

The State Soil Conservation Committee has organized Soil Conservation Districts in all counties of the State. The Committee coordinates the work of the twenty-four Soil Conservation Districts in Maryland to further the application of scientifically sound and practical conservation measures to the lands in Maryland which will result in a retardation of erosion and the advancement of soil and water conservation. The Committee makes available to the districts such funds as are made available to the Committee for use by the districts in implementing the soil conservation district program.

The State Committee also assists Districts in securing the advice and help of State and Federal agencies which have resources that can be brought to bear on soil and water problems and on certain phases of related land use programs and problems, including watershed protection and flood prevention, siltation of streams and reservoirs, shore erosion control, highway erosion control, forest and woodland conservation and development, the protection and development of wildlife, and the development of public land areas (Code 1957, 1970 Repl. Vol., Art. 66C, sec. 91).

Appropriations	1971	1972
General Funds .....	\$182,974	\$248,498
Staff: 2.		

**MARYLAND TOBACCO AUTHORITY**

Chairman: John Schillinger, 1974

George Max Beal, 1972; J. Anderson King, 1972; W. George Ward, 1972; Howard R. Cooksey, 1973; Victor E. Marine, 1973; Francis J. Schultz, 1974; Alfred H. Tolzman, 1974.

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The Maryland Tobacco Authority, created by Chapter 61, Acts of Special Session of 1947, is composed of eight members appointed by the Governor for three-year terms. The Board elects its own Chairman.

The Authority may investigate and study any phase of tobacco marketing or production in the State, provide information about the tobacco price structure, and make recommendations for legislation to provide more effective handling of tobacco. Along with the buyers and commission agencies it has a voice in fixing marketing periods, and it assures the accuracy of weights and measures used by tobacco commission-selling agencies. The Authority also licenses commission agencies and purchasers, and collects a fee from the owner of tobacco sold at a commission agency. It uses the funds so collected (Code 1957, 1971 Repl. Vol., Art. 48, secs. 55-73).

From time to time a representative of the Tobacco Authority visits manufacturers in foreign countries, as well as in the United States, to develop markets for Maryland tobacco.

Appropriations	1971	1972
Special Funds .....	\$26,701	\$26,771
Staff: 2, plus 2 seasonal employees to supervise markets.		

**WHOLESOME MEAT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Chairman: George Lechluder

Vice Chairman: J. W. Treuth, Jr.

Ex officio member: *Vacancy.*