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Record Funding Continues

The Commonwealth has been committed to fully funding the Virginia Agricultural Best Management Practices Cost Share Program (VACS) for the past four years. Every year the funding has increased – the current program year saw an additional \$16 million added to the program, bringing the total to \$223 million statewide. The Culpeper Soil and Water Conservation District (CSWCD) had their funding increased over last year, with the total for the District sitting at \$10 million for our five counties. These are **record levels** of funding. To put this into perspective, five years ago the CSWCD only received \$2.5 million in cost share funds. One would ask themselves, "How long can that last?" We don't necessarily have the answer because there are too many variables. There are those who typically know more about that than us that think ... "probably not much longer." The Virginia Agricultural BMP Needs Assessment which is an annual report to the Virginia General Assembly seems to indicate that soon the program will receive substantially less funding as the program moves towards "maintenance funding." What we do know is that now would be a great time to reach out to District Staff to discuss your conservation needs.

"Virginia's soil and water conservation districts are ready to engage with producers, deliver technical support and ensure that these funds translate into tangible improvements on the ground," said Dr. Kendall Tyree, executive director of the Virginia Association of Soil and Water Districts. "We applaud the Governor and the General Assembly for their historic support of voluntary conservation initiatives and look forward to supporting Virginia's agricultural community through our district offices."

The CSWCD is in favor of the voluntary approach to environmental management and work with agricultural producers to implement these practices that directly improve Virginia's soil and water resources. The CSWCD has assisted landowners and producers with thousands of successful projects over the years, has supported the local agricultural economy through these projects and has improved water quality locally and at the Chesapeake Bay level. Let's continue to work together to conserve and enhance the natural resources that we all love and cherish.

Agricultural Cost Share Practices

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Practice	Details
Grazing Land Management with Stream Exclusion	 Stream exclusion fencing & water development. Includes fence, well, water troughs, pipe, stream crossings, rotational fences, etc. Pays 85% of <i>estimated</i> cost with 35' buffer & 100% with 50' buffer. Buffer payment rate of \$80/acre/year paid upon installation of all practices. 10 and 15 year contracts available.
Stream Exclusion with Narrow Width buffer	 Stream exclusion fencing & water development with reduced setback. Includes fence, well, water troughs, pipe, stream crossings, rotational fence, etc. Pays 60% of <i>estimated</i> cost with 10' buffer & 75% with 25' buffer. 10 and 15 year contracts available.
Afforestation of Crop, Hay & Pastureland	 Pays 75% of eligible cost for planting trees (hardwood or conifers). \$100/acre for 10 year incentive & \$150/acre for 15 years.
Woodland Buffer Filter Area	 Planting trees in riparian areas. Pays 95% of eligible cost for planting hardwoods or conifers. Conifers: \$100/acre for 10 years OR \$150/acre for 15 years. Hardwoods: \$100/acre for 10 years OR \$250/acre for 15 years. Buffer payment rate of \$80/acre/year paid upon installation.
Cover Crops	 October 25th cut off for harvestable cover crop & early planting date for cover crops to be killed in the spring November 15th, cut off planting date for kill down crops. Note: Dates have been extended by two weeks. Producer input led to this change! Rates: \$20/acre to harvest, up to \$100/acre to kill & \$45/acre for legumes.
Nutrient Management Planning	 Pays up to \$4/acre to have a nutrient management plan written for your farm. A great way to save money on input costs!
Precision Nutrient Management on Cropland	 Pays up to \$8/acre for the precision application of nitrogen & phosphorus to cropland. Must have current nutrient management plan: provide records, maps & a bill for nitrogen/phosphorous application.
No-Till & Cropland Conversion	 Pays up to \$70/acre to convert from conventional tillage to a no-till system for 5 years. Pays up to \$410/acre to convert cropland to permanent hay or pasture. 10 or 15 year contracts available.
Sod Waterway, Grass Filter Strips & Critical Area Seeding	 Pays up to 75% to grade & seed gully erosion. Pays up to 75% to establish grass filter strips along waterways adjacent to crop, hayland or animal holding areas. NEW! Buffer payment rate of \$80/acre/year paid upon installation. Pays up to 75% to grade, fill & seed critically eroding areas.
Continuing Conservation Initiative	 Pays \$0.50-\$1.25/linear foot of stream bank protected with fencing. Pays \$250-\$1,000 per water system, water trough or stream crossing. A great way to receive funds to maintain existing infrastructure!
Streambank Stabilization	 Pays 75% of the cost to stabilize &/or grade eroding streambanks on ag or forestall land including cover slope toe rip rap for protection (if required), vegetative planting, trees/shrubs Requires engineered design which is a reimbursable expense

