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2011-2012 Cost-Share Priority Practices

Each year **priority** cost-share practices include nutrient management planning, cover crops, buffer practices, long term vegetative cover and continuous no-till, for which many producers apply for funding. There are several livestock practices that are also considered priority. Funding of up to \$50,000 is available for livestock exclusion, where livestock are fenced out of state waters. With the new Chesapeake Bay TMDL (*Total Maximum Daily Load*), it is our **opinion** that livestock at some point in the next few years, will be required to be fenced out of streams. Groundwork has been laid for this in the last year and once it is a requirement, cost share will no longer be available to meet state laws.

These priority practices receive priority funding consideration. All applications are ranked according to environmental benefit criteria some of which is state generated and some of which is locally generated. For example, within the district, we rank stream exclusion practices by the number of livestock units excluded, the length of stream segment protected and the cost of the project. With the project yielding the most protection at the lowest cost being ranked highest.

Cost-Share Sign-up
(by appointment)
July 18—August 12, 2011

Deadlines:

Deadline for submitting Nutrient Management Plans and Nutrient Management Recordkeeping is **December 31, 2011**. BMP Tax Credits including Integrated Pest Management and Soil Testing in support of Nutrient Management are also due **December 31, 2011**.

If you are currently have a Cost-share BMP tax credit issued between the dates of 2006 and 2011, it must be used by December of 2011. Due to changes in State Law by the General Assembly, BMP tax credits can no longer be carried over. If you have a tax credit carry over see your tax advisor.

Call our office to schedule an appointment to come in and work with a Conservation Specialist to apply for cost-share funding: **804-537-5225 ext. 109, 110, or 111**. We will need for producers to bring us a current Producer Farm Data Sheet and corresponding aerial photos from the Farm Service Agency at the time of signup.

MWEE



The **Meaningful Watershed Educational Experience (MWEE)** is now in its second year. This spring, nearly 1500 sixth grade students from Hanover and Caroline County Schools participated in the program. The MWEE is an outdoor classroom event in which students experience the natural world and interact with environmental professionals on a wide range of natural resources topics. Field days are held over five days (one day for each public middle school) and students visit four of eight learning stations. The Meadow Event Park (new State Fairgrounds) was the host facility for the hands-on learning stations, which included Macroinvertebrates, Water Quality Testing, Riparian Buffers, Parking Lot/Urban Runoff, Wetlands, and Field Notes. The District coordinated volunteers to lead the stations from a variety of natural resource professions such as Forestry, NRCS, SWCD's, DCR, Master Gardeners, Hanover and Caroline County Public Works and Planning Department, and many other experts. As a result of the District's efforts to also help educate other professionals in Virginia on how to develop their own MWEE programs, the Department of Environmental Quality named the District "MWEE Partner of the Year"!



SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

CONGRATULATIONS to the 2011 Hanover-Caroline SWCD scholarship recipients: **Tyler Matthias** of Atlee High School and **Robert Longest** of Lee-Davis High School. Because of their outstanding applications and keen interest in conservation, each of these young men received a \$1000 scholarship. Best of luck to both of them!

All Hanover and Caroline County public high schools receive District scholarship applications. Contact the guidance department in early 2012 regarding next year's scholarship opportunities.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Date of Election of Soil and Water Conservation District Directors Notice of Filing Nominating Petitions, Declaration of Candidacy & A Certificate of Candidate Qualification

An election of Directors for the Hanover-Caroline Soil and Water Conservation District will be held in the general election on November 8, 2011. The District encompasses the Counties of Hanover and Caroline, which includes any incorporated towns therein.

Candidates for elected directors must reside within the boundary of the counties (includes incorporated town(s) within the county) which such candidates shall represent upon election. Two* directors shall be elected to represent all the citizens within each county, which includes incorporated towns within the county.

Persons who wish to file as candidates for the office of district director must fully complete and file the requisite nominating petition, statement of qualification, and declaration of candidacy with the general registrar of the county where the candidate resides by 7:00 p.m., on August 23, 2011.

For further information contact your local registrar's office, or visit the Virginia State Board of Elections website at <http://www.sbe.virginia.gov>.

* Three directors shall be elected when the SWCD is comprised of one city or county.

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Conservation Equipment Rental



Take advantage of the benefits of no-till planting, better soil quality, water infiltration and residue management. Contact the District office to inquire about renting a no-till drill (7 or 10-foot). The minimum rental rate is \$100 plus tax, which covers the first 10 acres. Each additional acre is \$7 plus tax.



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