

Regional Funding

Fiscal Year 2018 - Intergovernmental Funding Application

Tri-County/ City Soil & Water Conservation District

Application Status: Submitted

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Locality Information

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Locality Notes

Please use the spaces below to provide any locality specific notes or statements that may be relevant to your application.

Caroline County

City of Fredericksburg

TCCSWCD provides City residents with resources, technical assistance and funding for urban/suburban conservation. We assist the City in making quantifiable nonpoint source pollution reductions, including nutrients and sediments. TCCSWCD assisted with the City's MS4 permit mandates and developing Turf & Landscape Nutrient Management Plans for City property (Dixon Park). We will continue our partnership to help meet local pollution reductions, TMDL's and the Chesapeake Bay requirements.

In 2016 TCCSWCD introduced a new urban cost-share program, the Virginia Conservation Assistance Program (VCAP), providing funds to urban/suburban residents who implement approved conservation best management practices (BMPs) on their property. The result is more BMPs, financial assistance for residents and decreased amounts of polluted stormwater run-off throughout the City. We reached approximately 1,200 Fredericksburg residents while participating in conservation outreach and education programs.

King George County

TCCSWCD's technical staff work in partnership with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) and other agencies to deliver the Virginia Agriculture Cost Share (VACS) Program to residents.

In 2016 TCCSWCD introduced a new urban cost-share program, the Virginia Conservation Assistance Program (VCAP), providing funds to urban/suburban residents who implement approved conservation best

management practices (BMPs) on their property. We focus our marketing on urban/suburban projects, but it is also available to non-urban/suburban land owners, such as agricultural producers. The result is more BMPs, financial assistance for residents and decreased amounts of polluted stormwater run-off throughout the County.

TCCSWCD provided high quality conservation outreach programs to approximately 410 youth through in-classroom presentations, field experiences and through support of the King George Envirothon Team.

Spotsylvania County

TCCSWCD's technical staff work in partnership with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) and other agencies to deliver the Virginia Agriculture Cost Share (VACS) Program to residents.

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TCCSWCD provided high quality conservation outreach programs to approximately 2,212 youth through in-classroom presentations, field experiences and through support of the Spotsylvania Envirothon Team.

Stafford County

TCCSWCD's technical staff work in partnership with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) and other agencies to deliver the Virginia Agriculture Cost Share (VACS) Program to residents.

In 2016 TCCSWCD introduced a new urban cost-share program, the Virginia Conservation Assistance Program (VCAP), providing funds to urban/suburban residents who implement approved conservation best management practices (BMPs) on their property. We focus our marketing on urban/suburban projects, but it is also available to non-urban/suburban land owners, such as agricultural producers. The result is more BMPs, financial assistance for residents and decreased amounts of polluted stormwater run-off throughout the County.

TCCSWCD provided high quality conservation outreach programs to approximately 284 youth through in-classroom presentations, field experiences and through support of two Stafford County Envirothon Teams.

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Agency Budget

In the boxes below provide an overview of the administrative costs associated with your agency budget. Include revenue that defrays administrative costs; this is non programmatic revenue and should not include any revenue associated with programming.

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Expenses

	FY 2016 Actual	FY 2017 Budgeted	FY 2018 Requested
Salary	159,489.00	163,996.00	196,027.00
Benefits	43,077.00	45,426.00	53,282.00
Operating Expenses	56,443.00	47,669.00	49,306.00
Capital Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
Administrative Expenses	2,616.00	2,596.00	3,016.00
Total	261,625.00	259,687.00	301,631.00

Revenues

	FY 2016 Actual	FY 2017 Budgeted	FY 2018 Requested
Caroline	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fredericksburg	2,000.00	2,200.00	5,000.00
King George	35,473.00	39,019.00	46,823.00
Spotsylvania	22,792.00	25,071.00	32,150.00
Stafford	21,404.00	23,544.00	25,684.00
United Way	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grants	175,298.00	147,233.00	172,493.00
Client Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fundraising	2,848.00	2,700.00	3,400.00
Other (Click to itemize)	3,125.00	19,922.00	0.00

	FY 2016 Actual	FY 2017 Budgeted	FY 2018 Requested
Total	262,940.00	259,689.00	285,550.00

Surplus / Deficit

	FY 2016 Actual	FY 2017 Budgeted	FY 2018 Requested
Surplus or Deficit	1,315.00	2.00	-16,081.00

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Agency Information

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General Information

Agency Name	Tri-County/ City Soil & Water Conservation District
Physical Address	4811 Carr Drive, Fredericksburg, Virginia, 22408, U.S.A.
Mailing Address	4811 Carr Drive, Fredericksburg, Virginia, 22408
Agency Phone Number	(540) 656-2401
Federal Tax ID #	54-0856925
Web Address	http://tccswcd.org/
Agency Email Address	tricountycity@tccswcd.org

Agency Mission Statement

To provide leadership, education, and technical programs to assist all resource users to conserve, sustain and improve soil, water and related resources.