The Virginia Grassland Bird Initiative's Financial Incentives Program Application is NOW Open

By October Greenfield and Lauria McShann, Piedmont Environmental Council

Calling all hay and livestock farmers! The Virginia Grassland Bird Initiative (VGBI) application for its 2026 Delayed Haying and Summer Pasture Stockpiling financial incentive program is open now until Nov.30.

Offered in 16 counties throughout the Virginia Piedmont, Blue Ridge, and Shenandoah Valley, VGBI's financial incentive program pays farmers \$35 per acre for delayed haying and/or summer pasture stockpiling during the grassland bird nesting season of April 15 to July 1. Both practices balance grassland bird conservation and long-term production goals by allowing ample time for grassland birds to successfully nest before farmers cut hay or rotate cattle into select fields. VGBI is looking to partner with producers and landowners interested in enrolling 20 acres or more into the incentive program.

Benefits of Bird-Friendly Practices

Bird-friendly practices are regenerative agricultural practices vetted by farmers and researchers alike, proving to benefit not only birds, but also producers. Delayed having allows producers to strategically spread out labor requirements during the hay cutting season. Plus, the higher fiber, more mature hay resulting from delayed having is suitable for feeding dry cows, horses, and retired animals, as well as for mushroom hay and bedding. Summer pasture stockpiling bridges the summer dormancy gap by providing standing forage in late summer without the risk and cost of planting summer annuals. Stockpiling also allows fields to rest for fall or winter stockpiling with the goal of reducing the days that hay is fed and, therefore, reducing annual feed cost.

About VGBI

Formed in response to the steep decline of grassland bird populations due to loss in grassland habitats, VGBI is a collaborative effort carried out by the Piedmont Environmental Council, Smithsonian's Virginia Working Landscapes, Quail Forever and American Farmland Trust. As Virginia's grasslands face pressures from increased development and changing agricultural practices, the initiative's goal is to work with landowners and producers to implement best management practices that allow grassland birds to thrive while achieving farm production goals.

The 53% decline in the 60 species of birds that call grasslands home, including charismatic species like the Eastern Meadowlarks, Bobwhite Quail and Bobolinks, has been met with the force of VGBI and local producers. Since the start of the incentive program in 2022, 57 farmers have formally enrolled over 3,600 acres of land into the financial incentives program to protect the nesting grassland birds on their land-scape, while another 37 have voluntarily applied the practices to another 3,700 acres, without the financial incentives.



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Apply Today!

With funding support from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, VGBI looks forward to partnering with new landowners and producers to adopt bird friendly practices that will bring our grassland birds back to the grasslands we call home.

You can get involved by submitting your application for Delayed Haying or Summer Pasture Stockpiling at <u>vagrasslandbirds.org/incentives</u>. Landowners who already participate or would like to participate without the financial incentives can fill out the VGBI Grassland Bird-friendly Management Report, also found at <u>vagrasslandbirds.org/incentives</u>.







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Woods & Wildlife Conference Returns to Culpeper

The Annual Woods and Wildlife Conference returns to the Daniel Technology Center in Culpeper on Saturday February 28, 2026! This all-day conference is for owners of large or small tracts of land and is a one stop/first stop for individuals, families and managers to learn about woods, wildlife and other natural resources. It provides multiple links to information, sources of assistance and a broader community of landowners and professionals and will explore a myriad of forest issues relevant to woodland owners. Contact Adam Downing at adowning@vt.edu or 540-948-6881 for more info.

Selling your Land? Got BMP's?By Lily Smith, CSWCD Conservation Specialist II

If you're planning to sell your land, don't forget to check for active Best Management Practices (BMPs) on the property. Many BMPs, such as livestock exclusion fencing or watering systems, receive cost-share or tax credits and come with a maintenance requirement that can last anywhere from 10 to 15 years. New landowners are often unaware that a BMP is under contract, which can lead to compliance issues down the road.

