

processes of erosion by wind and water speed up when absorptive topsoil is removed, causing exposure of less absorptive and less protective but more erosive subsoil. The failure by any land occupier to conserve the soil and control erosion on his land causes a washing and blowing of soil and water from his land onto other lands and makes the conservation of soil and control of erosion of other lands difficult or impossible.

(d) It is the policy of the General Assembly to provide for the conservation of the soil, WATER and [soil] RELATED resources of the State and for the control and prevention of soil erosion in order to preserve natural resources, control floods, prevent impairment of dams and reservoirs, assist in maintaining the navigability of rivers and harbors, preserve wildlife, protect the tax base, protect the public lands, [and] protect and promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the people of the State, AND OTHERWISE ENHANCE THEIR LIVING ENVIRONMENT.

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(a) The following persons shall serve as members of the Committee:

(1) THE SECRETARY [[OF AGRICULTURE]], OR ANY EMPLOYEE OF THE DEPARTMENT [[OF AGRICULTURE WHOM]] HE DESIGNATES.

[(1)] (2) The Secretary of Natural Resources, or any employee of the Department of Natural Resources whom he designates;

[(2)] (3) The principal administrative official for agricultural affairs at the University of Maryland as designated by the President of the University;

[(3)] (4) The chairman of the Maryland Agriculture Commission, or other member of the Commission he designates;

[(4)] (5) The president of the Maryland Association of Soil Conservation districts;

[(5)] (6) [Three] FOUR soil conservation district supervisors representing the [three] FOUR different geographic areas of the State, as provided in subsection (b);

[(6)] (7) The director of the Cooperative Extension Service and the principal administrative officer for Maryland of the Soil Conservation Service of