

Virginia Conservation Assistance Program (VCAP)

Financial Incentives for Reducing
Stormwater Pollution





What is VCAP?

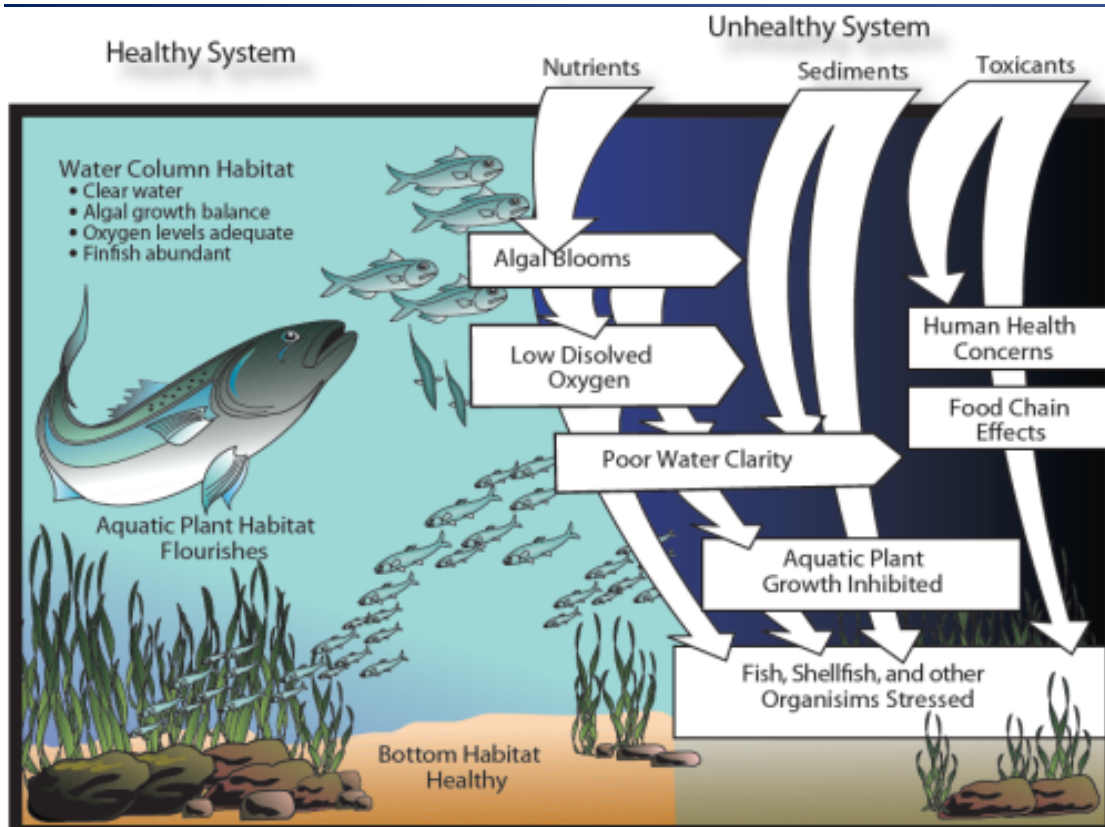
The Virginia Conservation Assistance Program or VCAP is a new program that provides financial reimbursement to property owners installing specific conservation practices that address stormwater runoff.

WE CAN HELP

- Control and Minimize Erosion
- Conserve Water
- Restore Riparian Areas
- Create Wildlife Habitat
- Stabilize Drainage ways
- Re-vegetate Bare Slopes
- Treat Stormwater Runoff

Eligible Lands:

