

VA Dare
SWCD
2023
Annual
Report



We work with the people who work the land



Mission Statement

- To successfully provide leadership in conservation of soil, water, and related natural resources in Chesapeake and Virginia Beach through Agricultural and Urban Best Management Practices.

Vision Statement

- To provide positive leadership through clean water, fresh air, productive soils, and sustainable related resources.



District Directors

Leslie Jones, Chair,
Elected,
Virginia Beach

Frank Drumm, Vice
Chair, Appointed at
Large

Vickie Greene,
Elected,
Chesapeake

John Pierce,
Elected,
Chesapeake

Bill Fleming,
Elected,
Virginia Beach

Roy Flanagan,
Appointed, Virginia
Cooperative
Extension Agent

District Staff

- ❖ Kathleen Sullivan, District Manager
- ❖ **Programs:** Administrative/
Operations/Financial, FOIA Officer, Record
Retention Officer, District Secretary/Treasurer,
District Educational Programs

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District Staff


- ❖ Cory Hoar, Conservation Specialist
- ❖ **Programs:** Agriculture/ Technical/Urban/
Virginia Agriculture Cost-Share Program,
Virginia Conservation Assistance Program
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District Staff

- ❖ Emily Johnstone-Brown, VCAP/VBCAP Assistant
 - ❖ **Programs:** Virginia Conservation Assistance Program
- ejohnsto@vbgov.com**

Agriculture

- Virginia Agriculture Assistance Program (VACS)
 - VA Dare SWCD provided: \$1,830,595.12 to Agriculture Producers in Virginia Beach and Chesapeake to help implement Best Management Practices in Chesapeake Bay and Outside Chesapeake Bay Watersheds.
 - Best Management Practices:
 - Cover Crop
 - Nutrient Management Planning
 - Cropland Conversion to Long Term Vegetative Grass
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**This is the year
for cost-share.**



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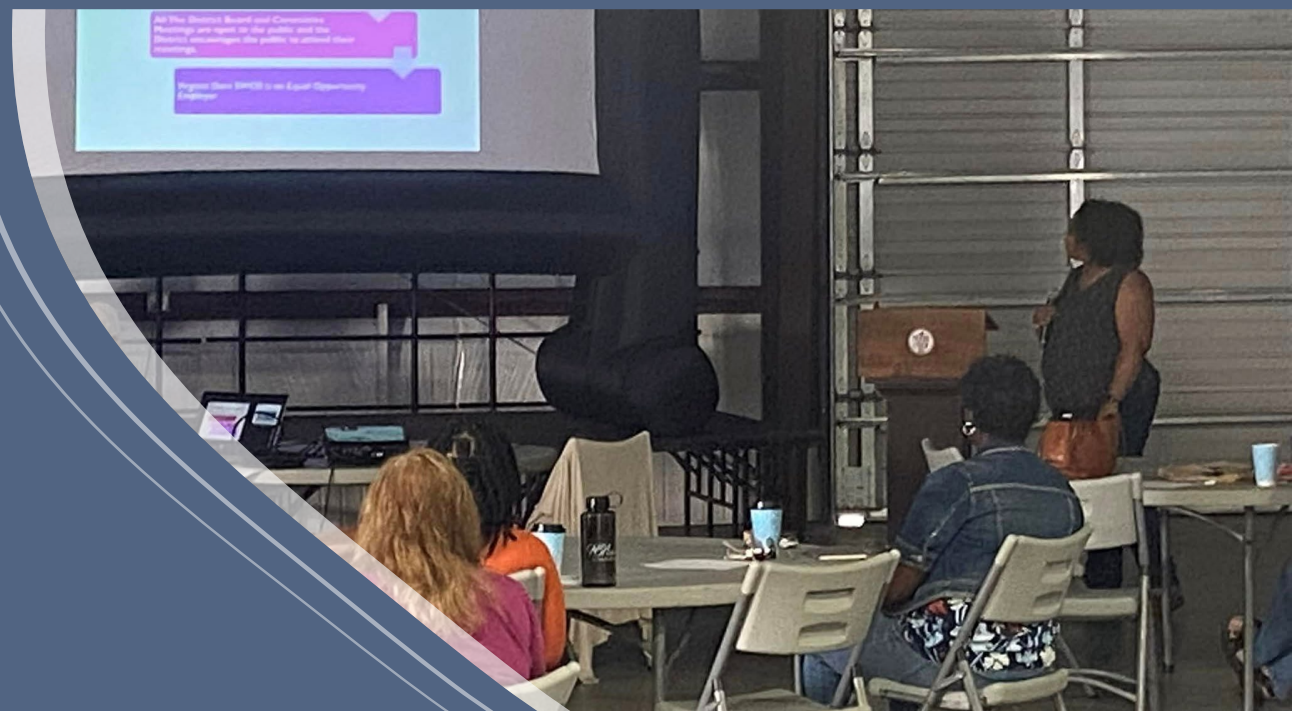
Annual Tire Days

