscape Partnership (MCSL), a professional photographer from Wildpath selected projects to feature MCSL's successes. RC&D's Hog Point shoreline restoration and two of our conserved properties in St. Mary's County were chosen to be featured! The photographer even got underwater shots with a terrapin! They'll return in September to photograph hatchlings. MCSL will share products with us to use freely.



### Funding Highlights

We were awarded several grants through federal, state, and local funding programs to complete restoration and resilience actions across the Southern Maryland region and beyond. **Our total awarded contract dollars at the end of this fiscal year exceeded \$17.3 million**. \$5.5 million is currently unexpended, and approximately \$5 million will pass through to qualified contractors secured by RC&D.

Federal regulations for nonprofits were updated to reflect more realistic costs. New de minimis indirect cost rate has been raised from 10% to 15%. Some state and local grantors are still using the 10% rate but expect to update to the new rates in this coming grant cycle. Since we rely heavily on indirect to help offset our overhead costs, this is a very welcome change!

Our financial advisor has invested over \$310 thousand for us so far. The Finance Committee voted to continue reinvesting all revenues. We receive detailed quarterly reports. Our diverse portfolio withstood the recent market uncertainties rather well.

### Vision

People and the environment in harmony in Southern Maryland.

### **Guiding Principles**

Healthy Ecosystems, Healthy Enterprises, and Healthy Communities

### **Mission**

Working in partnership with community groups and organizations, Southern Maryland RC&D is dedicated to improving the quality of life in the region by enabling the people and promoting the wise use of our natural and economic resources.

### Goals

- 1. Increase Community Presence
- 2. Provide Public Education
- 3. Increase Human Capital
- 4. Diversify Funding Sources
- 5. Define Our Goals & Mission and Work Within Them.



### Our Projects: Tree Planting & Maintenance for the 5 Million Trees Initiative

RC&D signed an MOU with the Maryland Forest Service to help plant trees and provide maintenance for their 5 Million Trees Initiative at two sites: Greenwell State Park in St. Mary's County and Chapel Point State Park in Charles County. RC&D contracted with Shenandoah Habitats to complete the work. A total of 21,405 native shrubs and saplings were planted across 40.1 acres! We will be handling all future SOMD projects through our new MOU until 2030 or \$4 million.



### Our Projects: Backyard Stream Stewards











RC&D piloted a new program to help tackle small erosion problems on private lands in partnership with Maryland Extension's Watershed Stewards Academy (St. Mary's and Calvert), the American Chestnut Land Trust (ACLT), the St. Mary's River Watershed Association (SMRWA), and Patuxent Habitat for Humanity. Through an Outreach and Restoration grant from the Chesapeake Bay Trust, we were able to provide assessments and guidance to 13 landowners in St. Mary's and Calvert Counties who reported needing assistance.

We installed 3 rain gardens and planted over 100 native trees, shrubs, and flowers. We partnered closely with MD Extension and will be working with them to distribute 150 rain barrels and 1lb of native wildflower seeds through free public workshops. We also covered this year's costs to analyze 153 water samples for ACLT's Water Quality Blitz.

This program will continue to work with local partners to become a permanent resource for landowners and homeowners in the area. RC&D will continue to support WSA, ACLT, SMRWA and other partners to help build capacity for this program that will improve water quality and provide much-needed practical support to spread small-scale best practices for managing stormwater at home through a suite of maintenance practices, conservation landscaping, and green infrastructure.



### Our Projects: Johnson Pond Dam Breach

The dam was safely breached, and the area was stabilized. U&A was able to design a breach that maintained some of the wetland and pond behind the former dam. The final stages of this project include a design plan that includes naturalization of the area, fish passage, and more permanent stream restoration. The design is submitted for permitting. The County is unlikely to allocate funding for implementation.