- Residential
- Commercial
- Industrial
- Recreation
- Private or Public



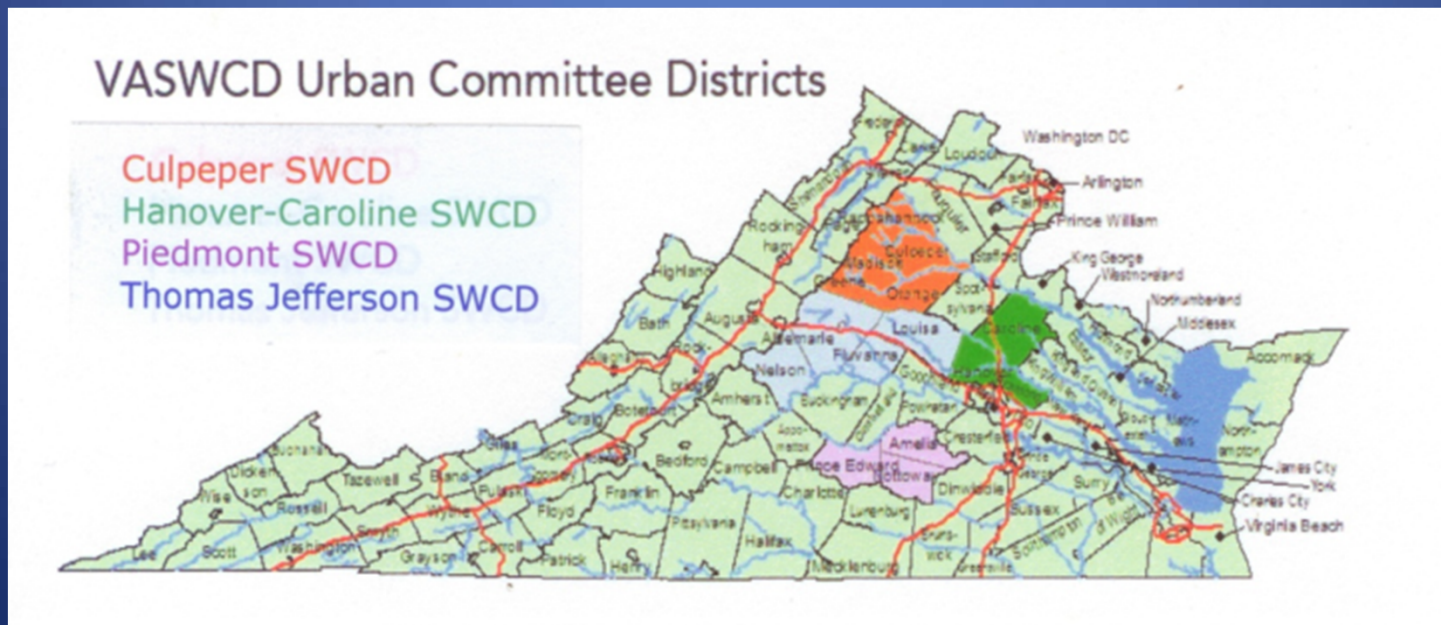
Why VCAP?

Virginia's Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) for the Chesapeake Bay identifies stormwater runoff contributing to the impairment and efforts to retroactively address stormwater runoff from existing impervious surfaces is a priority.

Background

Pilot Program:

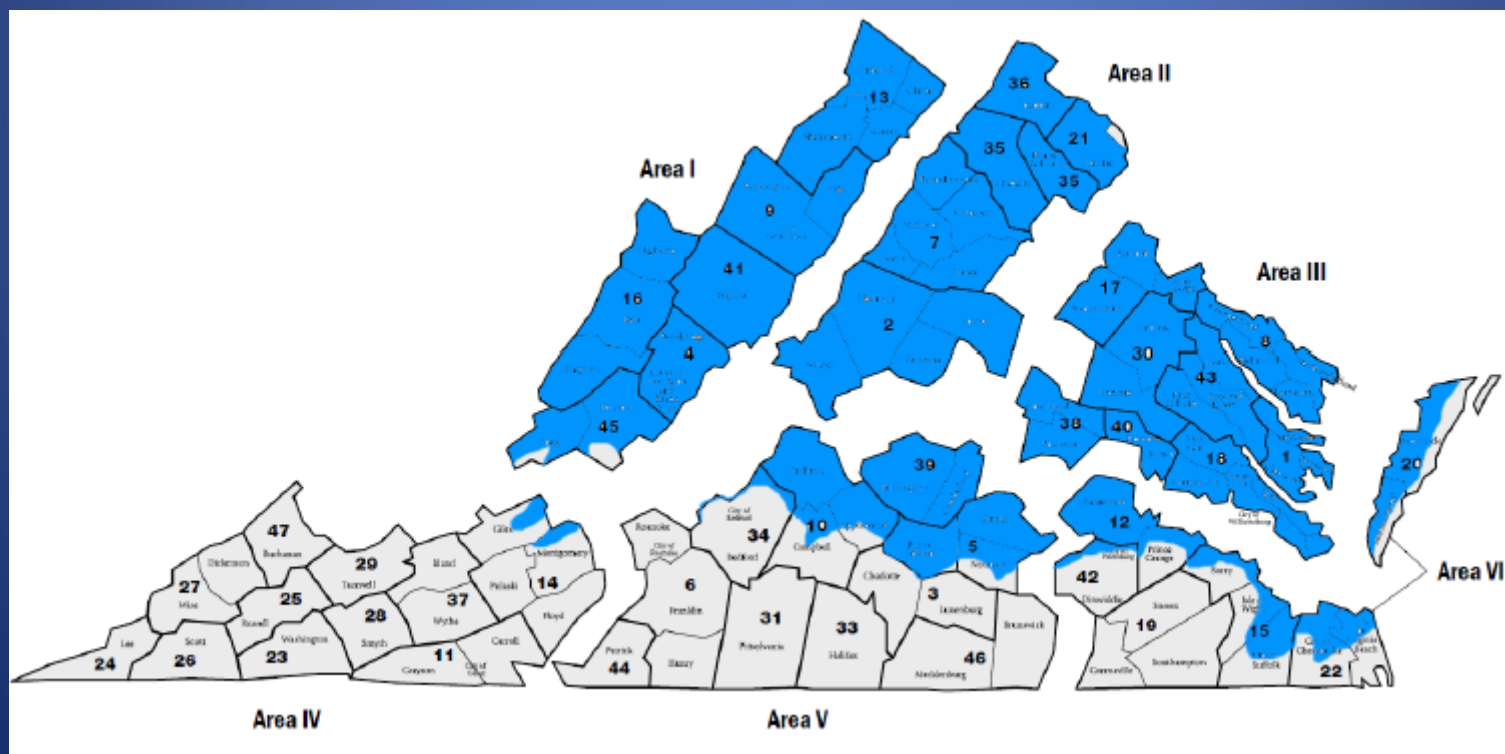
- Partnership of Four Districts
- Program Manual based on North Carolina
- 8 BMPs funded by multiple grants