- VA Dare SWCD recycled two tractor trailer loads of Agriculture Used Tires.
- The District partnered with The City of Chesapeake Sheriff's Department and VB and Chesapeake Cooperative Extension Staff.
- Thank you to Brickhouse Farms for allowing us to use your farm for our Annual Farm Days!



Agriculture Community Workshops

- Planter Clinic
- Outreach Agriculture Workshop (Small Farm Niche Workshop)





Agriculture Education Farm Days

Over 1800 1st Grade Students from Chesapeake and Virginia Beach attended our Annual Farm Days.

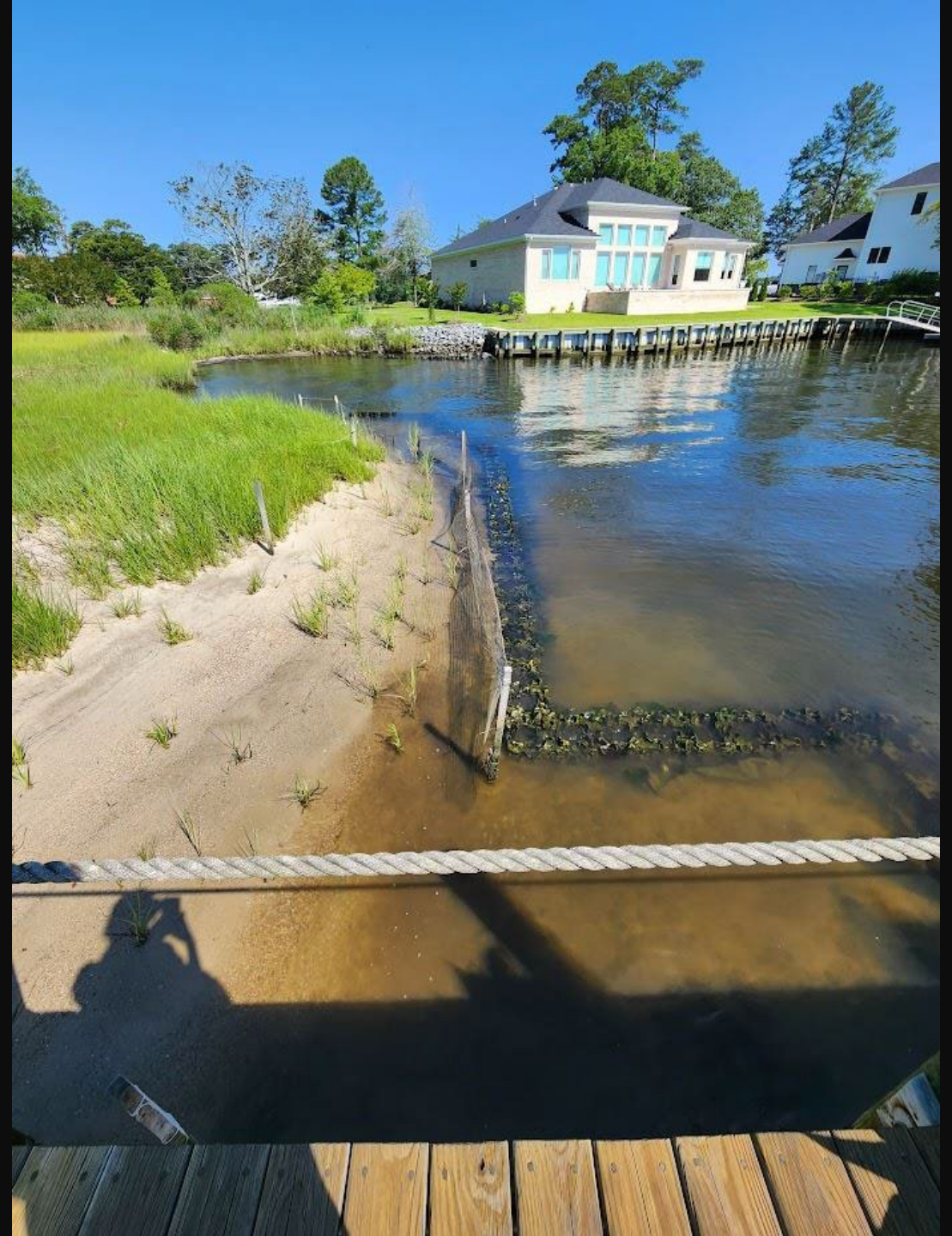
All 10 Educational Stations are aligned with the VA SOL's

