

State Technical Committee Minutes
Richmond, Virginia
March 23, 2010

Attendance: Wade Biddix (*NRCS*), Marc Puckett (*VDGIF*), Gary Moore (*DCR*), Jay Howell (*DGIF*), Mark Schonbeck (*VABF*), Patricia Stansburg (*VABF*), Wilmer Stoneman (*VFB*), Mark Dubin (*UMD/MAWP/CBPD*), Dan Solomon (*NRCS*), Barry Harris (*NRCS*), Chad Wentz (*NRCS*), Paul Verbyla (*ACF*), Chris Teutsch (*VT/VFGC*), Betsy Bowles (*DEQ*), Dave Slack (*VDOF*), Dale Gardner (*WS*), Emily Horsley (*FSA*), Maribeth Pettigrew (*NRCS*).

Wade Biddix, NRCS, welcomed the group and opened the meeting at 10:05 a.m. Wade encouraged all to pick handouts up from front table and had all present introduce themselves and the agencies they represented.

Emily Horsley (FSA) – CRP – Virginia’s acreage allocation was decreased despite an increase nationally. They are hoping to get 3,600 acreage goal back once enrollments are up. They continue to market Longleaf Pine. Mailings are being done in target counties. Producers are coming in. Producers and landowners limited in eligibility. She brought up Mary Elfner’s issues - Acres for Wildlife Enhancement - addressing specific wildlife areas in the state: Culpeper, Rappahannock and Orange – Audobon has identified those three counties as important bird areas.

Gary Moore (DCR) – Addressed the State budget scenario and its impact on DCR. \$6.9 million that had been designated for DCR has reverted to the General Fund of the state for general budget. Even so, there is enough money left in CREP to maintain program. DCR will be asking for a refund of those monies when the budget improves. \$9.1 million projected as a result of real estate transfer fees. Bottom line is that \$1.2 million will go to SWCD to focus on training personnel. Cost share of \$7.9 million. He remarked that this is significantly down, but “ we are happy to have a cost share program”. Money is projected; it is not actually on the books.

Emily Horsley – General CRP signup may be possible later in the summer. To prepare for this, we need to establish priority areas and priority zones. Additional points may be added for applicants in priority zones. Because Virginia has so many national priority areas within her boundaries, we don’t currently have state priority areas designated. Only 33% of our remaining cropland can be designated as priority, and that really doesn’t leave much area. See attached maps for clarification. Currently, Emily does not know why they were set up the way they were and would be happy for any insights. The Water Quality Conservation Priority Zone includes the CB area and some other wildlife areas. There are also Longleaf Pine zones. We can accept them as they are or suggest changes. Emily is suggesting that we match the Longleaf Pine zone SAFE practice already established, as well as the Culpeper IBA. The advantage of having a zone established is that additional points would be applicable when applying for CRP in the future. They can be wildlife, air quality or water. We don’t have an air quality priority zone currently. Emily also suggested that quail target areas might need to be assigned as well. There are additional counties to the south besides CB – don’t know why. These areas were established about 5 years ago. Emily asked the committee to consider these zones and send any suggestions to her by e-mail. This committee can expand, etc. Further clarification: there really isn’t enough cropland to have a state CPZ.

Mark Schonbeck asked about the Biomass Assistance Program. Response: The program is temporarily suspended; rules hadn’t been established. Comment period closes on April 9th. They did fund a number of applications, and a number of facilities are qualified for the program. Matching payments are being issued for existing obligations. Once proposed rule is in place, etc., it will be offered again, but isn’t at this time.

Farm Bill Programs – Overall program status. Acceptance and sign-up has been overwhelming. April 1st is the deadline for obligating funds. Usually, if funds aren’t obligated, NHQ would require the return of all unobligated funds. However, this year, even though the deadline is still there, funds will not be swept back to

NHQ for distribution to other states. Virginia has set a state deadline of April 16th because we don't know when they will start sweeping funds. We have a backlog and would be happy to use funds from other states.

Cooperative Conservation Partnership Program (CCPI) in regular EQIP – no new requests; we are funding existing requests. Copper Creek Watershed is where funds will be obligated. That includes Russell and Scott counties – specifically in terms of threatened and endangered species. About 2/3 of monies already obligated. Anything not used will go back into regular EQIP pool.

