

Virginia Conservation Assistance Program putting “V”CAP on Pollution



Meadow

Rainwater Harvesting

Rain Garden Planter

Backyard Conservation Funding

The Culpeper Soil and Water Conservation District provides technical and financial assistance to homeowners, businesses and local government to address erosion, poor drainage and poor vegetative cover. Financial assistance is provided through the Virginia Conservation Assistance Program (VCAP) which is a cost share program that reimburses participants up to 75% of the cost of installing eligible conservation practices that address erosion and drainage.

Common yard problems; such as poor vegetative cover, erosion and/or localized flooding, contribute to the degradation of local waterways. The problems are widespread and cumulative. VCAP provides resources to repair these ongoing yard problems.

Financial assistance is available for specific stormwater management practices, including but not limited to Conservation Landscaping, Rain Gardens, Dry Wells, Rainwater Harvesting and Permeable Pavement. These practices treat stormwater runoff by slowing, filtering and soaking it up. Get paid to create functional landscaping that addresses your problems and improve your property.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Existing dwelling or structure 3 years or older.
- Practice must provide a water quality benefit (i.e. addresses erosion and nutrient loss).
- Practice is not needed to meet regulatory requirements.
- Property owner is willing to keep and maintain the practice for 10 years.



For a full list of practices, please visit www.vaswcd.org/vcap

Video: <http://www.nbc12.com/story/38445735/digital-dialogue-get-cash-for-cleaning-up-your-property>

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Before: Impervious Runoff Contributing to ditch



After: Rain Garden to capture and infiltrate runoff

Expectations:

Maintenance and Inspection requirements –Periodic inspection verifications will be done by the District to ensure the practices are maintained and functioning properly.

Multiple practices – You can apply for more than one practice per calendar year up to the maximum caps set for each type.

Channel Flooding – VCAP will not be able to address flooding of large streams or channels. The intent is to address runoff from your site and mitigating damage from offsite whenever possible.

Solving Problems – It is possible that a VCAP practice will not address your problems. The District will endeavor to provide the best solution and other resources to consider.

Application Process:

1. **Contact the District to request a site visit. District staff visits the property to assess the problems and determines which practices would be most eligible.**
2. **Based on the recommendations, the Owner develops a design plan and gets cost estimates. The plan and estimate is submitted with an application to the District for review and approval.**
3. **Once approved, the District will provide notification that construction is to begin within 90 days.**
4. **Once the project is completed, the District performs a final inspection. All final copies of invoices and receipts are submitted to the District for reimbursement.**

How to Request a Site Visit

For more information or to request a site visit, contact the District at www.culpeperswcd.org or 540-825-8591; RichardJ@culpeperswcd.org

Please include the following information:

- The site address
- A basic description of any drainage, erosion and vegetation issues on your property
- Names and contact information (email preferred) for all property owners/decision makers