



Our mission is to promote stewardship and conservation of our natural resources

FACT SHEET

DISTRICT PROGRAMS & SERVICES

- * Founded in 1940
- * Serves Rockingham and Page Counties; City of Harrisonburg
- * Board of Directors oversees District programs
- * Programs carried out by District staff
- * Funded by local, state, and federal sources
- * Monthly board meetings open to the public

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Virginia Agricultural Best Management Cost Share Program

The purpose is to improve water quality in the State's streams, rivers, and the Chesapeake Bay. The Program offers financial and technical assistance to landowners as an incentive to voluntarily implement Best Management Practices (BMPs) to meet Virginia's non-point source pollution water quality objectives.

Total Maximum Daily Load Program (TMDL)

The TMDL program are targeted watersheds that include streams on Virginia's list of impaired waters. These streams are impaired for excessive amounts of bacteria and/or sediment and are not suitable for recreational uses. The TMDL program provides technical and financial assistance for both Agricultural and Residential BMPs available to landowners in the targeted TMDL watersheds.

Dam Maintenance

The District owns and maintains 8 Flood Control Dams in Rockingham County. An additional 3 dams are owned by the District but maintained by their associated localities of Page County and the City of Harrisonburg. The District annually inspects each of these dams in cooperation with other state and federal agencies to ensure the dams meet state regulations. Regular maintenance work on the dams is ongoing.

Education & Outreach

The District offers a variety of education programs targeted to schools, farmers and landowners within the service area. Envirothon, classroom presentations, field days, teacher workshops. The District also participates in community events such as county fairs, clean up day events, trade shows as well as presentations to civic and community organizations.

The District provides scholarships to students pursuing careers in environmental or agricultural fields. Scholarships are also provided to high school students to support attendance at Youth Conservation Camp.

Each year the District recognizes outstanding conservation achievements made by farmers and other groups and individuals within the service area.



If you are interested in hearing more about any of our programs or services, please contact us. We will be happy to assist you!