



Educational Classroom Programs
Enviroscape

Educational Programs

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About Us

Virginia Dare SWCD implements the Virginia Agriculture Cost-Share Program, Provides Agriculture Technical Assistance, The Virginia Cost Share Program. Delivers Agriculture and Environmental Educational Programs and other outreach Programs in the Cities of Chesapeake and Virginia Beach.

Putting Conservation On The Ground

Our Support!

The Commonwealth of Virginia supports the Virginia Dare SWCD through financial and administrative assistance provided by the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board and the Department of Conservation and Recreation.

The Cities of Chesapeake and Virginia Beach supports the Virginia Dare Soil and Water Conservation District through financial and in-kind service.



VACS Program



We work with the people who work the land.

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2018-2019 ANNUAL REPORT

Our Mission is to provide leadership in the conservation of soil, water and related resources in Chesapeake and Virginia Beach.

Our Vision is to ensure future generations with clean water, fresh air, productive soils, and sustainable related resources.

Virginia Agriculture Cost-Share Program (VACS)

Putting Conservation on The Ground! Agriculture!

Under our VACS program last year we provided cost-share assistance on Agriculture Best Management Practices (BMP's) in the amount of **\$19,508** in The Chesapeake Bay and **\$356,819** in Outside the Chesapeake Bay. Our practices included Cover Crop, Nutrient Management and No-Till.

Virginia Cost-Share Assistance Program (VCAP)

Putting Conservation on The Ground! Urban!

The Districts cost-shared on **32** VCAP Projects this year! Bringing our total of VCAP Projects in our District to **72** Urban BMP's! We provided cost-share assistance in the amount of **\$320,088.93!** To date we have provided over **\$600,000** on cost-share assistance Conservation Projects put on the ground include Impervious Surface Removal, Permeable Pavers, Rain Garden and Conservation Landscaping!

Conservation on The Ground in the Cities of Chesapeake and Virginia Beach!



More Conservation on The Ground! Tire Days

The District Recycled **4 Tractor Trailers of used Agriculture Tires, 514 car/truck tires 358 Grain Truck tires and 59 Tractor Tires** Our Tire Recycling Program is an outreach to our Agriculture Community!

Agriculture Oil Recycling

Under our Agriculture Oil Recycling Program we recycled over **2,600 gallons of used motor oil and hydraulic fluid.**

USDA/NRCS Conservation Innovative Grant (CIG) Unique Opportunities to Try New and Innovative Agriculture Conservation Practices

VA Dare established the Southeast VA Farmers' 20/20 Club with the help from our conservation partners; VA Beach and Chesapeake Extension, NRCS, and a group of innovative producers in the area looking to improve yield through different conservation practices and farm system adjustments. Under the CIG Grant we took several field trips and experimented with different types of cover crops. We hosted a meet and greet with the NRCS Chief of Staff Matt Lohr at RW White Jrs. Farm, Participants received penetrometers.



United States Department of Agriculture-NRCS Conservation on The Ground

In FY 2019 the NRCS Chesapeake Office allocated **\$373,354.00 on 3,502.7 acres** of conservation practices that included cover crop, nutrient management, residue and tillage management/no-till/mulch till, conservation cover, tree/shrub site preparation, tree/shrub establishment, herbaceous weed control, forest stand improvement, high tunnel system, irrigation water management plan, and conservation plan supporting organic transition.

Agriculture Conservation Education Program

Farm Days Programs

Virginia Dare hosted over 1900 1st grade students and 67 classrooms for 4 days of Farms Days in Virginia Beach and Chesapeake! Each student received outreach educational material and goodies from our Agriculture Partners! Virginia Beach Farm Days was held at Hunt Club Farms. Chesapeake Farm Days was held at Triple R. Ranch. Thank you to all of our Sponsors!



Virginia Dare SWCD Cynthia Pridmore Scholarship awarded 4 students with scholarships totaling \$6,000! Scholarships are awarded to students who will major in Agriculture, Conservation of Natural Resources or Environmental Education!

Over 80 Volunteers helped us to implement on our Educational Programs in 2019!

Agriculture Reading In The Classroom!



The District Partnered with Chesapeake Farm Bureau to Read to Students for Agriculture Week. We worked with local Chesapeake Master Gardener, USDA-NRCS. VCE We read to over 1200 students at 5 schools. This project utilized 19 volunteers! Every School received A book donated by Chesapeake Farm Bureau!

Environmental Education



The Virginia Dare SWCD provides classroom programs in local schools that address conservation of our natural resources and promotion of best management programs in our watershed. We delivered classroom programs to over 20 schools in our District with an outreach of over 2,500 students. All Programs are at no cost ! All programs are aligned with the Virginia Standards of Learning

Youth Conservation Camp

Virginia Dare SWCD provided \$1,100 in scholarships to send two High School Students to YCC at Virginia Tech to learn about our natural resources!

Dominion Envirothon

Virginia Dare SWCD welcomed Maury High School this year as our Envirothon Team! The Envirothon is an Environmental Competition!





Kathleen Sullivan, District Manager, 21 years of providing Environmental Education and Managing Virginia Dare SWCD!



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“Conservation On The Ground”

Virginia Dare Soil and Water Conservation Annual Report

Program Year 2018-2019

Our Board of Directors Work Outside the District Meetings!



Leslie Jones at Farm Days!



Vickie Greene Reading In the Classroom



Environmental Education



Our Local Producers educate students on the wonders of Agriculture! Our Classrooms have no walls!



Cory Hoar, Conservation Specialist, Puffing Conservation on the Ground for over 5 years!



CIG Grant Partnership. Chief Lohr and Conservation Specialist Cory Hoar.



The Partnership Works! Ag Producers Culliphers, State Conservationist Mr. Bricker, NRCS Chief Lohr, Delegate Knight, NRCS Staff