### **Our Projects: NAS Patuxent River Shoreline Restoration**



This project specifically addresses the stabilization and restoration of 4,870 LF of shoreline, which consists of six sub-reaches. RC&D, contracted with Coastline Design, P.C., Coastal Design & Construction, Inc., and St. Mary's Soil Conservation District to complete the Hog Point Living Shoreline and Coastal Resiliency Project. This project protects shoreline critical to regional climate resiliency, the Navy's military mission, and nesting habitat for many

Northern Diamondback Terrapins. An ongoing nesting behavior study allows us to look at the effect of shoreline restoration on this keystone species. Former RC&D employee Jessica McGlinsey is assisting Dr. Chris Rowe with the study as part of her Conservation PhD program. This nesting season is looking good! The terrapins are finding their way around the stone structures and fencing to their nesting grounds, and nesting in new areas. All construction is completed, and grasses were being planted at the end of the fiscal year. This project is made possible through a grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, with additional support from a REPI Challenge Grant award and funding from the US Navy.

### **Our Projects: Piney Point Shoreline**

RC&D contracted with Coastline Design P.C. and St. Mary's SCD to provide a final shoreline assessment report acceptable to the County that included a plan with existing site conditions and recommended stabilization measures. The County accepted the plan and permits are in hand. The County will be releasing the request for proposals to complete construction soon. Once awarded, RC&D will do construction inspection and monitoring.



### Our Projects: Greenwell State Park Conservation & Restoration



Maryland Park Service asked RC&D to develop a restoration plan for Greenwell State Park in St. Mary's County. Activities include 22ac of reforestation, invasive species removal, 19ac of meadow plantings, and 5 years of maintenance. RC&D contracted with EcoHaven LLC to write the plan, which was accepted and submitted to DNR for implementation funding.

\$210k in grant funds were awarded to RC&D by DNR, which is enough to cover all activities and three years of maintenance. RC&D released requests for proposals for all activities and contracted with qualified contractors. Most of the site preparation work has been completed. Meadow planting will begin in Spring of 2026. Larger reforestation was completed through Maryland's 5 Million Trees initiative, which RC&D also managed (see previous entry on page 2).



### Our Projects: St. Inigoes Landing Boat Ramp & Pier Repair

Through our open bid agreement with St. Mary's County, RC&D contracted with Coastline Design P.C. to address issues with the beach strand, boat ramp, and pier at St. Inigoes Landing, a County park. It was determined that expanding the parking area and changing the angle would provide the needed adjustments to protect the pier and make the boat ramp more accessible. The final plan is still receiving comments and awaiting MDE permits.



### Our Projects: NRCS Technical Support Cooperative Agreement



RC&D continues to recruit, hire, and conduct employment and benefit administration for Affiliate positions to assist NRCS offices with program implementation in Eastern Shore and Southern Maryland. All positions are full-time, guaranteed for at least one-year. Our current agreement ends in

January 2027 and is to provide twenty (20) employees to serve Southern Maryland and the Eastern Shore! We currently support 14 NRCS Affiliate employees and are in the process of filling 3 vacancies. Unfortunately, due to grant funding freezes, we were not able to retain all of our previous hires. Thankfully, funding has been thawed, and we are in the process of re-filling those positions. Affiliates picked up a lot of slack during the recent federal layoffs and reductions in force. NRCS was incredibly grateful to our dedicated Affiliates as they navigated through difficult times while still supporting the mission to assist Maryland's agricultural producers with putting conservation practices in the ground. Feel free to read about our Affiliate employees in the Staff section of our website (<a href="https://www.somdrcd.org">www.somdrcd.org</a>).

### Our Projects: Broom Creek Gully Stabilization and SMCM Curriculum

With funding provided by the Chesapeake Bay Trust Maryland DNR, RC&D has partnered with Underwood & Associates and St. Mary's College of Maryland (SMCM) to develop an Ecological Restoration curriculum that will incorporate real-world projects into coursework restoration new Environmental Studies students. The first project selected is a stormwater gully stabilization that will be used as a "living lab" for students to conduct measurements and assessments, baseline habitat diversity studies, and future monitoring of the project and environment. This project is just beginning, and we have very high hopes that the curriculum will offer continued hands-on learning opportunities, valuable onthe-job training experience, and much-needed technical assistance to our community beyond the grant terms! We can't wait to get started!















