



**Caroline County, Virginia
Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Adopted Budget**

Function: Community Development
Department/Officer: Environmental Management
Division: Soil and Water Conservation District

Mission:

To provide support to the Hanover-Caroline Soil and Water Conservation District as it seeks to fulfill its mission “to provide and promote leadership in the conservation of natural resources through proper stewardship and education programs.”

Budget Unit Description/Activities:

Caroline County provides financial support for the activities of the Hanover-Caroline Soil and Water Conservation District headquartered in Hanover. The District is a subdivision of state government and is responsible under state law for soil and water conservation work within its boundaries. Its activities are governed by a 6 member Board of Directors of which 4 are elected from Hanover and Caroline Counties and 2 are appointed by the Virginia Division of Soil and Water Conservation. All are local citizens who have a common interest in protecting the area’s soil and water resources.

The Soil and Water Conservation District is designed to assist County landowners with soil and water conservation planning and conservation problems. The District runs programs that provide financial and technical assistance to install management practices on agricultural land to reduce erosion, non-point pollution and improve water quality. The District assists County agricultural landowners with compliance with the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act. The District investigates water quality complaints under state mandate. It also maintains a strong public education program to inform residents on conservation and natural resource topics.

District funding comes from State of Virginia appropriations, Federal Environmental Protection Act funds and contributions from Hanover and Caroline Counties. Caroline County’s contribution is specifically used for personnel and operating expenses.

Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Goals/Objectives:

Services to Caroline County

- ◆ Administer the Virginia Best Management Practices Cost-share and Tax Credit programs to provide cost sharing assistance to local landowners and operators.
- ◆ Provide continued assistance to Caroline County for storm related soil and water quality conservation problems including damage to agricultural lands and ponds.
- ◆ Provide assistance with the Federal USDA Farm Bill Conservation Programs including cost-share program implementation, design of BMPs, and total resource planning to local landowners and operators.
- ◆ Assist citizens with installation of Urban Best Management Practices on the Land to reduce erosion and improve water quality.
- ◆ Distribute quarterly Conservation newsletter.
- ◆ Assist Caroline with the development and implementation of tributary strategies and TMDL’s for the York and Rappahannock Rivers.
- ◆ Promote adult education outreach through Bayscaping Education Workshops, Regional Forage Conferences, and Equine Extravaganzas.
- ◆ Provide Youth Conservation Education to students through such outreach as Envirothon, Conservation Camp, Career Days, Earth Days, Kids in the Dirt, Stream Cleanups and scholarships.

- ◆ Work with Caroline County school administration to provide a meaningful watershed experience for all students.
- ◆ Recognize local conservation efforts through the District's Annual Awards Program.
- ◆ Promote no-till conservation planting techniques through the District's equipment program.
- ◆ Administer the Ag Stewardship Act through investigation of agricultural complaints or other E & S complaints as directed by VDACS or by the County.
- ◆ Administer the Virginia Tax Credit Program for Conservation Equipment for agricultural producers.
- ◆ Provide a region-wide innovative livestock and land management demonstration project on Pamunkey Farm using Federal grant monies acquired from the National Fish and Wildlife Service.
- ◆ Provide leadership in the development of the National Boy Scout Conservation Council for development of future national Jamborees.

Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act – County Ordinance Implementation

- ◆ Provide tracking of CBPA Agricultural tracts, plans and plan revisions.
- ◆ Provide a minimum of 30 Soil and Water Quality Conservation Plans on tracts where more in depth technical analysis is needed.
- ◆ Provide County with quarterly reports.
- ◆ Provide County with documentation of CBPA areas as requested.
- ◆ Draft other conservation plans as requested by County for use in E & S control on agricultural lands.

Budget Highlights:

No significant changes are adopted in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Budget for this unit.

Budgeted Funding and Expenditures:

	FY 2004-05 Budget	FY 2004-05 Actual	FY 2005-06 Amended Budget	FY 2006-07 Adopted Budget	Change Amount	%
<u>Funding Sources:</u>						
General Local Revenue	\$ 33,008	\$ 33,008	\$ 34,988	\$ 37,484	\$ 2,496	7.1%
Permits, Fees & Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Categorical Aid: State	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Categorical Aid: Federal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Categorical Aid: Local	\$ 6,600	\$ 6,600	\$ 6,600	\$ 6,600	\$ -	0.0%
Total	\$ 39,608	\$ 39,608	\$ 41,588	\$ 44,084	\$ 2,496	6.0%
<u>Expenditures:</u>						
Personnel Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Employee Benefits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Purchased Services	\$ 6,600	\$ 6,600	\$ 6,600	\$ 6,600	\$ -	0.0%
Other Charges	\$ 33,008	\$ 33,008	\$ 34,988	\$ 37,484	\$ 2,496	7.1%
Materials & Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Capital Outlay	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Total	\$ 39,608	\$ 39,608	\$ 41,588	\$ 44,084	\$ 2,496	6.0%