To make the transition smoother, the cost share program offers a Transfer of Maintenance Agreement. This form allows the responsibility for maintaining the BMP to shift from the seller to the buyer, ensuring the practice continues to be properly maintained for the remainder of its lifespan. If you're selling land with BMPs that are still in lifespan, contact our office to obtain the form and then get it dual signed. Not only will this protect the investment, but it will also set the new owner up for success. If you do not officially transfer the responsibility, you remain responsible for the BMP regardless of who owns the land.

State Arboretum Seeks Butternuts

by T'ai Roulston, Curator & Research Associate Professor, State Arboretum at Blandy Reprinted with permission

The State Arboretum at Blandy is in search for butternut trees in Virginia. Butternuts (also called white walnut) are declining rapidly due in large part to butternut canker disease, an introduced fungal pathogen that causes black fissures to erupt over the tree's trunk, eventually killing it. Here at the arboretum, we are trying to document the health of existing trees over diverse areas in Virginia and propagate ones from a geographically wide range.

The Arboretum is interested in butternut trees in Culpeper, Madison and Rappahannock Counties. If you see the nuts, please take a picture and email tai.roulston@virginia.edu to confirm identification. It is challenging to identify the tree from photos without nuts. The grand hope is to find some butternuts resistant to the blight somewhere out there, and maybe you can point us to one.





2026 Culpeper SWCD Tree Sale

PICK UP FOR ALL PLANTS IS 3/20/2026 and 3/21/2026

See article on page 5: culp-swcd-nletter-09.21.pdf (culpeperswcd.org)



Eastern redbud (*Cercis canadensis***)**

Full sun to shade tolerant; Eastern redbud reaches a mature size of 15-30 feet in height and 6-10 inches in diameter. It grows on moist, well-drained soils. The wood is heavy, hard, and rich, dark brown in color. Some birds and mammals eat the seeds. Redbud is planted as an ornamental tree suitable for small landscapes.





Red-osier dogwood (Cornus sericea)

Full sun to shade tolerant; Red-osier dogwood is a large, 7-9 foot shrub best suited where the background, such as evergreens, will show off the dark red winter stems. Besides attractive, red stems in the winter, red-osier dogwood has yellowish white flowers that appear in late May to early June, and bluish-white fruit borne in late summer. Fall color is reddish-purple.





Common hazelnut (Corylus americana)

Full sun to shade tolerant; Hazelnut is a small shrub, often in clumps reaching 8 to 15 feet in height with an 8-12 foot spread. It makes a nice surprise in the shrub border since it goes unnoticed forming a green mass most of the year. It can also be planted along the foundation of a commercial building to soften the corners. It is important to provide moisture until the plant is established. Once established, it will survive and grow with little or no irrigation provided it is located in a moist area. It is as near to maintenance-free as any plant. Hazelnut produces excellent nuts, which are prized by deer, turkey and other wildlife.





Serviceberry (Rosaceae amelanchier)

Partial sun to shade tolerant; The Serviceberry species can reach heights of 20 feet in height and 15 feet in width. This small tree-like shrub thrives through all four seasons and offers so much to any garden. Abundant white blooms in spring are followed by berries in summer, fiery foliage in fall, and silver bark in winter. The Serviceberries' delicious berries are enjoyed by a large range of wildlife.





Black gum (Nyssa sylvatica)

Full sun to partial shade tolerant; These trees often reach a mature height of 40 to 70 feet and a spread of 20 to 30 feet, with a straight trunk with the branches extending outward at right angles. The bark is dark gray and flaky when young, but it becomes furrowed with age. The flowers this tree produces are very small, in greenish-white in clusters at the top of a long stalk and a rich source of nectar for bees. Black gum is best grown in areas with acidic, medium to wet, well-drained soils and full sun to part shade.





Virginia pine (Pinus strobus)

Full sun to shade tolerant; mature size of 80-100 feet in height and 2-3 feet in diameter, but can reach 200 feet in height. The eastern white pine is the largest conifer in eastern North American. The wood is used for construction lumber, cabinet making, furniture and interior finish. White pines are also grown for Christmas trees and are planted to stabilize the soil. Commonly found on dry, sandy or rocky ridges, but grows best on moist, sandy loam soils. This conifer provides thermal cover in winter for many species of animals and birds.