Chesapeake Bay CCPI. Money goes to pool for use by farmers in that area. We would fund at a certain level, and producers in that watershed could sign up for those practices and only compete with others within w/s. Partners can set up partnership to get part of funds. Five million dollars is the pot from CB states. \$1.3 million is Virginia's allotment. We hope that partners will submit proposals of how to address water quality in CB area. We need our partners help to beat the bushes to draw farmers/producers in. However, funding would not go to the partner agency. Partners can identify what they'd like to have furthered w/ conservation goals, but there is no direct benefit to partners. We may not be able to fund all ideas, but we welcome input.

Last year Trout Unlimited had one project and Libby Norris from Chesapeake Bay had one also. Both of these organizations may have projects again. There is a significant amount of money to be used. There has been no deadline set yet. When it comes out, there will be a 45 day request for proposal period; all this money will have to be spent and obligated by the end of the fiscal year. (**Note: CCPI has been posted to Federal Register and RFPs are due May 24th.**) Notice will be out to committee members as soon as we get dates and details. Contracts can go longer than the fiscal year.

National and Virginia Conservation Innovation Grants - CIG – A national CIG announcement is out for \$25 million. It has a due date of April 26th for preproposals. This was sent to all committee members recently.

Virginia has reserved \$150,000 for CIG so that universities, research or partner agencies might try new ideas. Ideas are being tossed around, but this is open. There is a \$75,000 limit per grant; would like to fund two or three this fiscal year. Native warm season grasses – maybe planting dates can be expanded. Conservation practices that are widely accepted at local level might be able to be expanded. Water usage – dairy water, wash water – What works - what doesn't?

Dan Solomon (NRCS) – EQIP – Handout reviewed (with summary sheet and details). We are tremendously over-subscribed. We were worried about sign-up and felt that duplication might cause us to lack sufficient applications. That is NOT the case. There are still some unobligated funds with CBWI. Almost 50% of applications and dollar requests have been funded. Offerings have been expanded from 8 practices to 24. That probably helped.

About 1/3 of applications from EQIP have been funded. In WHIP, about half of applications have been funded.

Spreadsheet specifics – ie. hoop houses – decisions pending. Received 4 times more requests than we have money.

Patricia Stansburg asked about the application process: Is it like applying for a grant? Is there a committee? Dan explained the ranking process and scoring.

Initially there were hardly any applications with organic certified and transition. We have done some outreach. The numbers have increased in the last day or so, since the handout/spreadsheet was developed.

One reason we're holding back on high tunnel is that we're proposing some of the hoop house money be pulled down into organic. The organic pool is open until May 1, so we will probably be sending out a notice saying organic producers can compete just among themselves for hoop houses. Have so far identified 14 applicants

interested. Mark Schonbeck commented on excellence of organic initiative information sent out by NRCS and expressed surprise that the response wasn't better. The comment was made that a lot of organic people aren't interested in going through the certification process. At this point, they sell their produce and don't see a need to go through the "red tape" process to become certified.

These are contract estimates only. Funds may be higher or lower based on actual costs. Reserve money is set aside to support this. Sometimes people cancel contracts and money is freed up, also.

Patricia Stansburg also asked about the definition of limited resource farmers. Dan answered re: NHQ definition and talked about website and self-qualification process. We didn't get many applications this year. It's assumed that may be the result of income limitation. Even with 90% cost share, applicants still have to come up with some capital and that limits who can apply.

Kudos go to Forestry – \$621,000 - this breaks the record. Again: we are over-subscribed.

Question re: animal waste issues – livestock in Christiansburg area – high requests – why?

DOF – Dean Cumbria requested that **Dave Slack** find out about more money. Some extra money has been allotted. At this point, probably, if there are more allocations, we may be able to meet requests. Forestry people who are signed up can be carried over into next year if we run out of money.

Someone asked about decrease in CAP106 – Forest Management Plans. CAP106 monies were reduced down from \$50,000 to \$20,000. Still don't have enough requests for that.

