

# Virginia Conservation Assistance Program (VCAP)



*A program of the Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts*



# How to engage residential property owners?



## Virginia's Chesapeake Bay WIP: "THE GAP"

- Partner with SWCDs and DCR to reduce residential fertilizer use
- Rain gardens, cisterns, downspout disconnection ... demonstrate effectiveness to the public & homeowners
- Implement urban forest buffers
- Consider developing a cost-share program to encourage private property owners

# CBIG Grant

- ▶ Steering Committee
- ▶ New VCAP Coordinator
- ▶ Webinar and further technical trainings

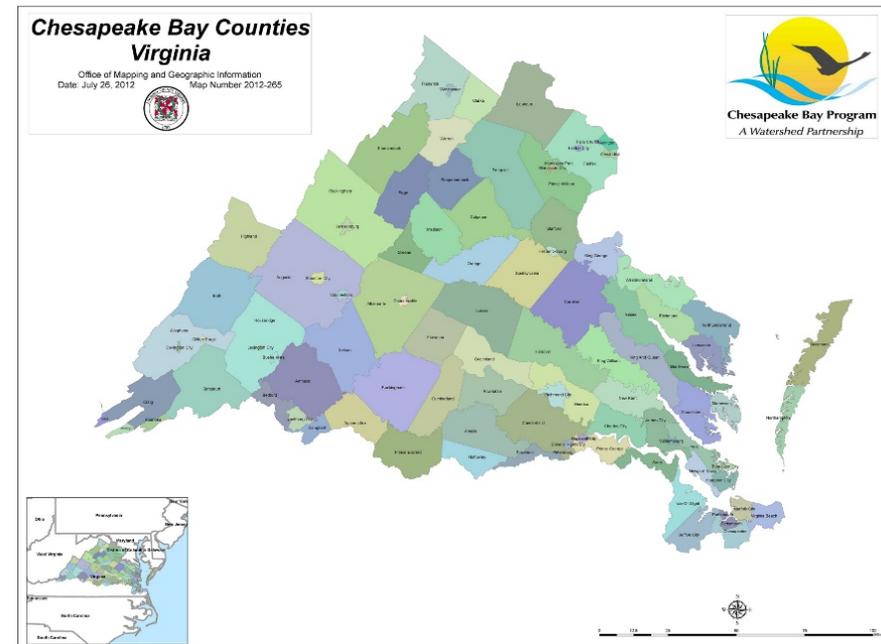
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VCAP Coordinator

# Chesapeake Bay Implementation Grant (CBIG)

- ▶ 30 Soil and Water Conservation Districts
- ▶ State coordinator
- ▶ \$250,000 available to landowners in 2016
- ▶ Applications ranked on environmental criteria
- ▶ Approvals made each month
- ▶ Some BMPs require engineer certification
- ▶ All BMPs are provided cost-share on a reimbursement basis
- ▶ 10 year maintenance contract on all BMPs except PW and UNMP



# VCAP Manual BMPs



- ▶ Impervious Surface Removal
- ▶ Conservation Landscaping
- ▶ Rain Gardens
- ▶ Bioretention
- ▶ Dry Well
- ▶ Infiltration Basin
- ▶ Rainwater Harvesting
- ▶ Vegetated Conveyance Systems
- ▶ Constructed Wetlands
- ▶ Permeable Pavement
- ▶ Green Roofs
- ▶ Urban Nutrient Management
- ▶ Pet Waste Stations



Turf to Landscaped Beds: HCSWCD

- Small Charlottesville lot
- 84 ft<sup>3</sup> treatment volume
- 2754 ft<sup>2</sup> drainage area, with 1502 ft<sup>2</sup> impervious



Raingarden: TJSWCD

# Eligibility

- ▶ Practices are not intended to meet regulatory requirements
- ▶ Sites must be released from existing erosion and sediment control permits or other regulatory programs and construction completed prior to applying
- ▶ If an applicant's project qualifies for the State Ag BMP Cost-share Program, they are not eligible for VCAP on that project
- ▶ The applicant is responsible for ensuring that all local, state and federal permits, policies and ordinances are met
- ▶ All practices will be subject to spot checks during the lifespan of the practice
- ▶ The landowner must accept maintenance responsibilities per and Operations and Maintenance plan specific to each BMP

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Contract Number: \_\_\_\_\_



### CONTRACT VCAP Form - 1

#### Part A. Application

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (PRINT) hereby make application to \_\_\_\_\_ Soil & Water Conservation District for cost-share assistance to purchase and install a best management practice as described in part B below.

I /We agree that the best management practice(s) approved will be installed, operated, and maintained in accordance with the practice(s) standard(s) found in the VCAP manual and the Landowner Agreement (VCAP Form - 3). I/We agree not to use the BMP for purposes of Nutrient Trading or regulatory compliance. I/We shall indemnify and save the District harmless from any and all claims for damages to persons or property arising from the installation, maintenance, repair, operation or use of the BMP(s).

I/We understand that it is my/our responsibility to pay in full all bills for work completed under this agreement prior to submission of eligible bills for reimbursement.

Applicant Signature: _____	Directions to site: _____
Mailing Address: _____	
County: _____	
Phone: _____ Cell: _____	
Email: _____	
SSN / Tax ID: _____	Circle one: Landowner / Manager / Other

The local Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) is required to issue a 1099-MISC to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for any individual to whom it issues a check for over \$600.00. Because the IRS uses the Social Security number or Federal Tax ID number as a unique identifier, the SWCD requires the applicant to complete an IRS W9 form. The SWCD does not use the Social Security number or Federal Tax ID number for any purpose other than that stated above.

#### Part B. Technical Determination and District Approval (to be filled out by District Staff)

Practice Title	Quantity	Total Estimated Cost	Approved Estimated Cost-Share	Required Completion

Job Sheet Attachment (VCAP Form-2): Yes/No      Supporting Documentation: Yes/No

**I have reviewed this application and all supporting documentation, and have indicated the quantity authorized based on technical need. This practice must be installed and certified by the completion date.**

X \_\_\_\_\_  
District Employee Signature      Date

Application Approval:  
X \_\_\_\_\_  
District Director Signature      Date

Carryover of this practice is granted to be completed by date: \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_  
District Director Signature      Date

# Resources for More Information

- Kevin McLean, VCAP Coordinator:  
[kevin.mclean@vaswcd.org](mailto:kevin.mclean@vaswcd.org)
- VCAP Brochure available on website
- Upcoming technical trainings

## Questions?

To see the VCAP BMP Manual:  
[www.vaswcd.org/vcap](http://www.vaswcd.org/vcap)