Number of Years in Operation	72
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Main Contact

Main Contact	Katie Abel, phone: (540) 656-2401, email: tricountycity@tccswcd.org
Job Title	District Manager

Localities Served

Please select any/all localities your agency serves.

Caroline	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fredericksburg	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
King George	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Spotsylvania



Stafford



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Agency Budget Narrative

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Administrative Expenses

Provide an overview of the administrative costs for your agency.

TCCSWCD has expanded programs, hired a part time employee to implement VCAP and promoted our part-time Education Coordinator to a full time salaried employee with benefits. Our administrative costs have risen with our increases in programs and staff, and with the yearly increase in the costs of doing business.

If your agency is requesting an increase or decrease in administrative funding, please describe in detail the reasons for these changes.

We are requesting a funding increase from each locality within our service area for FY 2018. These funds will be used by TCCSWCD to assist with basic operational needs and to provide financial support for conservation technical assistance and outreach for agricultural and urban areas. This increase would ensure TCCSWCD can provide and maintain the qualifications and certifications required to perform services requested by the localities.

Please provide justification for and specific amounts of administrative costs that are defrayed by locality funds.

The State of Virginia provides funding through DCR to TCCSWCD in support of our agricultural programs, but we require additional funding to cover operations. Soil & Water Conservation Districts are designed to be funded jointly by State and Local resources. We rely on these funds to operate effectively and allow us the capacity to offer our soil and water conservation programs to all resource users.

Capital Expenses

Please provide an overview of the capital costs for your agency.

Tri-County/City SWCD does not use locality funds for capital costs.

Please provide justification for and specific amounts of capital costs that are defrayed by locality funds.

Tri-County/City SWCD does not use locality funds for capital costs.

Salary & Benefit Expenses

Please provide an overview of any increases or decreases in general personnel expenses for your agency.

Personnel expenses have increased due to the addition of a part time employee to manage VCAP and the education position growing from part time to full time with benefits. Additionally, a modest increase in salary to retain current staff, pending funding.

Please provide a description of any changes to agency benefits structure or cost.

There have been no changes to the type of benefits provided. However, we promoted our part-time Education Coordinator to a full time salaried employee with benefits, increasing the total amount of benefits.

Budget Issues

Provide any legislative initiatives or issues that may impact the agency for the upcoming year.

State budget cuts could potentially impact the amount of funding coming from the state level.

If you are aware of “outside” funding sources that will expire or be reduced on a set cycle or date, please note those below and how you are planning for them.

Our Water Quality Monitoring and Envirothon Programs are grant dependent. They each expire yearly and we hope to be approved again in FY18.

Please detail any identified agency needs or areas of concern that are currently not being addressed in your funding request.

We would like to fund a full time VCAP position to allow TCCSWCD to get more BMPs on the ground in urban and suburban areas, ultimately decreasing non-point source pollution and stormwater run-off.

We are also interested in the possibility of funding a part or full time staff for nutrient management planning to help support localities in meeting their Chesapeake Bay Act requirements.

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Tri-County/ City Soil & Water Conservation District Agricultural **BMP/ Cost Share**

Program Budget Narrative

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Please indicate in details reasons for increases or decreases in the amounts requested for FY 2018.

TCCSWCD is requesting an increase in funding to support our Virginia Agricultural Cost Share (VACS) program to meet the growing requirements in meeting pollution reduction goals. TCCSWCD staff can educate and offer financial and technical assistance to fence livestock out of streams, promote no till cropping and cover crops to make sure erosion is reduced. Staff is certified in Nutrient Management Plan writing and Conservation Plan writing. Conservation Plans are required as part of the Chesapeake Bay Act. These plans also can bring farm lands into compliance with all existing and future water quality requirements to include Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) and the CBPA.

We are interested in the possibility of funding a part or full time staff for nutrient management planning to help support localities in meeting their Chesapeake Bay Act requirements.

If an increase is being requested, please describe the impact not receiving an increase would have on the program.

An increase in funding will allow TCCSWCD to continue supporting our VACS programs and the opportunity to expand our reach to include nutrient management planning for localities. The State of Virginia provides funding through DCR to TCCSWCD in support of our agricultural programs, but we require additional funding to cover operations. Soil & Water Conservation Districts are designed to be funded jointly by State and Local resources. We rely on these funds to operate effectively and allow us the capacity to offer our soil and water conservation programs to all resource users. Lack of adequate funding would cause a decrease in soil and water conservation across the district.

In particular, please describe in detail if any increase is sought for new positions or personnel.