CBWI – We have been surprised at numbers of sign up with animals in confinement; continued to review specifics on spreadsheets on handouts. Aquaculture is shellfish agriculture. Again, over-subscribed in just about every category. Pasture refers to grazing animals.

WHIP – also over-subscribed. Galon is not here today with details. We anticipate getting more WHIP funds – hopefully fairly soon.

Question re: tracking to see about wildlife needs being met through EQIP. Response: Tracking can't be done during the application process, but we can track once contracts are in place.

Dave Slack questioned: Is the mechanism in place to move EQIP funds to CBWI? He means projects. Response: We asked CB applicants to apply within CBWI – there is no forestry component though in CB.

Barry Harris (NRCS) - *Easement Programs*. Reviewed handout.

These programs work with a local match. There's not a lot of money out there on the local level, so we were surprised to get as much as we did. WRP allocation is the largest we've ever had. It's usually only about \$200,000. This year, we received over \$4.6 million.

Patricia Stansburg asked about minimum amount of land eligible for participation. Response: No minimum acreage, but sometimes number of acres can affect results of ranking process. We pretty much fund everything we're asked for. In GRP however, we haven't been able to fund a number of programs, but are hoping to have more money available as the year progresses.

WRP Implementation Plan. Last fall NHQ requested a plan. 2 million acres of wetland and associated habitat have been enhanced. Farm Bill increased. At this point, we want to enroll 900,000 acres into the program by 9/12/2012. We are looking at ways to increase enrollment in VA. A sign-up sheet is being passed around for people interested in serving on steering committee to indicate that interest. We want to look at ranking tool and

allow more and different acreage to be eligible. Then we want to set up an advisory committee of NRCS employees and also of agency and NGO representatives. We're currently looking at the idea of a big campaign to market info to field, to sister agencies, etc. to increase enrollment in WRP.

We need to raise WRP as one of premier programs – that's the Chief's goal. Wetlands restoration is a big item; there is much unrealized potential in Virginia. We've been turning money back to NHQ every year because we aren't using it. There are several pieces – the media is one – let's get the word out. Also, we need to get farmers interested and get the legal part worked out. It's an opportunity that's nationwide. It's out there, but we're just not tapping into it. We will be emphasizing spreading the word and building this program.

Three options, permanent and perpetual easements, then rate caps. It can be a one-time payment or can be a once a year payment over 30 years. We pay 100% of legal fees and other costs. Not wetland mitigation. Rate cap is 75% of value. We pay 75% of restoration cost. Landowner has to agree to maintain it for at least ten years.

Gary Moore noted that CRP – Wetlands is DCR's least applied for practice. It's a tough sell. For some reason, this is a program where generating interest is an issue. They are not sure why. Perhaps one problem is that it's not instant money for the applicant. \$2,400 to \$4,500 per acre, could be cropland, could be pastureland. Riparian zones can be added; adjacent lands can be added. Question: Can you take lands previously enrolled under CRP? Response: Yes.

TU, VDGIF, USFWS, CBF and others, are needed on WRP Advisory Team. Hopefully they will all participate in this group for helping to grow this program. We've got to streamline the process, so the time factor doesn't continue to hurt the program.

SUBCOMMITTEES - Group discussion – subcommittees for this committee? Continuation of last meeting's discussion where we started with program issues, then started talking more about resource concerns. Resource concerns as focus seemed to be the consensus. We wanted to formalize if possible, since hopefully people have given it some thought. This committee really serves as advisory committee to STC. Need participation. Had a lot last year, but sometimes if people get pulled in without actual interest, it's not good. Decisions sometimes need to be made on a smaller scale. We had hoped for ad hoc committees to bring big issues to this committee. Need input and think subcommittees will help to keep focus more efficient.

Suggested subcommittees:

- Animals in Confinement
- Pasture/Grazing
- Cropland/Erosion Control/Soil Quality (lots of issues fall within this category)
- Wildlife Issues
- Wetlands
- Forestry
- Specialty Crops (organic, small farms)

We don't want to be limited to program concerns.

Question re: procedural; is there a way to make these meetings accomplish more? Rather than just reports, could we make it a problem solving meeting? Problem with proposed committees is that so many people have an interest in all or almost all issues. Idea of subcommittee is that actual decision making would come back to the big committee, but big issue is to ensure that the people who want to be included are here for discussions.

