

## NEWS RELEASE

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#### **Announcement: Stormwater Conservation Practices in the Backyard**

The record rainfall we had last year has probably left a mark on your yard. The low lying areas saw prolonged periods of standing water, possibly killing the grass. Slopes might have seen erosion in the form of rills and gullies. The grass and invasive weeds grew uncontrollably. If this sounds familiar, then you probably spent time and money to correct the lawn and repair the slopes. When Mother Nature pours, there can be very little we can do. But there is help available. The Culpeper Soil and Water Conservation District can meet with you and evaluate the problems and provide recommendations. For some sites, there is financial assistance available for stormwater practices that treat runoff at the source.

Through the Virginia Conservation Assistance Program (VCAP), the Culpeper Soil and Water Conservation District provides financial assistance to homeowners, businesses, and local government to address erosion, poor drainage and poor vegetative cover. The site must have been built more than 3 years ago, and the proposed stormwater practice must address a serious water quality problem such as erosion, poor vegetative cover, impervious runoff or potential nutrient loss from fertilized lawns. The owner must be willing to keep and maintain the practice for 10 years.

**Example Practices see the VCAP webpage:** [www.vaswcd.org/vcap](http://www.vaswcd.org/vcap)

#### **How to Request a Site Visit**

Contact the Culpeper Soil and Water Conservation District at [RichardJ@culpeperswcd.org](mailto:RichardJ@culpeperswcd.org) or call 540-825-8591.

Please include the following information:

- The site address
- A basic description of any drainage, erosion and vegetation issues on your property
- Name(s) and contact information (email preferred) for all property owners/decision makers