



Welcome to Monacan Soil and Water Conservation District

**Serving Powhatan and
Goochland counties**

**The Mission of Monacan Soil
and Water Conservation
District is to provide technical
assistance, education and
leadership to improve natural
resource conservation in
Powhatan and Goochland
counties.**

The District:



- Is a subdivision of the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation. Operational funding is received from DCR and our 2 county governments.
- Was established in 1972.
- Is self-governed by a 6 member Board of Directors – 2 publicly elected from each county, 1 appointed, and an VCE agriculture agent. Board meetings are every 3rd Monday and open to the public.
- Is staffed by a District Manager/Conservation Specialist – Keith Burgess; Conservation Specialist – Betty McCracken; and Administrative Secretary – Pam Pleasants.
- Is allowed to receive charitable contributions under Internal Revenue Code 170a.
- Services are open to all, regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, genetic information, marital, family, or veteran status, or any other basis protected by law.



Monacan Soil and Water Conservation District Directors & Staff

Seated: Victor Sorrell, Rachel Grosse, John Kochensparger, Charley Maxwell

Standing: Keith Burgess, Tom Walton, Kenneth Hatcher, Ronnie Nuckols, Jonathan Lyle, Betty McCracken, Richard Ayers, Pam Pleasants

(Director, Associate Director, Staff)



Agriculture Programs & Services

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COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Virginia Agricultural
BMP Manual

Financial Assistance
Cost-share
Low Interest Loans
(DEQ)

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DCR
Department of Conservation & Recreation
PRESERVING VIRGINIA'S NATURAL AND RECREATIONAL RESOURCES

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Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation programs, activities and employment



Grain and Forage Production
Continuous no-till production
Technical assistance
Soil & Water conservation practices

Livestock



Water systems
Forage Management

Education



One-on-one education
Producer meetings

Agricultural Financial Assistance Programs

Virginia Agricultural Best Management Practices Cost-Share Program

Virginia Agricultural Best Management Practices Tax Credit Program

Virginia Agricultural Best Management Practices Revolving Loan Program

Virginia Agricultural Best Management Practices Small Business Environmental Compliance Loan Program

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)





Grain and Forage Production
No-Till Cropping Systems & Management
Equipment Calibration
**Soil and Water Conservation Practices,
waterways, buffers**
**Soil Nitrate Testing for sidedressing corn,
Nutrient Management**
**Producer meetings and field days (new
technology, updates)**
On-site property evaluations

Livestock Production

Livestock Watering Systems

Pasture design & layout

Forage Management

Manure management, Manure sampling, Nutrient Management

Manure testing for N,P,K

On-site property evaluations



General Assistance

Education Programs – No-till cropping system club, Beef Production 360 club, pasture & forage management for beef and horse

Cooperate with Virginia Cooperative Extension & NRCS with production meetings

Agricultural land clearing activities

Virginia Agricultural Stewardship Act

Resource Management Plan Program



Agricultural Education Programs

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- Field days
 - Cooperating Agency Programs – VCE, USDA, DOF, USDA
 - Civic Groups



Rural/Agricultural

- **Agricultural conservation**

- **Small farm conservation**

- **Managing pastures & forages to protect soil and water quality**

- **Protecting water quality, managing property**



Landowner Assistance

- Small farm management
- Pond Management, VCE
- Erosion and drainage issues
- Lawn & land management



Water Quality Programs

- Chesapeake Bay TMDL – Total Maximum Daily Load Planning
- Watershed Implementation Planning
- Landowner financial assistance programs
- Stream Buffers

The Chesapeake Bay Watershed

64,000 Square Miles of Land, Water, Wildlife, and People

"A Better Bay Through Better Science"
1997

Produced by the USGS from a mosaic of Landsat satellite imagery acquired from 1982-1994.



Chesapeake Bay Program
http://www.cbp.gov
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U.S. Geological Survey
http://www.usgs.gov
1-800-USA-MAPS



How can Monacan SWCD help you:

- Site evaluation – determine what your property resources are related to agriculture
- Agricultural land use options – rent, livestock, hay, vegetable/herbs, crops, nursery stock, trees



Things to consider when renting:

- Soil fertility/quality
- Aesthetics, field/fence maintenance
- \$\$ benefit to farmer (*hard to justify paying rent on small acreage, consider paying to keep in ag land use*)
- Ag land use helps keep rural character

Partnerships

Powhatan County
Goochland County
Department of Conservation and Recreation
Virginia Cooperative Extension
Future Farmers of America
Va. Association of Soil and Water
Conservation Districts
FrancisEmma, Inc.
Farm Bureau
Colonial Farm Credit
Powhatan State Park
Powhatan-Goochland Master Gardeners
Powhatan Earth Day Coalition
James River Master Naturalists
Middle James Roundtable
Natural Resources Conservation Service
Va. Department of Forestry



A photograph of a rural landscape. In the foreground, there is a dirt road or driveway covered with a layer of straw or hay. To the left, a wooden fence runs along the edge of the road. In the background, there are several trees with autumn foliage in shades of orange, yellow, and red. A utility pole is visible on the left side of the image. The sky is overcast and grey.

Monacan Soil and Water Conservation District is working with Goochland County to maintain a working relationship for the betterment of Goochland's soil and water resources

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