## ANDREW SIPE SOIL CONSERVATIONIST

A lifelong resident of Cecil County having grown up on a former 30-acre farm dating back to the mid-1800s Andrew has enjoyed spending time outdoors from a young age. After graduating from Perryville High School in 2013 he attended the University of Maryland College Park, where he received a bachelor's degree in Environmental Science with a concentration in Land Use, along with a minor in Geographic Information Systems (GIS). Upon graduation Andrew returned home and spent 4 years working with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources as a lead trail technician at Fair Hill Natural Resource Management Area. During his time at Fair Hill he oversaw the maintenance of an 80-mile trail system. His daily jobs included clearing fallen and hazardous trees, building bridges, controlling vegetation, and making various trail improvements. In addition to these jobs he also played an integral role in the planning, designing, and early stages of construction of a brand-new trail system at the soon to be Bohemia River State Park. While with the Department of Natural Resources Andrew was a member of the states Wildland Fire Fighting Crew and spent 3 weeks in Northern California in Oct 2020 inside the Klamath National Forest on the Red Salmon Complex Fire.

Andrew still resides in Cecil County and in his free time enjoys doing a wide variety of outdoor activities including fishing, mountain biking, hiking, geocaching, golfing, and searching for arrowheads and relics with his metal detector.