PICK UP FOR ALL PLANTS IS March 20 & 21, 2026 (Greene pick up TBD)

RETURNING: POLLINATOR MEADOW SEED MIX FOR SMALL AREAS OF YOUR YARD!

This meadow seed mix includes an already pre-mixed cover crop and will cover a 1,000 square foot area. The meadow mix does best in sunny areas that receive 6 hours or more of sunlight. The mix is designed for both riparian and upland sites. Detailed instructions will accompany the seed mix at pick up. *Picture of meadow planted in spring 2025*

<u>RETURNING THIS YEAR: Live stakes to address streambank erosion and other uses</u>
Silky dogwood (*Cornaceae cornus amomum*) and Silky willow (*Salix sericea*). These shrub cuttings

come in bundles and root readily when planted in moist soils.



Whether you have an eroding stream bank or want to restore a riparian area, consider planting with live stakes. Live staking is the practice of using unrooted cuttings to propagate shrubs and some trees for establishing vegetation in difficult riparian areas such as stream banks and floodplains. Using cuttings from dormant multi-stem shrubs and trees which have the capacity to grow roots once they are tapped or hammered into the ground. https://extension.psu.edu/live-staking-for-stream-restoration Pictures from Virginia Tech Dendrology



Species	Price	Quantity	Species	Price	Quantity
Eastern redbud (5 seedlings)	\$5		Red osier dogwood (5 seedlings)	\$5	
Hazelnut (5 seedlings)	\$5		Eastern white pine (5 seedlings)	\$5	
Serviceberry (5 seedlings)	\$5		Black gum (5 seedlings)	\$5	
Silky dogwood (25 live stakes)	\$40		Silky willow (25 live stakes)	\$40	
Meadow mix	\$30				
TOTAL COST: (check or cash only)					

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Checks payable to CSWCD. Pick up dates are Friday March 20 and Saturday March 21, 2026 at 351 Lakeside Drive in Culpeper.

Plants not picked up by 12pm on Saturday March 21, 2026 may be forfeited without a refund. We do our best to insure quality control. However, no refunds on trees that do not grow. Questions? Contact Stephanie DeNicola at stephanied@culpeperswcd.org or 540-825-8591 Mail order form & payment to ATTN Tree Sale, CSWCD, 351 Lakeside Drive, Culpeper, VA 22701 Species descriptions & pictures from Virginia Tech Dendrology https://dendro.cnre.vt.edu/dendrology/factsheets.cfm & VDOF





2026 Rapidan River Master Gardener Volunteer Training for Culpeper, Greene, Madison, and Orange Counties

Volunteers are needed to help with school programs, educational booths, plant demonstration gardens, and gardening therapy. This is a great way to share your love of plants, the environment, and gardening with others in the community.

When: Tuesdays beginning January 27, 2026 to May 5, 2026 (15 weeks) from 6 pm to 9 pm. There will be Saturday field trips to James Madison's Montpelier and Grelen Nursery.

Where: Carver Center, 9432 N. James Madison Highway Rapidan, VA 22733

Cost: \$185; deadline for payment is January 23, 2026. We will send an email with payment details after you complete registration.



For questions:



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Vegetable Crop Rotation and Cover Crops

By Ashley Appling, Horticulture Agent, Virginia Cooperative Extension

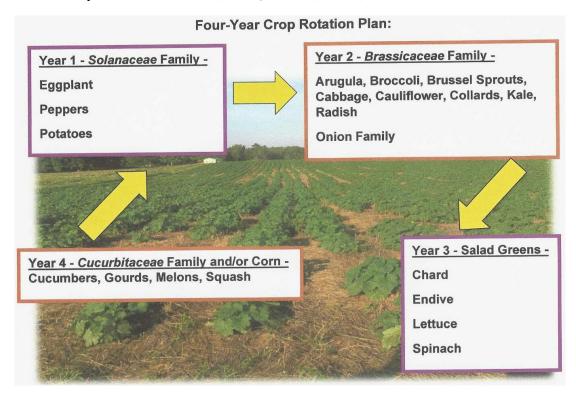
Cover crops can become an important part of the home vegetable garden, when used in conjunction with rotating different plant families. Crop rotation is the practice of planting vegetable families in different parts of the garden each year. Having the crops rotate on a four-year rotation is best if time and space allow.

