



**Who we are:**

The Western Maryland RC&D Council is an alliance of Federal, State, Local, and Private partners who share a common desire to protect natural resources, the rural lifestyle and economic well-being for the residents of Garrett, Allegany, Washington, Frederick and Carroll counties.

**Goals:**

The goals of the Western Maryland RC&D Council include:

- ◆ Promoting recycling;
- ◆ Promoting programs to expand the use of local forest resources;
- ◆ Promoting economic opportunities that benefit the well-being of the rural population;
- ◆ Improving rural fire protection;
- ◆ Promoting sustainable agriculture;
- ◆ Encouraging businesses to locate in Western Maryland;
- ◆ Encouraging voluntary cooperation to improve land and water resources;
- ◆ Promoting tourism;
- ◆ Developing, improving, and strengthening environmental education programs;
- ◆ Improving air, soil, and water quality;
- ◆ Increasing employment diversity.

**Our Vision:**

To be viewed as a reliable source of innovative environmental and conservation solutions in dealing with the challenges of population growth and pressures in the natural resources of our region.

**Our Mission:**

To build and sustain resource conservation programs, raising the quality of social, economic and environmental development in our region.

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