

Western Maryland RC&D May 2013, Project Status

Date	Project	Project Status	Contacts
May 2013	MDNR PPRP MOU and Contract	PPRP Contract approved through June 30, 2013. New contract Scope of Work for FY 14, under preparation.	Paul Petzrick, PPRP
May 2013	MDNR Shale Gas Public Hearings, Public Meeting Facilitator	WMRC&D negotiating with MDNR to assist with contracting Company to arrange/host/facilitate public meetings.	MDNR WMRC&D
May 2013	USDA, National Arboretum, Utility Adapted Tree Project	Conference call held to continue utility adapted tree project for FY 14, 15 and 16.	MDNR, PPRP USDA, National Arboretum WMRC&D
May 2013	MDNR	WMRC&D to host possible Watershed planning position for Deep Creek Lake area under consideration.	MDNR WMRC&D
May 2013	Jennings Run AMD proposed Brook Trout project	Letter Contract Extension to end of 2014 with Big Savage LLC and WM RC&D approved. Letter Contract Extension to end of 2014 with Borden Mining Co. approved. Written authorization for access from Request to Allegany County Commissioners in progress. Additional partners/funding sought.	Seth Whitmore, Big Savage LLC, Niles Primrose, PPRP, Connie Loucks/Joe Mills, MDE, WMRC&D, OSM, F&WS, Borden Mining Co., Craig Hartsock, WMRC&D
May 2013	Frostburg Grows Project	Grant for High Tunnel Hoop House construction funding approved by American Rivers/EPA. Land lease signed, Budget approved, Grant Award approved. Sub-Award Contract to FSU approved. Construction in progress, tree seedlings planted.	Dan Fiscus, Joe Hoffman, FSU, Will Jenkins, Allegany Coal and Land Co. Paul Kazyak, HAP Highlands Action Program, Georges Creek Watershed Association, WM RC&D and others.

May 2013	Savage River Stream Restoration Project/Metz Property	Final Report to CBT submitted for this CBT planning grant. National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Grant approved for project construction.	NFWF CVI WM RC&D
May 2013	Wetlands Restoration Project, Second Contract between USDA and WMRC&D	New USDA, NRCS Wetlands Restoration Program (WRP) project Agreement approved. Four properties included; construction in progress. Tree planting completed and Spring burning proposed.	Steve Strano, USDA, NRCS WMRCD administering project.
May 2013	WMRC&D Office	Alternatives for part-time office help under consideration.	WMRC&D to host position in Hagerstown Office.
May 2013	MDNR MD Biological Stream Survey	New contract with MDNR, MBSS for two positions to conduct stream survey sampling approved.	MDNR MBSS WMRC&D
May 2013	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Partnership Projects	We have several ongoing projects primarily for fish habitat conservation and stream restoration work.	Rich Starr, F&WS