### **Project Summary**

RC&D completed nearly \$7,356,650 in restoration projects. More than half of total funding was through grants, alleviating additional cost burdens for our partners and customers. More than \$7m in funds passed through RC&D to qualified sub-cooperators and partners (prioritizing working with local firms to support our regional economy when possible).

A majority of our projects that spent last year waiting for permits have broken ground, as we hoped. Most of them are close to finished. We expect FY26 to be a slower year. We don't have a lot of large restoration or construction projects in the works at this time but will be doing some annual monitoring on the ones that are wrapping up. RC&D projects for FY26 are focused mostly on technical assistance and relationship-building activities that will hopefully result in more conservation and restoration projects in the coming years.

Our NRCS Affiliate employees continue to be a great asset to RC&D and the USDA, providing necessary support across Southern Maryland and the Eastern Shore at a high level of quality. Their dedication and flexibility were especially appreciated during the funding freeze and layoffs across NRCS. In some offices only one RC&D employee was left. Our Affiliates stepped up and took on more tasks to get NRCS Maryland through a very difficult time.

We received about **\$10,000** in unrestricted donations to offset costs and allow RC&D to continue programs like Sunday Eco-School, Backyard Stream Stewards, and the Winter Seminar Series.

### **Our Partners**

We have worked with numerous partners on projects throughout Southern Maryland and beyond. Our partners provide us with funding, skills, knowledge, and technical expertise to get the job done as well as connect us with more of our community members. What we have accomplished would not be possible without our amazing Partners! We hope to continue to invest in relationships across Southern Maryland. If you would like to partner with us, or know of an organization you feel would be a good fit, please reach out and let us know!









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### **Environmental Education & Stewardship Efforts**

- Staff joined other Southern Maryland Conservation
   Alliance members in conducting a Water Quality Blitz,
   sampling water from streams around St. Mary's County.
   This year we were able to use a portion of our awarded
   grant funds to cover the cost of testing all 153 samples for
   participating partners!
- RC&D staff attended Forever Maryland's annual Maryland Land Conservation Conference and participated in additional roundtable discussions hosted by the Maryland Environmental Trust and SMCA. We also joined other land trusts in advocating to keep land conservation funded through the state.
- Marti attended the College of Southern Maryland Nonprofit Institute's annual conference.
- Staff continues to share information about local environmental topics, available natural resource job and training opportunities, and upcoming events through their social media accounts.
- Allison provided input for a Calvert County Resilience
   Study funded through MCSL. She also provided additional
   technical assistance and support to various local
   government departments and community partners
   seeking funding for restoration projects in Anne Arundel,
   Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's counties.
- Our free virtual Winter Seminar Series featured guest speakers who shared information on native plants for wildlife, barn owls, eastern box turtles, the importance of tree canopy, and corals.
- Marti joined other volunteers, community members, and staff in maintaining the Lexington Manor Passive Park Community Garden (LMPPCG) during public hours. The garden features numerous opportunities for community engagement and is primarily coordinated through a project manager employed by St. Mary's County. LMPPCG partners are still working on additional projects to improve habitat across the Park. They have planted native flowers, shrubs, and trees near the community garden as demonstration sites to help educate the community about landscaping with native plants.

















### Patuxent River Conference (PAXCON) 2025

RC&D once again helped plan and conduct PAXCON. The 8th annual Patuxent River Conference was held on February 6th at the Patuxent Research Refuge National Wildlife Visitor Center in Laurel (now with wifi)! This year's theme was "Our River, Our Livelihood" and explored river health, ecosystem services, threats, and solutions.

