

MOUNTAIN CASTLES SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Our Mission

To provide and to promote leadership in conservation of natural resources through stewardship and education programs.



Programs and Services

Virginia Agricultural Best Management Practices Program (BMP)

This program is administered by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) through the local Soil and Water Conservation Districts to improve water quality in the state's streams, rivers, and the Chesapeake Bay. This program offers 75% cost share and 25% tax credit.

The most common practices in the district are Permanent Vegetative Cover on Cropland, Grazing Land Protection, Alternative Water Systems, Permanent Vegetative Cover on Critical Areas and Farm Road/Heavy Traffic Animal Travel Lane Stabilization.

Virginia Agricultural BMP Tax Credit Program

The goal of the program is to encourage voluntary installation of BMPs that address Virginia's non-point source pollution water quality objectives.



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*Partnership to conserve
natural resources.*

Local Assistance

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www.usace.army.mil

209 Roanoke Street, Suite 8

Christiansburg, VA 24073

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Conservation Easements

Western Virginia Land Trust

722 First Street, SW Suite L.

Roanoke, VA 24016-4120

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Valley Conservation Council

17 Barristers Row

Staunton, VA 24401

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Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries

www.dgif.virginia.gov

1132 Thomas Jefferson Rd.

Forest, VA 24551

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Environmental Quality

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Roanoke, VA 24019

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The Mountain Castles District was formed in 1987 to serve Botetourt and Craig Counties. It was so named for the two county seats, New Castle and Fincastle, and the beautiful mountains found in each county. Soil and water districts are political self-governed subdivisions of state government responsible for conservation work within their boundaries. Districts provide local citizens with the opportunity to shape resource planning in their communities. It is the district's mission to promote healthy watersheds that balance the needs of people, land, and natural resources by providing stable economies.

Land Use Activities

Can Effect Water Quality



What You Can Do to Help

Non-point source pollution doesn't come from a single source. In Virginia, most of the non-point source pollution comes from storm water runoff. It might come from local farmland, city streets, construction sites, lawns, roofs and driveways that eventually end up in our streams and rivers. There are four major forms of NPS pollution: sediments, nutrients, toxic substances and pathogens.

Agricultural best management practices encourage fencing out livestock from local streams and provide for an alternative watering system. Following a nutrient management plan and applying fertilizers or pesticides according to prescribed instructions will reduce excessive amounts of nutrients from entering soils and waterways.

In our residential areas, maintaining our septic systems and disposing of household hazardous waste products properly are crucial in protecting the water we drink and the water that flows to our waterways.

Possibly consider using flagstone gravel, stone and interlocking pavers rather than concrete and asphalt to reduce impervious surfaces and decrease runoff.

Become active in litter cleanup projects and stream monitoring as a way to give back to our waters. They've always been there for us.

I am interested in the following projects and would like more information about the following programs.

- WHIP Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program
- CREP Planting trees and native grasses
- CRP Conservation Reserve Program
- EQIP Environmental Quality Incentives
- FLEP Forest Land Enhancement Program
- SL-1 Permanent Vegetative Cover on
- SL-6 Grazing land Protection
- WP-2 Stream Protection
- SL8B Small Grain Cover Crop for NM
- Conservation Easements

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Additional Comments or Request for Information

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