

## **SEAN MCCANDLESS - SOIL PLANNER**

Sean has lived in Cecil County nearly his entire life. He came to us in 2021 from the Cecil County Department of Public Works Stormwater Management Division where he was an MS4 Compliance Supervisor. He started at Cecil County Government over 13 years ago as a Stormwater Management Inspector. Sean's job involved coordinating stormwater BMP inspections, project management, reviewing development, stormwater and grading plans. A large component of Sean's job also involved outreach and education; from talking to contractors and residents, to visiting schools to work with students as well as providing continuing education opportunities for teachers. Sean strived to make others aware of their impact on the environment around them. Because of his efforts, Sean received the Outstanding Achievement Award in 2010 from the Cecil Soil Conservation District where he served as an Associate Supervisor on the Board of Supervisors for seven years.

Since a very young age, Sean has been interested in and very passionate about the health of water resources, wildlife, especially birds. He has served several terms a President of the Cecil Bird Club where he continues to serve as a very active field trip leader. He has also become an avid nature photographer.

Sean focuses a lot of his free time on education and conservation of birds and bird habitat. For the past few years, Sean has been the Cecil County Breeding Bird Atlas Coordinator which is a cooperative project between the Maryland Ornithological Society and Department of Natural Resources.

What started out as personal interests throughout his life, have developed into a desire and a career to educate others about the importance of environmental stewardship. From improving water quality to the better management of wildlife habitats, Sean encourages the importance of environmental awareness.

Sean and his wife, Colleen reside in the Town of North East. They enjoy spending time with Sean's two children, Kylie & Drew, Colleen's children, Landon, Virginia Jordan and Abbey and their three grandchildren, Mason, Ellie and Flynn.