The keynote speaker, Denice Heller Wardrop, Executive Director of the Chesapeake Research Consortium, opened the conference with a brief summary of the findings from the recently completed Comprehensive Evaluation of System Response (CESR) report. The CESR report is a summation of an investigation by the Bay Program's Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) on how the past 40 years of efforts to clean up the Chesapeake Bay have actually performed. It was a great segue into our deeper discussions dealing with specific examples of the complex challenges we face as we consider and plan for multiple overlapping interests for the use of such a treasured natural resource.

Speakers shared numerous innovative projects and initiatives being implemented that address pollution, freshwater scarcity, equity, invasive fish, and environmental education. The audience was fully engaged and asked several questions after each speaker's presentation, wanting to learn more about how to replicate these new ideas in more areas across the Bay region.

During lunch, participants were serenaded by the comedic storytelling and folk musical stylings of Jefferson Holland, a local legend and Chesapeake Troubadour. He shared original songs, poems, and jokes specific to maritime life, iconic Bay creatures, and concerns facing the Bay watershed. Fun times were had by all!

The post-lunch panel featured professionals from varying backgrounds to discuss their own experiences with a changing river, the challenges they have faced, and the solutions they would like to see. Even with a last-minute switch in panelists, the discussion went well and encouraged thoughtful questions and conversations among attendees.

Lastly, the poster session was packed with the wonderful work of students and professionals studying impacts to the Patuxent River and developing innovative solutions. Another great year for PAXCON!

PAXCON is moving to an every other year model. We hope to see you in 2027!











### **Scientists Serving Communities Workshop**



RC&D has been working with Charles County Resilience Authority and the University of Maryland's Climate Resilience Network to plan a series of community outreach events geared towards connecting local stakeholders with scientists involved in climate resilience efforts. UMD has hosted two free **Scientists Serving Communities workshops** so far and a third is being planned for this coming winter which will **focus on water** (quantity, quality, and building resilience).

Over 125 stakeholders from the region including federal/state/county/city managers/planners/directors as well as non-profits, NGO's, public trusts, etc. registered (though snow and ice kept many from being able to attend). It was an opportunity for UMD scientists to engage directly with decision makers and community advocates in Maryland. This workshop is curated to bring together Maryland community leaders, stakeholders, and decision-makers who are instrumental in driving climate resilience efforts.

The purpose of the workshops is to have a free open dialogue with stakeholders, scientists, decision makers and other community members about the session topic. The goal of the Climate Resilience Network is to understand what gaps in information need to be addressed for making decisions at the state, county, municipality, or community levels and how we can partner with UMD to fill those information gaps.

You can register to attend the next workshop at climate.umd.edu



Scientists Serving Communities 2025 Workshop at UMD



Coltons Point, St. Mary's County



Solomons, Calvert County



Upper Marlboro, Prince George's County

## Announcements





### Middle Chesapeake Sentinel Landscape Partnership (MCSL)

RC&D worked closely with MCSL on a National Fish and Wildlife Foundation grant application. We won! The funds will cover 3 years of salary and benefits for a Resilience Specialist who will work with jurisdictions across Southern Maryland, the Eastern Shore, and Delaware to assess climate resilience needs and opportunities. Grant funds will also be allocated to start a rolling due diligence grant fund to speed up land protection in the area.

### Southern Maryland Conservation Alliance (SMCA)

Unfortunately, SMCA's lead organization, the American Chestnut Land Trust's (ACLT) executive director Greg Bowen passed away on February 25th. Despite the loss of Greg, ACLT continues to support this partnership. The other core land trust organizations have met in person to discuss our future roles and responsibilities in support of maintaining SMCA, including dues to cover the SMCA coordinator's salary. For now, ACLT continues to manage and coordinate SMCA projects with already allocated grant dollars and has pledged to continue for at least this coming year. Current projects include, but are not limited to, monitoring critical lands in the 5-county area, creating brand and messaging materials for SMCA, and working with the Chesapeake Conservancy on developing a free mapping platform for all SMCA members.

#### Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail (PHNT)

RC&D attended a Roundtable event and presented updates on programs and initiatives throughout Southern Maryland on behalf of our partners who could not attend. Planning meetings for the next roundtable occur monthly.

#### **Patuxent Habitat Collaborative**

Partners from PG SCD, Quails Forever, PG Parks, and Maryland Extension service have been meeting monthly to discuss opportunities to expand and enhance early successional forest and meadow habitat in Southern Maryland. They are working on an informational brochure that outlines best practices for land management for several atrisk grassland birds and pollinators.



#### Middle Chesapeake

Maryland | Established 2015

Acres Protected: 63,242

Acres Enrolled (During FY23): 123,939

Learn More

# Southern Maryland Conservation Alliance

Coordinating land conservation and restoration in the five-county Southern Maryland region.

September 21, 2023







# Announcements



### **Land Conservation Program Director Report**

FY25 was another busy year in Land Conservation, as we continued to process 15 properties between Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's counties.

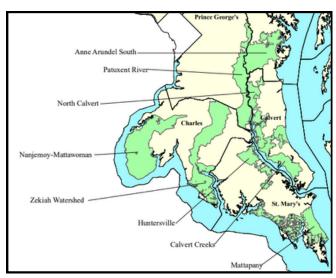
We settled three properties in the Mattapany region, and one in Calvert, bringing our total easements held in Calvert and St. Mary's to 32. We are continuing to assist Charles County with their Rural Legacy Easements; we settled two properties, and are wrapping up six more!

Landowner interest in the Rural Legacy Program remains strong, and we should have no shortage of properties to work on. Exciting times ahead for Land Conservation!

Despite the alarm around the cuts to State Project Open Space funding for the next four years, we do not predict a huge negative impact on our easements. We have 10 Mattapany properties and 3 Calvert Creeks properties on our waitlist with reserved State funds; which will keep us moving forward over the next four years.

We look forward to another successful year of land conservation!

### -Jessy



Map of the Rural Legacy Areas of Southern Maryland

### BE A LAND CONSERVATION CHAMPION

DONATE TO THE SOUTHERN MARYLAND RC&D LAND CONSERVATION FUND



### What is the Land Conservation Fund?

The fund helps RC&D protect Southern Maryland's most vulnerable forests and farms from development, providing crucial upfront funding for the work that is required to finalize conservation easements.

### SPONSOR LEVELS

### CHESAPEAKE - \$1,000

- Special recognition, sign placement, and table at our annual fundraising event
- · All benefits of Potomac and Patuxent levels

### **POTOMAC - \$500**

- Tagged social media posts
- All benefits of Patuxent level

### PATUXENT - \$100

- · Listing on our website
- Recognition in our annual report and newsletters



Southern Maryland Resource Conservation & Development is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. All donations are ax-deductible. Visit somdrcd.org for more information and to donate.

# Announcements





### Call to Action

#### Volunteer with Us!

We could use some new expertise! As we are expanding and streamlining our processes and procedures, we have realized we could use some updates to our contracts and policies. If you or someone you know has experience with drafting contracts, policies, or other compliance documents and would be interested in working with us, please consider serving on our new **Compliance Committee** 

Email <u>somdrcd@somdrcd.org</u> to apply









Scan the QR code to donate.

Any amount helps!

We greatly appreciate your

support!!



# Awards & Recognitions

# We Are Incredibly Grateful to Our Donors for Investing in Our Mission and Vision!

- Chesapeake Level Cole's Family Foundation
- Potomac Level Herbert & Naomi Leavitt Family Charitable Trust

### Dash In (The Wills Group, Inc.)

We had the honor of attending the grand reopening of Dash In in Leonardtown, where we were presented with a \$5,000 grant as part of their *Reimagining Outdoor Spaces* initiative!