We are interested in the possibility of funding a part or full time staff for nutrient management planning to help support localities in meeting their Chesapeake Bay Act requirements.

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Number of Individuals Served

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Localities

Please provide the actual numbers of individuals served in this program during FY2016 and the projected numbers of individuals to be served in FY2018.

Locality	FY2016 (Actual)	FY2018 (Projected)
Fredericksburg City	2	2
Caroline County	0	0
King George County	67	72
Spotsylvania County	206	216
Stafford County	90	96
Other Localities	0	0
Total	365	386

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Program Budget

Please detail below the budget request for your program.

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Expenses

	FY 2016 Actual	FY 2017 Budgeted	FY 2018 Requested
Salary	95,049.00	97,735.00	116,824.00
Benefits	25,672.00	27,072.00	31,754.00
Operating Expenses	33,638.00	28,409.00	29,384.00
Capital Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	154,359.00	153,216.00	177,962.00

Revenues

	FY 2016 Actual	FY 2017 Budgeted	FY 2018 Requested
Caroline	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fredericksburg	1,180.00	0.00	0.00
King George	20,929.00	23,021.00	27,626.00
Spotsylvania	13,447.00	14,792.00	18,969.00
Stafford	12,628.00	13,891.00	15,154.00
United Way	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grants	103,426.00	86,867.00	101,771.00
Client Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fundraising	2,848.00	1,593.00	2,006.00
Other (Click to itemize)	1,844.00	11,755.00	0.00
Total	156,302.00	151,919.00	165,526.00

Surplus / Deficit

	FY 2016 Actual	FY 2017 Budgeted	FY 2018 Requested
Surplus or Deficit	1,943.00	-1,297.00	-12,436.00

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Program Overview

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General Information

Program Name Agricultural BMP/ Cost Share
Is this a new program? No

Program Contact

Name Etta Lucas
Title Conservation Specialist
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Phone (540) 656-2401

Program Purpose / Description

Provide an overview of this program

TCCSWCD's technical staff worked in partnership with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) and other agencies to deliver the Virginia Agriculture Cost Share Program (VACS). The purpose VACS is to protect and improve water quality in the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

During FY16, TCCSWCD issued cost share payments totaling \$ 261,216 for BMPs to district residents. Working together, TCCSWCD and local producers achieve the following:

Livestock Exclusion from Waterways: Cost share payments were provided for 15,974 feet of fencing, alternative livestock watering systems and establishment of rotational grazing to reduce and control erosion.

Cover Crops: Cost share payments were provided for 3,640 acres of cover crops which helps prevent the loss of nutrients by reducing erosion and the leaching of nutrients into groundwater.

Nutrient Management: Cost share payments were provided for 7,525 acres for the development and revision of nutrient management plans to minimize the impact of nutrients used in crop, pasture, and hay production to the environment. Split application of nitrogen was applied on corn and small grain acres to maximize the uptake of fertilizer.

Cropland to Hayland: Cost share was provided for 114 acres to plant grass on land currently used as cropland to make a permanent land use conversion to hayland. This practice controls the soil and nutrient

loss from surface runoff, thus improving water quality.

Justification of Need

Please state clearly why this service should be provided to the citizens of the region and why the localities should consider this funding request.

TCCSWCD provides technical and financial assistance to agricultural producers for solutions to best control sediment, excess nutrients and other pollutants that might continue to degrade land value, and pollute water reservoirs and tributaries in the locality. According to the most recent Ag Census (2012), the surrounding localities still have a large amount of land in farms including, Stafford County (15,260 acres), King George (24,304 acres), and Spotsylvania County (42,191 acres). TCCSWCD staff can educate and offer financial and technical assistance to fence livestock out of streams, promote no till cropping and cover crops to make sure erosion is reduced. Staff is certified in Nutrient Management Plan writing and Conservation Plan writing. Conservation Plans are required as part of the Chesapeake Bay Act. These plans also can bring farm lands into compliance with all existing and future water quality requirements to include Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) and the CBPA.

If this is a new program, be sure to include the benefits to the region for funding a new request.

This is an existing program.

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Tri-County/ City Soil & Water Conservation District **Urban/ Residential**

Program Budget Narrative

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Please indicate in details reasons for increases or decreases in the amounts requested for FY 2018.

This year, we are requesting an increase in financial support to help us reach our goal of hiring a full time employee to implement the Virginia Conservation Assistance Program (VCAP). This would be beneficial for all localities because it would result in more BMPs installed, more financial assistance for residents/applicants and decreased amounts of non-point source pollution/ stormwater run-off throughout the City and Counties.

Regulations and requirements from state and local mandates continue to increase and TCCSWCD personnel can service this area of programming through technical assistance, direct education, workshops, publications, site visits, and references from locality staff. Water quality has become a critical issue, especially in areas developing quickly. Increased requirements regarding the Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) and conservation plan requirements will add increased responsibilities to localities and TCCSWCD.