Idea was suggested that rather than having a formal committee, that a list of areas of interest of each member be put together and then anyone listing a certain area of interest would be notified/invited.

Maybe issues could be raised by e-mail (perhaps have a lead person to coordinate and lead e-mail discussions); then interested parties could come in at 9 o'clock on the day of STC to hash out specifics, and then bring them into the general meeting.

Important to get different opinions and feedback.

ACTION NEEDED: In order to designate members to each State Technical Committee Subcommittee, please indicate the subcommittee(s) on which you are willing to serve. Just respond to Maribeth Pettigrew and she can compile the committee membership lists.

Next topic: **Pits - Manure issues** – small farms small acreage, limited storage -“What do we do with manure?” More manure on snow this year. Issue has to be addressed going forward. Ideas for solution: move from liquid to dry system; maybe separate solids out so can be removed off farm; currently separator is not a cost shared practice – they think it needs to be and should be. Could CIG money be used to do some pilots on small farms? Some big farms have separating systems – we’re concerned about small farms. If we show we can reduce capacity in pits – is there a chance for cost share? New systems of separation are very efficient – gasification or other higher technologies. Cost – depends on how good the system is – about \$30,000 for 120 cow operation (actual quote for one farmer). Dry pack barns – hoop barns use dry bedding, bedded pack (that is cost share) – is that a better way? Does \$30,000 just cover separator or associated practices too? Opinion is that is just the separator. Dry stack areas aren’t much - maybe 20, 30... again, depends on the size of the operation.

Some states do cost share on solid liquid separators. May be worth it to explore with cooperating groups. CIG grants would be a way to try this out. Has potential – especially when waste needs to be transported off site. Re: Cover crops where it’s not good to have manure on them during winter – this would have impact. Some universities have solid injectors. Liquid would be easier to inject. Haven’t found a lot of farmers interested in injection- at least, not in Valley, because of rocks, etc.

Mark Schonbeck questioned the idea of not spreading manure on cover crops, pointing out that a true cover crop is meant to mine down. Response: It is better to prevent putting it on when it’s not actively growing.

Could this be part of an educational program? Land is the issue – again depends on the size of the operation. If a farmer is severely overstocked and keeps adding cattle, the question has to be asked as to where the money would be better spent. Transporting or storing or managing more appropriately would be a better thing to address than just trying to undersize to manage. A couple of pilots proposed. Is it better to go this route or look at additional storage? Good CIG possibility. Suggested that guidelines from Pennsylvania be used. They’re already in place. Knowing there is a demand for this money, we have to balance what the practices are and have enough offerings to be able to obligate the money.

Other things going on – Coaltec – manure gasification (taking the manure and running it through a process and turning it into biochar) can be evenly handled and used, not just in agricultural areas. Greensboro Regional Office is looking at it regionally to see if this is something that’s a possibility. May be more of a high volume thing. Atmospheric questions – supposedly under the limits where there could be a problem. This is starting to grow and there seems to be some promise.

This kind of technology is going to be essential in how some of these big farms are going to address these problems. Energy is a big part of it.

A couple of other things: Agricultural chemical handling facilities - On a lot of orchards, areas where large amount of chemicals are being handled, there is tremendous pollution potential.

Through VA Tech – feed management. These are all ways to try to improve nutrient reduction on the land.

Introduced to orchards this year, almost \$100,000 worth of sign up on integrated pest management. Currently, there is not a lot of expertise. If these kinds of practices are on our list, we will have need of a lot of partnership help. FSA says it is not a cost share but there is a tax credit and there is a huge interest every year.

Need expertise to get it out – these are programs that may need to be added.

Question re: solid/liquid separator. Response: In VA, that would fall under waste treatment area.

Question: If we wanted to go the CIG route, how quickly could that happen? Response: send proposal. The applicant could potentially have an existing system they want to tweak. Farmer would not make application; it has to be a cooperative application from a partner agency.