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A Partnership of Districts

1. VCAP Manual
2. 11 BMPs are currently being funded
3. Expanded to the Chesapeake Bay Watershed (30 Districts!)



Eligible Practices

- Conservation Landscaping (CL)
- Impervious Surface Removal (ISR)
- Rain Garden (RG)
- Dry Well (DW)
- Rainwater Harvesting (RH)
- Vegetated Conveyance System (VCS)
- Constructed Wetland (CW)
- Bioretention (BR)
- Infiltration (IF)
- Permeable Pavement (PP)
- Green Roof (GR)





The Application Process

1. Request a site visit.
2. A site assessment is performed and recommendations developed.
3. Submit a completed application with a design plan to the District.
4. After notification of funding approval, installation can begin.
5. Payment is made after the project is completed and copies of receipts are provided to the District.

Manual and Applications are online: <http://vaswcd.org/vcap>

Long Term Commitment



Final Responsibilities:

- Landowner Agreement
- Maintenance Plan
- Transfer of Ownership

Culpeper Soil and Water Conservation District

EXAMPLE VCAP PROJECTS

Pet Waste Station

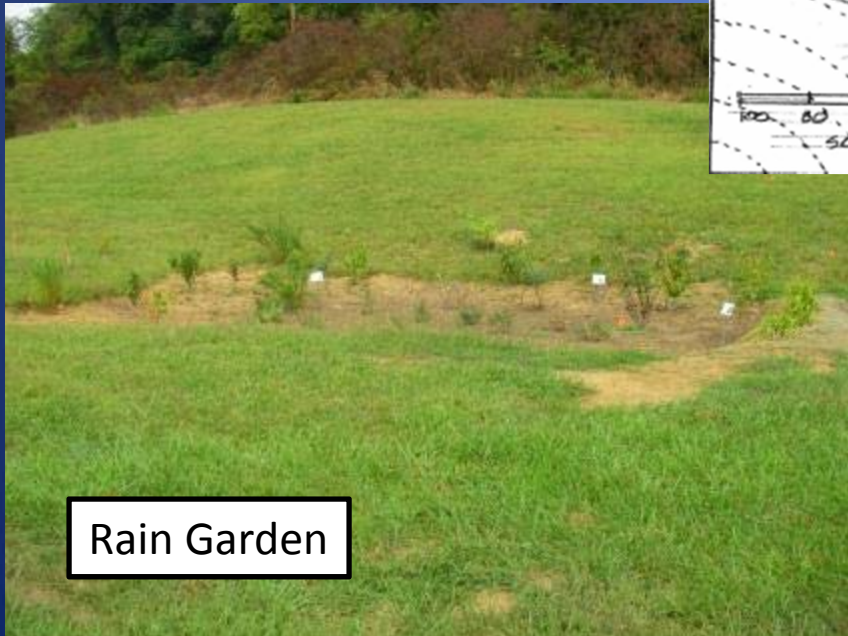
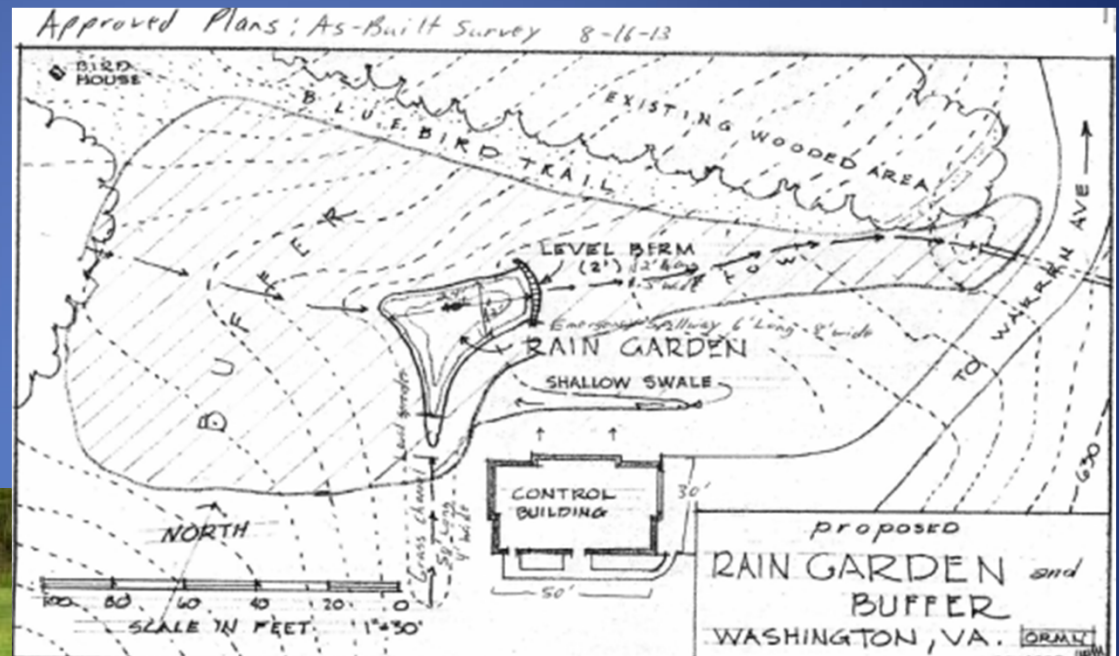


