

The **John Marshall Soil and Water Conservation District** is one of 47 Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD) in Virginia which comprise the State's only grassroots conservation network. SWCDs partner with local, state, and federal agencies and organizations to identify conservation problems and provide solutions. Primary functions of the John Marshall SWCD include implementation of the Virginia Agricultural Cost Share Program, and providing technical assistance in the design and the establishment of conservation practices, and providing conservation education to youth and adult audiences.

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**Virginia's Soil and Water Conservation Districts** are "subdivisions of State Government," that utilize state, federal and private sector resources to solve today's conservation problems. The guiding philosophy of all Conservation Districts focuses on decision-making for soil and water conservation issues at the local level, by local people, with technical assistance provided by government agencies.

Each conservation district is led by a Board of Directors made up of local people interested in soil and water conservation. These elected and/or appointed members study local natural resource issues and make decisions to enhance and protect their community.



# John Marshall Soil and Water Conservation District



## Providing Local Solutions to Natural Resource and Conservation Issues

Serving Fauquier County  
Since 1966

### Mission Statement

*The mission of the John Marshall Soil and Water Conservation District is to provide leadership, technical assistance, and education to the people of Fauquier County in proper soil stewardship and water quality protection to ensure the wise use of the county's natural resources.*

## Conservation Programs and Services provided by the John Marshall Soil and Water Conservation District

### Rural/Agricultural

- Technical assistance for planning and designing conservation practices such as animal waste storage facilities, stream bank protection fencing, installation of alternative livestock water systems, stream crossings, and rotational grazing systems.
- Financial incentives for installing conservation practices through the Virginia Cost Share and Tax Credit Program.
- Development and oversight of conservation plans for agriculture production and good stewardship of natural resources.
- Management of the TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load) program to improve water quality in Fauquier County's impaired streams
- Building public/private partnerships to manage and preserve Fauquier County's natural resources.

### Urban/Suburban

- Provide rain barrel workshops to promote water conservation.
- Assist Fauquier County Health Department with the management of the residential TMDL program to improve water quality in Fauquier County's impaired streams.
- Monitor water quality in Fauquier County streams to track water quality improvements.
- Provide soil and water conservation information to Fauquier County urban/suburban residents as needed.

### Conservation Education

- Sponsor conservation field days and farm tour events for school and public audiences.
- Provide educational presentations to school groups and civic organizations.
- Provide conservation information and resources for teachers.
- Sponsor Envirothon and publish quarterly newsletter to provide up-to-date conservation information

## Additional Resources

- Aerial photography
- Soil maps and soil information
- Topographic maps
- Watershed maps
- Educational information – brochures, videos, books

## Local Solutions

The John Marshall SWCD encompasses all of Fauquier County. The District serves as the link between landowners and agencies that provide assistance in protecting soil and water resources in the county's primary watersheds, and ultimately, the Chesapeake Bay.

