

# CONSERVATION NEWS

New publication available from the NRCS Field office in Glasgow. VEB Tool-Kit: A Guide to Vegetative Environmental Buffers for Tunnel Ventilated Chicken Houses from the Delmarva Chicken Association is available in English, Urdu, Vietnamese and Korean languages.

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## CONSERVATION ASSISTANCE AT FOOD BANK OF DELAWARE FARM

Prior to moving to their new location in the Pencader Corporate Center, the District worked with the Food Bank of Delaware to provide technical and financial assistance to implement several conservation practices/projects for the farm/CSA operation. Between 2018 and 2020, the following practices were installed:

- ◆ Erosion control on slope adjacent to existing stormwater pond
- ◆ Cover crop planting to improve soil health and stop erosion
- ◆ Drainage improvements including a drainage tile system around the hoop houses to the stormwater pond. Water run-off from the plastic hoop houses was seeping into the hoop houses saturating the soil where the crops were growing. The newly installed drainage system captures that water and takes it to the stormwater pond which provides a much better growing environment for the crops in the hoop houses and a nicer place for the volunteers and employees to work.



Erosion control work in 2018



First cover crop in 2018



A drainage system was installed along both sides of the two existing hoop houses. A third hoop house is planned for the future. The black plastic perforated pipe is wrapped in fabric and then covered with stone and finally soil. The system is sloped to drain the water to the stormwater pond located down slope from the hoop houses.



Winter greens CSA harvest on January 12, 2021