Thanks to Dash In's generous donation, we're one step closer to realizing our vision: People and the environment in harmony in Southern Maryland.

We are looking forward to exploring new opportunities with this partnership!



### **Incoming and Outgoing Board Members**

Jessica Linn joins us as a representative from Charles Soil Conservation District. We're excited to have her!



Jessica Linn





Dawn Balinski

Dawn Balinski joins our Board as a representative of the Calvert Forest Conservancy District. We look forward to having her expertise as we take on more forestry and land management projects!

Christina Davis joins our Board as a representative of the Charles County Commissioners (Department of Public Works). She is the County's new recycling citizen response coordinator. Welcome Christina!



Christina Davis

Luis was a board member for 21 years. During his time, he was an active and involved board member who served on the Executive Board. His support for RC&D has been appreciated. We will miss his dedication, thoughtfulness, and expertise. We thank him for his years of dedicated service and hope he has a relaxing retirement!





**Luis Dieguez** 





I joined RC&D in December, taking over Jess's role as monitoring assistant. In that brief time, I have met many of our landowners during their annual monitoring visits and walked the beautiful lands we've protected in perpetuity!

Perhaps one of my favorite experiences so far has been our work with the Gateway Native Garden. It has been a true honor to contribute to the care and maintenance of such a meaningful and visually stunning space. The garden not only serves as a beautiful entrance to our community but also functions as an important educational tool—demonstrating the value of native plants in supporting local wildlife, promoting pollinator health, and conserving water. Helping to keep the garden looking its best has been both rewarding and inspiring, and I've loved seeing how it brings people together and sparks conversations about conservation right at the community level.

Another highlight was being involved in the Winter Seminar Series, an educational outreach program designed to engage and inform our community on a variety of conservation-related topics. It was incredibly fulfilling to help organize and support these sessions, which brought together local experts, landowners, and conservation enthusiasts to share knowledge and ideas. The series covered everything from sustainable land management practices to wildlife conservation strategies, sparking meaningful dialogue and inspiring action among attendees. I'm proud to have been part of a program that empowers our community with tools and information to become better stewards of the environment.

Our impact and reach within the community continues to grow. Over the last year we have increased our Facebook followers to 906! Please help us reach 1000 followers by sharing our mission and impact with your friends and family! Thank you for an amazing year!





Another awesome year of working with wonderful coworkers, employees, board members and partners. The experience of onboarding several employees (and more to come) has been great. I have learned a lot. I was also able to go on a few project site visits that were great to see. From the Land Conservation side of visiting a potential easement site to Shoreline Restoration work on the Pax River Naval Base. It was great to see the sites that go with the paperwork that I fill out in the office or the reports that I have read. Looking forward to more project site visits and assisting in the growth of Southern Maryland RC&D.

**Denitra Brawner, Administrative Associate** 



### Meet Our Newest Employee! Land Conservation Program Assistant

Hello RC&D Partners, Board Members, and Community!

I was honored to join the team as the new Program Assistant in December 2024.

Growing up on a small farm in a rural community, I developed a deep appreciation for the natural world and became a steward of the land at a young age. Surrounded by wilderness, I discovered my passion for environmental conservation early on.

I earned my Bachelor's degree in Environmental Science from American Public University System (APUS) and am currently pursuing my Master's degree in the same field. My academic and professional journey has taken me from Wisconsin to South Dakota, and ultimately to Southern Maryland.

While in South Dakota, I worked as a zookeeper, developing and leading environmental education programs to raise awareness about the threats facing wildlife in the U.S. After moving to Maryland, I began working in the field studying animals and protecting large mammals and rare species, including coyotes, monarch butterflies, diamondback terrapins, and white-tailed deer. One of my primary responsibilities has been conducting habitat management to support native plant and animal populations.

I've truly enjoyed contributing to conservation efforts here in Maryland, and I look forward to supporting the RC&D's mission and working closely with this incredible community.