Agency Reports:

Marc Dubin (UMD/MAWP/CBPD) – brought up Agricultural Webinar conference. It will be broadcast from USDA headquarters. EPA CB website. It was recorded; can see recorded discussion and power points. There were about 55 presentations and vigorous discussion; good meeting; expect more of this kind of meeting. Moving forward. Questions: see him afterwards.

Gary Moore (DCR) – asked about TMDL webinar this coming Thursday. Response: that one will be more general. In addition, an Ag. Work group meeting has been scheduled in the Annapolis area. Some folks might want to come; that will be the 29th of March. It will be a series of meetings. They are looking at concurrent work on pasture management systems. There is lots going on – interesting discussions coming up. Model 5.3 up and running. It will take some time.

Mark Schonbeck – VABF: Two more professional development trainings on organic horticulture are scheduled. Several partners are working together on this project. Mark will send information to STC recorder for distribution.

Mark Puckett (VDGIF) - Came out of General Assembly all right. Quail action plan looks like it will be completely funded. 5 land biologists have been in place since December. Partnership with NRCS is working well. There have been more than 60 landowner visits, so they are helping to deliver program. There are 6 target counties and a mailing has been made to all, over 100,000 acres. That was in early Feb. and caused a spike in interest. They may need to do mailings several times a year.

Wade made a comment about extending agreement for money in quail action plan areas. That money has been spent already.

Wilmer Stoneman (Farm Bureau) - EPA is coming into the Shenandoah Valley and there is a major concern among farmers. Trying to figure out what they're going to do about small dairy farms. What is the time schedule? Aerial and satellite identification of small non-permitted farms. Is this EPA visit in relationship to CB? Yes. This is about enforcement, stream reach width, etc.

DEQ Discussion with EPA re: plans – this is EPA's show April 14th - there will be a meeting with participants. It's not an open meeting. There are a finite number of invitees. DEQ has requested this meeting to appease producers. EPA has acquiesced under pressure. DEQ is trying not to jeopardize relationships because they don't want problems with future compliance. DEQ will be out with EPA during inspections.

On a separate note, CAFO comment period is closed. Regulatory advisory panel has been formed and we will have the first public meeting on 3/29. During that meeting, amendments and proposals will be discussed re:

regulating CAFOs. Poultry waste regulation is in proposed stage. Will be published April 12th. There will be a 60 day comment period. 800 operations have permits under that regulation.

Chris Teutsch (VT/VFGC) – VA Forage and Grassland Council Conference – attracted 500 participants. Received grant and NRCS helped. It was a good conference. Six fencing schools are getting ready to happen. Sign up is full. Research station \$430,000 grant for installation of grazing and installing fencing systems and cattle handling facilities. Expressed thanks for support from NRCS, notably technical support and especially mentioned Dennis Jones of Farmville Office.

Equine concern: 225,000 horses in Virginia – most in poor pasture areas. Keep this issue in mind.

Dave Slack (DOF) – Two technical service providers have gone through the training program to work with NRCS to host and deliver training workshops (EQIP) - one was held on the 17th; we had 5 participants trained in Charlottesville. That gets them in the door; still more training in process. Reforestation of Timberlands – funded in part by general revenue. Current fiscal year \$1.2 million allocated for property owners. Every bit of that money is allocated to projects. For upcoming, it appears there will be reductions to revenue. There may be reduction in funding for fiscal years 2011 and 2012. The pre-planting season is coming up. Weather this year has caused challenges, even though it has been beneficial because of lack of fires.

Patricia Stansburg (VABF) Biological farming conference outgrew 4-H camps enrollment (abt 400). It was in Danville with Extension Service, FSA, VABF. Covered a variety of topics – field crops, organics, etc. A lot of committee members may be interested in the future.

Next STC meeting will be on the 4th Tuesday - May 25, 2010, at 10 a.m.

Closed meeting at 12:30 p.m.

**Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program
Sign-up Progress**

As of 3/17/10

Chesapeake Bay -	1,664 contracts approved 15,354.4 acres <i>AVAILABLE ACRES: 9,645.6</i> <i>Current Allocation: 25,000</i>
Southern Rivers -	2139 contracts approved 12,811.4 acres <i>AVAILABLE ACRES: 2,188.6</i> <i>Current Allocation: 15,000</i>
CP-33 - Habitat Buffer For Upland Birds	223 contracts approved 1,622.1 acres <i>AVAILABLE ACRES: 837.9</i> <i>Current Allocation: 2,500</i>
CP-36 Longleaf Pines	17 contracts approved 293.3 acres <i>AVAILABLE ACRES: 3,456.7</i> <i>Current Allocation: 3,750</i>
SAFE	
<i>Culpeper Basin Bird Habitat Restoration</i> <i>CP-38A – (Forested Riparian Areas)</i> <i>CP-38E – (Native Grass Areas)</i>	<i>AVAILABLE ACRES: 1000</i>
<i>CP-38C</i> <i>Restoration and Management of</i> <i>Eastern Shore Migratory Bird</i> <i>Tree/Shrub Habitat</i>	<i>AVAILABLE ACRES: 500</i>
<i>CP-38C</i> <i>Statewide Tree Planting</i>	<i>AVAILABLE ACRES: 1,800</i>
<i>CP-38D</i> <i>Longleaf Pine</i>	6 contracts approved 192.2 acres <i>AVAILABLE ACRES: 807.8</i> <i>Current Allocation: 1,000</i>

**Virginia State Technical Committee
Easement Programs Report
March 23, 2010**

FRPP:

Upcoming Closing:

Entity: Virginia Outdoors Foundation
Location: Washington County
Size: 200 acres
Amount:\$500,000

Applications Received:

Five applications were received for
1,403 acres and a total of \$981,500
FY-10 Allocation \$1,587,170
Returned to NHQ: \$ 619,903

GRP:

Upcoming Closings:

Location: Frederick County
Size:57.682 acres
Amount:\$220,345
Permanent Easement

Location: King George County
Size: 101 acres
Amount:\$284,799
Permanent Easement

Applications on hand for FY10:

Easements- 15
Rental Agreements- 1

Pending Approval:

1-Rental Agreement for 25 acres
4- Permanent Easements for 212
acres.

FY-10 Allocation \$634,720

WRP:

Closings:

Location: Fauquier County
Size: 31.329 acres
Amount:\$115,693.61
Permanent Easement

Upcoming WRP Closings:

Location: Frederick County
Size: 4.3 acres
Amount:\$12,043
Permanent Easement

Pending Approval:

1 - Essex County- -50 acres
1 - Chesapeake - 106 acres
1 - Halifax - 12 acres

\$1,540,069 will be allocated for restoration of 113 acres, re-survey of four sites, and repair work, new easements which approval is pending and any additional applications.

FY-10 allocation \$4,622,569
Returned to NHQ: \$ 3,082,500

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Summary Status of CBWI, EQIP and WHIP funds for 2010.

CBWI

- Allocation = \$9,530,802
- 442 applications = \$15,718,025
- 206 applications approved = \$7,974,017
- Unobligated or reserve funds = \$1,559,648 (funds are close but do not match exactly with allocations due to various reasons)
- To date, we have funded 46.6% of applications received and 50.7% of the dollar requests.

EQIP

- Allocation = \$9,904,769
- 934 applications = \$21,910,654
- 302 applications approved = \$8,213,232
- Unobligated or reserve funds = \$1,670,697 (funds are close but do not exactly with allocations due to various reasons)
- To date, we have funded 32.3% of applications received and 37.5% of the dollar requests.

WHIP

- Allocation = \$210,425
- 78 applications = \$397,504
- 38 applications approved = \$195,216
- Unobligated or reserve funds = \$5,252 (funds are close but do not exactly with allocations due to various reasons)
- To date, we have funded 48.7% of applications received and 49.1% of the dollar requests

We are continuing to take applications and making funding decisions every week or two. Our goal is to have all funds obligated by April 16, except for the Organic Initiative funds which has a May 1 deadline.

