



# Anne Arundel Soil Conservation District

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**Advancing the Wise Stewardship of Our Natural Resources**

## **ASSISTANCE FOR AGRICULTURAL WASTE STORAGE STRUCTURE (Design and Construction or Repair)**

The District's primary concerns are erosion control and water quality. Assistance may be provided for agricultural waste storage structures as part of the "Technical Assistance to Land Users" provisions of the District's "Servicing Policy" and the following provisions. Sediment control and other water quality benefits will be considered in setting priorities for providing assistance for agricultural waste storage structures.

The District requires all landowners to sign a Soil Conservation and Water Quality Agreement before we begin working with the individual on each piece of property involved. The agreement states that the District and the landowner/operator will work cooperatively in preparing a plan which meets the agricultural operation needs and includes land use/management decisions that are within the property's resource capabilities. Any best management practices implemented with the District's assistance will need to meet the standards and specifications required to address adequate soil conservation and water quality. This plan would be completed in accordance with the District's resources and operating policies at the time any work is done. All major water quality problems on the property must be corrected before assistance is provided.

Assistance, when provided, will be according to the following procedures and "Good Faith Deposit" requirements:

1. The District will meet on-site with the landowner requesting assistance on the development of an agricultural waste storage structure (hereinafter referred to as "structure").
2. If the Cooperator wishes to pursue the practice, the District will require a \$200 deposit (cash, check, or money order).
3. The District will initiate the design of the structure and assist the landowner with securing applicable permits.
4. If applicable permits cannot be obtained, the deposit will be refunded.
5. If, after other agencies have responded and applicable permits received, the landowner decides not to pursue construction, the **will be forfeited**.
6. If construction of the structure is not started within one year from the time the plan is completed and/or permits received (whichever is later), the deposit **will be forfeited**.

7. When the structure is completed and certified by the USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to meet NRCS design specifications, the deposit will be returned.
8. For structures designed by the District, the District will supervise construction and prepare the required "as-built" plan.
9. Structures developed with government cost-share assistance are required to be maintained for fifteen (15) years.

I have read the District's Assistance For Agricultural Waste Storage Structure Policy and do hereby request assistance

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Landowner's Signature

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Date

**RECORD OF AGRICULTURAL WASTE STORAGE STRUCTURE DEPOSIT TRANSACTIONS.**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Transaction</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>District Employee Initials</u>
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 Check #    Money    Cash  
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Structure Completed, Certified by USDA  
 Natural Resource Conservation Service \_\_\_\_\_  
 Deposit Refunded to Landowner \_\_\_\_\_