Using cover crops and crop rotation can help starve out unwanted insects and diseases. Most pests are host specific and can be reduced or eliminated without access to their host plant. Soil erosion can also be slowed or stopped by using cover crops. Before the growing season starts, cover crops can be tilled into the soil, eventually decomposing. This leads to increased soil organic matter which decreases the need for supplemental fertilizer. This saves the homeowner money and helps decrease fertilizer runoff into streams and rivers.

There are both cool-season and warm season cover crops. Cool-season cover crops can be sown in late August through early October. A combination of oats, rye (not turfgrass rye), or wheat can be planted with clover or winter peas. Clover and winter peas have the added benefit of being legumes. Legumes can take nitrogen from the air and make it available in the soil for plants to use. A good cool-season cover crop seed mix to sow in the garden is three to four ounces of spring oats with one to two ounces crimson clover per 100 square feet. A summer cover crop is good for allowing the garden area to rest and it can help fight disease as mentioned earlier. Buckwheat, cowpeas, millet, sorghum, or soybeans would be options to consider during the summer months. These crops are usually planted in late April through May.

The garden bed should be tilled and raked to prepare a good seed bed. After sowing the seed, maintain a consistent moisture in the soil until the seeds have germinated and become established. No supplemental irrigation should be needed during the growing season.

New Horticulture survey from Extension: https://virginiatech.questionpro.com/t/AcbFnZ635M.



Free Publication!

Several years ago, Auburn University Extension gave Culpeper SWCD permission to reprint their excellent publication, *Extending Grazing and Reducing Stored Feed Needs*. This highly popular publication includes examples on extending grazing that are applicable to our area.

To pick up your free copy, just stop by the Culpeper office or your local Cooperative Extension office.

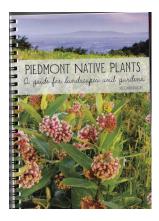


0% Interest Loans Available

Are you interested in conservation practices but do not have the money upfront to fund the project? No worries. Department of Environmental Quality's Ag BMP Loan Program offers funds for you with no money upfront with 0% interest, no long-term requirement, and potential for principal forgiveness. Fortunate for you, projects are accepted year-round and reviewed monthly. Debt repayment begins 6 months after project completion with 1-to-10-year repayment schedules depending on loan amount and asset useful life. DEQ will prioritize applications and tentative authorization will be granted. Contact DEQ today at 804-929-5085 to find out if you're eligible.

Backyard Conservation Funds AvailableBy Richard Jacobs, III, PE, CSWCD Conservation Specialist III

Conserving water while using attractive gardening and landscaping practices beautifies your yard, attracts beneficial pollinators, adds curb appeal and also helps improve the environment by reducing the amount of storm water runoff from your property. Creative management of those small areas of your front or backyard to address problem areas (too wet, too dry, doesn't drain, won't grow grass, etc...) now has funding available to support simple, on the ground landscape practices that benefit both you and the local environment. The Virginia Conservation Assistance Program or VCAP provides financial assistance to residential, institutional and commercial property owners to implement such practices. Payment rates vary among the practices but generally are focused on providing up to 80 percent of the cost. The District will provide technical resources for your planning efforts and visit your site to better understand what you hope to achieve. For more information on VCAP visit http://vaswcd.org/vcap or contact the District at 540-825-8591 or richardi@culpeperswcd.org.



Hot Off the Press: Piedmont Native Plants 2nd Edition!

The Second Edition of Piedmont Native Plants is available for purchase through our office for \$20. This beautiful, full color resources includes pictures, descriptions and growing needs for wildflowers, ground covers, ferns, shrubs short trees, tall trees and edibles.

To purchase, email Stephanie DeNicola at <u>stephanied@culpeperswcd.org</u>. Check or exact cash accepted.

Missouri Grazing Manual Available

By David H. Massie, CSWCD Conservation Specialist III

The Culpeper Soil and Water Conservation District has copies of the Missouri Grazing Manual available to producers interested in expanding their grazing knowledge. This grazing manual encompasses so many different aspects of grazing management – soils, plant growth, nutrient cycling, water system and fence layout, grazer's arithmetic, and economics of grazing. This manual also brings together different groups of researchers, educators, and producers with broad experience in land management, forage, and livestock systems to provide a comprehensive guide to understanding and managing grassland ecosystems.