EQIP - Status or Funds March 19, 2010

Account Name	Allocated	Approved Applications and Contracts	Pre-Approved Applications	Total Applications Funded	Funds Remaining	Un-Funded Requests
Virginia	\$9,904,769.25	\$2,086,991.71				
Beginning Farmer	\$330,242.00	\$76,816.00	\$229,710.00	\$306,526.00	\$23,716.00	\$1,823,103.00
CAP 106 Forest Mgmt Plan	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,325.00	\$5,325.00	\$14,675.00	\$0.00
CAP 122 Energy Audit	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$6,680.00	\$6,680.00	\$13,320.00	\$0.00
CCPL-Fish America	\$905,016.00	\$0.00	\$513,437.00	\$513,437.00	\$391,579.00	\$40,884.00
Cropland - Christiansburg	\$68,662.00	\$62,368.00	\$11,900.00	\$74,268.00	-\$5,606.00	\$166,087.00
Cropland - Farmville	\$96,603.00	\$69,255.00	\$32,220.00	\$101,475.00	-\$4,872.00	\$105,337.00
Cropland - Harrisonburg	\$23,458.00	\$0.00	\$22,653.00	\$22,653.00	\$805.00	\$0.00
Cropland - Smithfield	\$163,844.00	\$84,924.00	\$73,248.00	\$158,172.00	\$5,672.00	\$1,574,551.00
Forestry - Statewide	\$615,000.00	\$359,774.71	\$261,937.00	\$621,711.71	-\$6,711.71	\$344,000.00
Groundwater Conservation	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$66,972.00	\$66,972.00	\$33,028.00	\$470,560.00
High Tunnel Hoop House Initiative	\$200,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200,000.00	\$802,019.00
Limited Resource Farmer	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Livestock in Confinement - Christiansburg	\$913,965.00	\$0.00	\$928,489.00	\$928,489.00	-\$14,524.00	\$2,728,158.00
Livestock in Confinement - Farmville	\$749,269.00	\$383,752.00	\$365,323.00	\$749,075.00	\$194.00	\$469,384.00
Livestock in Confinement - Harrisonburg	\$385,833.00	\$85,793.00	\$300,000.00	\$385,793.00	\$40.00	\$242,000.00
Livestock in Confinement - Smithfield	\$708,104.00	\$137,925.00	\$569,801.00	\$707,726.00	\$378.00	\$342,636.00
Orchard - Pest Management	\$100,000.00	\$32,856.00	\$64,770.00	\$97,626.00	\$2,374.00	\$0.00
Organic Certified	\$387,293.00	\$0.00	\$50,412.00	\$50,412.00	\$336,881.00	\$65,216.00
Organic Transition	\$387,293.00	\$0.00	\$4,708.00	\$4,708.00	\$382,585.00	\$19,524.00
Pasture - Christiansburg	\$1,964,789.00	\$214,153.00	\$1,742,933.00	\$1,957,086.00	\$7,703.00	\$211,885.00
Pasture - Farmville	\$754,930.00	\$196,685.00	\$557,595.00	\$754,280.00	\$650.00	\$173,380.00
Pasture - Harrisonburg	\$754,930.00	\$0.00	\$162,227.00	\$162,227.00	-\$28,661.00	\$27,000.00
Pasture - Smithfield	\$18,887.00	\$0.00	\$16,704.00	\$16,704.00	\$2,183.00	\$10,219.00
Socially Disadvantaged	\$660,482.00	\$382,165.00	\$118,028.00	\$500,193.00	\$160,289.00	\$1,164,902.00
FY10 CIG State Component	\$150,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150,000.00	\$0.00
FY10 EQIP Reserve	\$5,000.00	\$525.00				
			Totals	\$8,191,538.71	\$1,665,697.29	\$10,780,845.00

Chesapeake Bay Watershed Initiative - Status of Funds March 19, 2010

Account Name	Allocated	Approved Applications and Contracts	Pre-Approved Applications	Total Applications Funded	Funds Remaining	Un-Funded Requests
Virginia	\$9,530,802.00	\$1,300,422.00				
CBWI - Animals in Confinement	\$3,905,074.00	\$665,622.00	\$3,160,473.00	\$3,826,095.00	\$78,979.00	\$3,726,456.00
CBWI - Aquaculture	\$56,068.00	\$0.00	\$17,700.00	\$17,700.00	\$38,368.00	\$4,860.00
CBWI - Cropland	\$2,099,038.00	\$99,006.00	\$1,872,828.00	\$1,971,834.00	\$127,204.00	\$1,505,218.00
CBWI - Limited Resource Farmer	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CBWI - New Farmer	\$698,024.00	\$125,403.00	\$575,192.00	\$700,595.00	-\$2,571.00	\$330,489.00
CBWI - Pasture	\$1,118,235.00	\$318,270.00	\$857,611.00	\$1,175,881.00	-\$57,646.00	\$982,243.00
CBWI - Socially Disadvantaged	\$279,046.00	\$92,121.00	\$186,928.00	\$279,049.00	-\$3.00	\$2,025.00
			Totals	\$7,971,154.00	\$184,331.00	\$6,551,291.00
CCPI and Reserve Funds	\$1,375,317.00					