**Marti Bagwell** 







Sincerely, Marti Bagwell

### **Executive Director Letter**

Hello Partners, Board Members, and Friends,





I have had another eventful year! The new administration's slew of Executive Orders put us in some uncomfortable positions at the beginning of January through April. Our federal funding was frozen, and they stopped payment on work that had already been completed. We were having to pay people out of our own reserves with no promise of reimbursement. We had no warning and no time to prepare for a funding freeze and the personnel losses to our federal partners due to additional firings, layoffs, and early retirements made addressing issues even more difficult. There was little to no information flowing to any of us and we were all incredibly stressed not knowing what the future held. We were about to have to let go of all our NRCS Affiliates. Then, again without any explanation, the funding was reinstated. The impacts are still being felt, and we are unsure how each program and partnership will look in the near future, even extending beyond federal partners to State and local partnerships as well. It seems every organization we work with has been impacted in some way. Moments like these are a good reminder of why our partnerships are so vital to the health of our organization. Having others with whom to share information, resources, and join voices helped keep RC&D in as good a position as it could be... and helped ease my stress!

Federal funding remains uncertain with the drastic cuts across the board to aid programs, environmental initiatives, nonprofits, and community services. Our national RC&D organization was hit so hard they were forced to lay off nearly every employee. Our future with federal partners is unclear, but I wouldn't say we are in crisis quite yet.

Despite the upheavals, we have enjoyed a successful year of on-the-ground conservation and restoration work. I prioritize projects that incorporate multiple stakeholders and interests as often as possible. Outreach and engagement with non-environmental groups allows us to reach new audiences and innovate new programs. I will keep reaching out across sectors to develop relationships that will hopefully let us grow into new spaces and increase our RC&D's resilience in a changing political and economic landscape.

On a personal note, I found a new challenge to tackle. The Tuscarora Trail! I will attempt to hike all 250 miles before I turn 50. Only 235 miles to go! I hiked 15 miles of it for my 44th birthday.

Sincerely,









### **Current Board Members**

### **Bobby Cooper**

Sponsor: St. Mary's Soil Conservation District

### **JR Cosgrove**

**Sponsor: Calvert County Commissioners** 

#### **David Scheler**

Sponsor: Anne Arundel Soil Conservation District

### **Steve Darcey**

Sponsor: Prince George's Soil Conservation District

#### **Jennifer David**

Sponsor: Tri-County Council

### **Luis Dieguez**

Sponsor: Charles Soil Conservation District

### Ryan St. Laurent

Sponsor: RC&D Appointed (Calvert)

### **Randy Sweeney**

Sponsor: RC&D Appointed (Charles)

#### **Jason Leavitt**

Sponsor: Calvert Soil Conservation District

#### **Patrick Woodburn**

Sponsor: RC&D Appointed (St. Mary's)

### **Tommy Wright**

Sponsor: RC&D Appointed (St. Mary's)

#### **Jessica Linn**

Sponsor: RC&D Appointed (Charles)

#### Chair – Patricia Pinnell

Sponsor: St. Mary's County Forestry Board

#### Vice Chair - Tim Wells

Sponsor: Charles County Commissioners

### **Secretary/Treasurer – Bruce Young**

Sponsor: RC&D Appointed (St. Mary's County)

If you are interested in serving on our Board, please email somdrcd@somdrcd.org or call 240-577-6413 for more details on how to apply.

### Come be a part of a great organization!!

Southern Maryland RC&D is looking to fill vacancies on our Board. We currently have vacancies for members appointed by/representing the following:

- Anne Arundel Forest Conservancy Board
- Charles Forest Conservancy Board
- Prince George's Forest Conservancy Board
- Anne Arundel County Government
- Prince George's County Government
- Prince George's Soil Conservation
   District

RC&D prefers that you reside in the county you wish to represent. Members serve on the board for three years.

We also have Board Appointee positions open for Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's & St. Mary's counties.