

Sign Up for the Small Farm Cost-Share Program!

If you missed this year's sign-up period, we'll notify you in time for next year's sign-up.

- Are you a landowner in the Baltimore County portion of the Prettyboy Reservoir Watershed? (see map).
- Do you manage livestock of no more than 7 animal units? (one animal unit=1,000 pounds)
- Do you want free technical assistance and cost-sharing of up to 87.5% of the cost of installing practices to stop pollution and increase the value of your property?

If so, call, mail, email or fax this form to the District

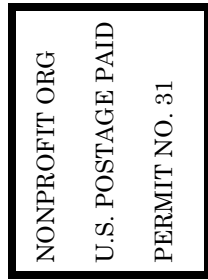
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The Baltimore County Soil Conservation District Small Farm Water Quality Improvement Cost-Share Program

The Baltimore County Soil Conservation District has established and funded a program to provide technical and financial assistance for small landowners with livestock operations to solve water quality problems. The Small Farm Water Quality Improvement Cost-Share Program was designed to assist rural landowners in Baltimore County with animal operations that do not qualify for traditional agricultural conservation programs because their operation is too small. In its first year of operation, the program will be targeted to eligible landowners in the Prettyboy Reservoir Watershed. In subsequent years, other areas may be considered.

Who is Eligible?

Landowners with animal operations of seven animal units or less in the Baltimore County portion of the Prettyboy Reservoir Watershed are eligible to apply to the program. An animal unit is 1,000 pounds of animal weight.

Application Procedure

The sign-up period is in effect through **January 31, 2008**. Applications received at the District

during the sign-up period will be ranked according to criteria approved by the District Board of Supervisors. Offers will be made to the ranked applicants until program funds are committed.

Technical Assistance

District field staff will set appointments with approved applicants to visit the property and review the existing operation and water quality problems. A conservation plan will be developed at no cost to the landowner. The plan will identify areas of concern and the best management practices to solve the problems. A district planner will consult with the landowner as to which practices are to be installed and the cost-share arrangement available through the program. The landowner is then responsible for the installation of the practice and District staff will inspect to certify that it has been installed according to standards and specifications. Once installed and certified, the cost-share payment will be made.

Cost-Sharing

The District has established a list of approved best management practices and the cost-share percentage. The highest priority practices will be cost-shared at 87.5%. The landowner is responsible to pay the remainder. A flat rate of average local costs for the installation of practices has been established and the cost-shared payment will be based on the flat rate

or the actual costs, whichever is less. Cost-shared funds to approved applicants will be capped at \$5,000 per farm per year.

Maintenance Responsibilities

Once installed, the landowner is responsible to maintain cost-shared practice for a minimum of three years. The landowner agrees to grant access to District staff to periodically inspect the practice to certify that it is being maintained adequately and continuing to control pollution.

Prettyboy Reservoir
Baltimore County, Maryland

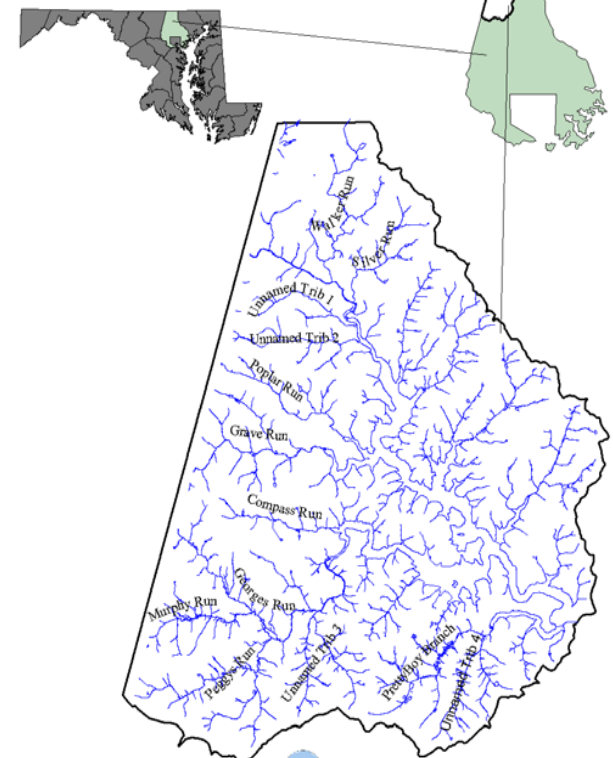


Figure 1: Map showing the location of the Prettyboy Reservoir in Maryland



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