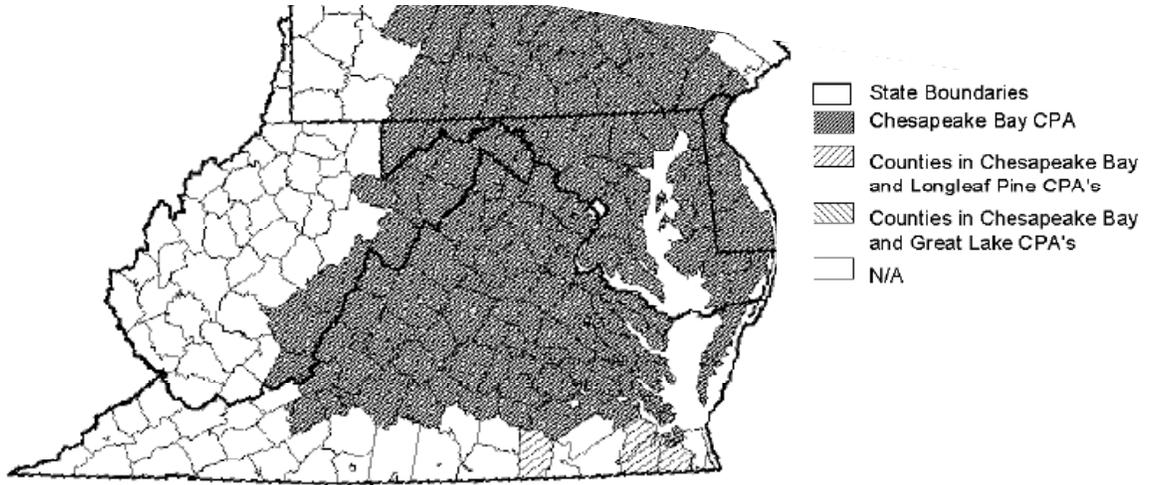
WHIP - Status of Funds March 23, 2010

Account Name	Allocated	Approved Applications and Contracts	Pre-Approved Applications	Total Applications Funded	Funds Remaining	Un-Funded Requests
Virginia	\$210,425.00	\$39,895.00				
Aquatic Wildlife Habitat Creation	\$2,420.00	\$0.00	\$2,420.00	\$2,420.00	\$0.00	\$14,800.00
CCPI DGIF	\$58,737.00	\$0.00	\$56,943.00	\$56,943.00	\$1,794.00	\$0.00
Habitat Maintenance/Protection	\$24,820.60	\$16,826.00	\$7,440.00	\$24,266.00	\$554.60	\$76,932.00
Upland Wildlife Habitat Creation	\$85,388.00	\$7,998.00	\$75,891.00	\$83,889.00	\$1,499.00	\$71,699.00
WHIP Beginning Farmer/Rancher	\$28,175.25	\$15,071.00	\$11,700.00	\$26,771.00	\$1,404.25	\$3,983.00
WHIP Limited Resource	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
WHIP Socially Disadvantaged	\$884.15	\$0.00	\$884.15	\$884.15	\$0.00	\$0.00
FY10 WHIP Reserve	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$195,173.15	\$5,251.85	\$167,414.00

2010 PROPOSAL:

Producers within a National or State CPA are eligible to submit an offer during General CRP Signup. The map below represents VA counties that are included within a National CPA:

Chesapeake Bay and Longleaf Pine National CRP CPA's



The following maps represent the proposed State CPA and associated zones in preparation for an anticipated 2010 General CRP Signup.

State Conservation Priority Area