This manual will assist producers with furthering their knowledge of grazing management and provide more detailed, specific information they will need to enhance their grazing techniques. Jim Gerrish, a nationally recognized, well-respected grazer, is one of the key contributors and editors of this manual. His background in agronomy, as well as forage management and research, adds an unparalleled perspective which is useful for the beginning grazer as well as the seasoned grazer.

The distribution of these manuals will be on a first come, first serve basis. We also have pasture grazing sticks for sale for \$5 each. Pasture grazing sticks are a great tool for helping producers "train their eyes" to the amount of forage available for their livestock. A two page instruction manual comes with the pasture grazing stick, and District Staff will be happy to assist using this valuable tools on your farm.

FREE LAWN SOIL TESTS ARE STILL AVAILABLE! CONTACT STEPHANIE DENICOLA AT stephanied@culpeperswcd.org for info!

Attention! New Orange Office!

Effective October 28, the Culpeper SWCD Orange office has moved to 591 N Madison Road. We are located at the north end of the Food Lion shopping plaza. The phone number is still 540-825-8591.



Beech Leaf Disease Confirmed in Orange

Virginia Department of Forestry Encourages Concerned Landowners to Contact their Forester Printed with permission from USDA Forest Service R9-PR-001-21 | January 2021

Beech leaf disease (BLD) is a novel disease affecting American beech (*Fagus grandifolia*) in North America. Symptoms of BLD have also been observed on European (*F. sylvatica*), Oriental (*F. orientalis*), and Chinese (*F. engleriana*) beech species, which are occasionally planted as ornamentals. The disease has recently been found in areas throughout the northern edge of the range of American beech. Recent detections in tree nurseries have caused significant concern among forest managers, homeowners, and nursery growers. BLD symptoms have been shown to be associated with a newly recognized subspecies of the anguinid nematode *Litylenchus crenatae mccannii*. Nematode infection mechanisms are not fully understood, but research indicates that the nematode is associated with buds and leaves of beech of all age classes.

Identification and Description

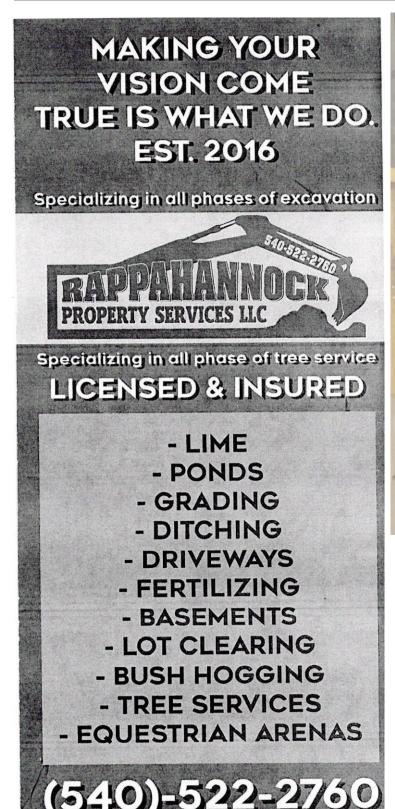
Early symptoms of BLD include dark stripes or bands between lateral veins of leaves that are visible immediately upon bud break in the spring. Affected leaves may be unevenly distributed in the lower canopy. Banding is most apparent when viewed from below, looking upward into the canopy. Leaves with severe symptoms are heavily banded, shrunken, and crinkled with a thickened, leathery texture that often leads to chlorotic banding later in the season. Aborted bud development and premature leaf drop result in a thinning of canopy cover over time. Tree mortality of all age classes has been occasionally observed within 2 to 7 years but appears to be more common for smaller trees.

Forester Assignments:

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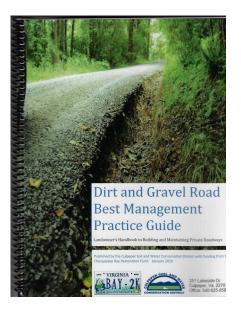
Small Farm Outreach

The Small Farm Outreach Program (SFOP), a part of Cooperative Extension at Virginia State University, educates and empowers small, limited-resource, socially disadvantaged and veteran farmers and ranchers to own, operate and sustain farms and ranches independently with agricultural training programs that improve farm management skills and quality of life. For more information, visit https:// www.ext.vsu.edu/small-farm-outreach-program.