Culpeper Sports Complex 2013



Lake of the Woods
Keaton Lake Beach 2013

Town Washington WWTP



Rain Garden

Avon Hall

September
2013



July 2015



Wetsel Middle School



Bioretention



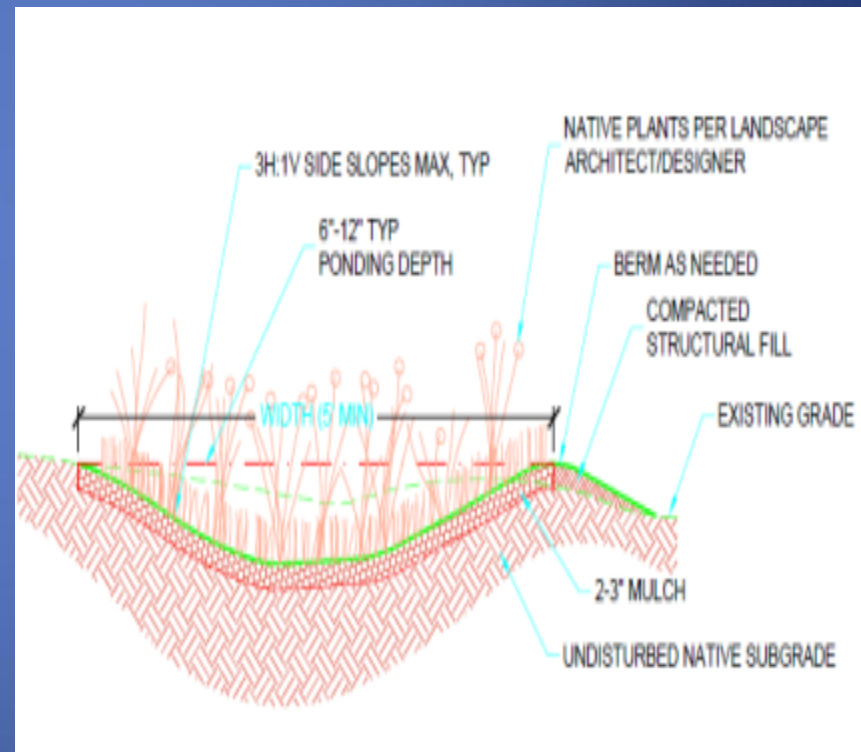
Impervious Surface Removal



Pearl Sample Elementary



Rain Garden



Lake of the Woods Association

Conservation Landscaping –
Meadow (Riparian Buffer)



Conservation Landscaping –
Tree Planting (Riparian Buffer)



Impervious Surface Removal



Virginia
Environmental
Endowment



Gordon-Barbour Elementary



Conservation Landscaping –
Tree Planting



Rappahannock High School



The logo is circular with a black border. Inside the border, the text "CELEBRATING 20 YEARS" is at the top and "STEWARDSHIP SUSTAINABILITY SOLUTIONS" is at the bottom, both in white capital letters. The center of the logo features a stylized globe with blue and green wavy lines representing water and land. Overlaid on the globe is the acronym "DEQ" in large, white, serif capital letters.



Conservation Landscaping
Meadow and Mulch Bed



Graves Mountain Lodge



Rain Garden

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