Over 60 Partners and Community Volunteers!



Urban Conservation

- The Virginia Conservation Assistance Program provided funding in the amount over \$228,000 to assist homeowners in our District in implementing Urban Best Management Programs.
 - The Virginia Beach Conservation Assistance Program provides funding to Virginia Beach Residents for Best Management Programs. We provided over \$45,000 to our VB Residents. The City of Virginia Beach provides funding for VBCAP.
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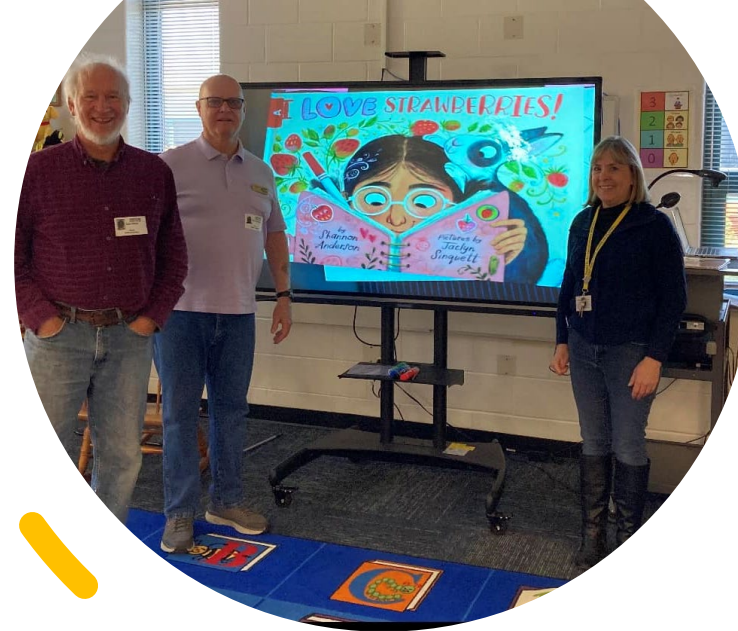


Agriculture Reading In The Classroom Celebrating Agriculture Week

VA Dare SWCD provided the approved Agriculture in the Classroom to all of Virginia Beach and Chesapeake Elementary Schools. The Chesapeake Pre-School initiative received books for every classroom! We provided over 130 books to students.

The District Partnered with Chesapeake and Virginia Farm Bureau to provide the books to the schools.

We partnered with our local Master Gardeners, Farm Bureaus and Community Volunteers to read in the Classroom.



District Educational Programs

VA Dare SWCD provided over \$16,000 in funding for the Cynthia Pridmore Educational Scholarship for graduating High School Students who will major in Agriculture, Environmental Science, Environmental Education and other careers majoring in Conservation of our Natural Resources

VA Dare also participated with The Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation District in Youth Conservation Camp and the Envirothon Program.



Virginia Dare Soil and Water Conservation District

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Center, Extension Trailer

Virginia Beach Office, Virginia Beach
Municipal Center, Agriculture Bldg

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All District programs are offered on a nondiscriminatory basis.

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

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

All The District Board and Committee Meetings are open to the public and the District encourages the public to attend their meetings.

Virginia Dare SWCD is an Equal Opportunity Employer