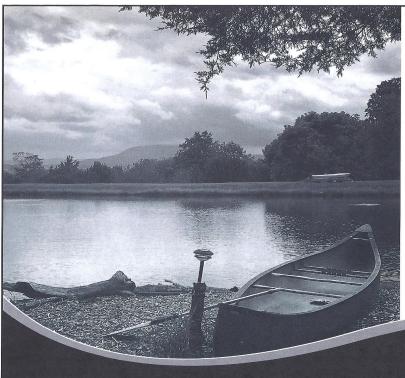
Road and Driveway Maintenance Guide Available

Spring is a great time to start maintenance of your road or driveway! Over time, many roads and driveways deteriorate for a variety of reasons: poor initial design or construction, poor maintenance, extreme weather or heavy traffic. In addition to costly repairs, many roads and roadside ditches drain into local streams delivering both sediment and gravel into stream channels. This is destructive to the stream, resulting in loss of stream bottom habitat and channel capacity. Improved maintenance incorporating best management practices (BMPs) can save money and better protect waterways.

Currently available to property owners is the Dirt and Gravel Road BMP Guide, published with funding from the Chesapeake Bay Restoration Fund. The guide can be found at the Culpeper Soil and Water Conservation District website (www.culpeperswcd.org) under Publications. Hard copies can be picked up from CSWCD as well as your local Extension office or Building office. For technical assistance, contact Richard Jacobs at 540-825-8591 or richardi@culpeperswcd.org.







The Balance of Your Aquatic Ecosystem

Is Our Top Priority.

When it comes to lake, stormwater pond and fisheries management, sustainability is essential. You have to incorporate the right strategies, invest in the best solutions and strike the perfect ecological balance to ensure the long-term health and beauty of your aquatic ecosystems.

Download "Your Guide To Sustainable Pond Algae And Aquatic Weed Control."



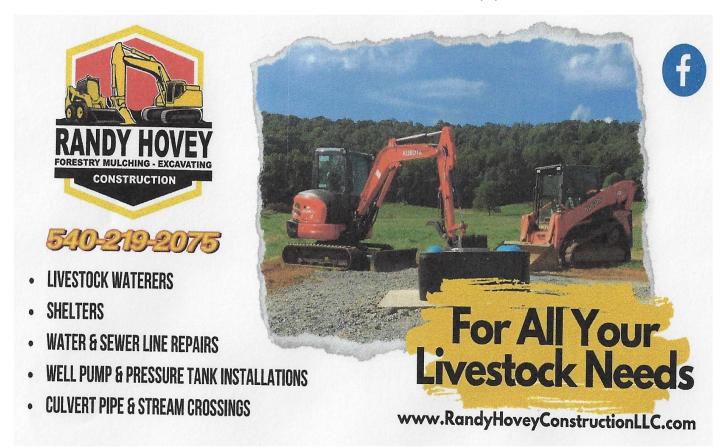
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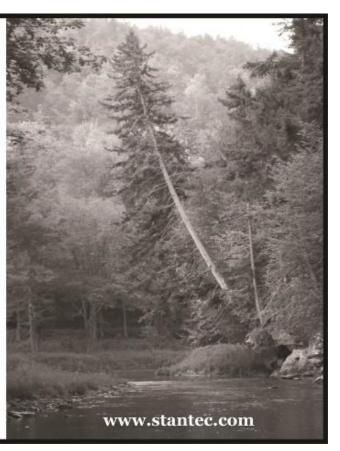




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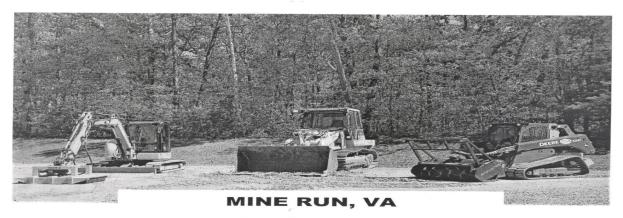




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Effective October 28, the Culpeper SWCD Orange office has moved to 591 N Madison Road. We are located at the north end of the Food Lion shopping plaza. The phone number is still 540-825-8591.

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A new order of rain barrels are have arrived! Prices are \$90 for one and \$175 for two! This includes barrel, lid, hardware and instructions. For more information, contact Stephanie DeNicola at 540-825-8591 or send an email to: stephanied@culpeperswcd.org.



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