If an increase is being requested, please describe the impact not receiving an increase would have on the program.

TCCSWCD would like to fund a full time VCAP position to get more BMPs on the ground in urban and suburban areas, ultimately decreasing non-point source pollution and stormwater run-off. The State of Virginia provides funding through DCR to TCCSWCD in support of our agricultural programs, but we require additional funding to cover operations. Soil & Water Conservation Districts are designed to be funded jointly by State and Local resources. We rely on these funds to operate effectively and allow us the capacity to offer our soil and water conservation programs to all resource users.

In particular, please describe in detail if any increase is sought for new positions or personnel.

This year, we are requesting an increase in financial support from all localities to help us reach our goal of hiring a full time employee to implement VCAP getting more BMPs on the ground in urban and suburban areas, ultimately decreasing non-point source pollution and stormwater run-off.

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Number of Individuals Served

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Localities

Please provide the actual numbers of individuals served in this program during FY2016 and the projected numbers of individuals to be served in FY2018.

Locality	FY2016 (Actual)	FY2018 (Projected)
Fredericksburg City	394	433
Caroline County	0	0
King George County	431	474
Spotsylvania County	357	393
Stafford County	341	375
Other Localities	0	0
Total	1,523	1,675

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Program Budget

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Expenses

	FY 2016 Actual	FY 2017 Budgeted	FY 2018 Requested
Salary	40,275.00	41,413.00	49,502.00
Benefits	10,878.00	11,471.00	13,455.00
Operating Expenses	14,253.00	12,038.00	12,451.00
Capital Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	65,406.00	64,922.00	75,408.00

Revenues

	FY 2016 Actual	FY 2017 Budgeted	FY 2018 Requested
Caroline	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fredericksburg	500.00	1,089.00	2,475.00
King George	8,868.00	9,755.00	11,706.00
Spotsylvania	5,698.00	6,268.00	8,038.00
Stafford	5,351.00	5,886.00	6,421.00
United Way	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grants	43,825.00	36,808.00	43,123.00
Client Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fundraising	712.00	675.00	850.00
Other (Click to itemize)	781.00	4,980.00	0.00
Total	65,735.00	65,461.00	72,613.00

Surplus / Deficit

	FY 2016 Actual	FY 2017 Budgeted	FY 2018 Requested
Surplus or Deficit	329.00	539.00	-2,795.00

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Program Overview

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General Information

Program Name Urban/ Residential

Is this a new program? No

Program Contact

Name Marta Perry

Title Conservation Technician

Email tricountycity@tccswcd.org

Phone (540) 656-2401

Program Purpose / Description

Provide an overview of this program

In Spring 2016 TCCSWCD introduced a new urban cost-share program, the Virginia Conservation Assistance Program (VCAP), which provides funding to urban/suburban residents who implement approved conservation best management practices (BMPs) on their property. VCAP program allows citizens to improve their land by implementing best management practices to reduce the amount of stormwater running off their land. Citizens receive technical and financial assistance for said practices, up to 75%.

To date, TCCSWCD has provided technical assistance to urban/suburban sites in Fredericksburg and Stafford resulting in 5 processed VCAP applications, 2 VCAP projects in progress (conservation landscaping and rainwater harvesting in Stafford County) and one completed VCAP project (a rain harvesting cistern in the City of Fredericksburg). We focus our VCAP marketing on urban/suburban projects, but it is also available to non-urban/suburban land owners, such as agricultural producers. The benefits of the VCAP program is more BMPs installed, more financial assistance for residents/applicants and decreased amounts of non-point source pollution/ stormwater run-off throughout the District.

Justification of Need

Please state clearly why this service should be provided to the citizens of the region and why the localities should consider this funding request.

VCAP program allows citizens to improve their property and contribute to soil and water conservation by implementing best management practices. Citizens receive technical and financial assistance for said practices, up to 75%. By funding this request, localities are funding a program that will provide financial assistance for their residents/applicants and decreased amounts of non-point source pollution/ stormwater run-off throughout their regions.

If this is a new program, be sure to include the benefits to the region for funding a new request.

Benefits of the new VCAP program include more BMPs installed, financial assistance for residents/applicants and decreased amounts of non-point source pollution/ stormwater run-off throughout the District.

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Tri-County/ City Soil & Water Conservation District **Environmental Education**

Program Budget Narrative

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Please indicate in details reasons for increases or decreases in the amounts requested for FY 2018.

TCCSWCD is requesting an increase in funding to support the expansion of our conservation education outreach programs. In FY16 we promoted our part-time Education Coordinator to a full time salaried employee.

If an increase is being requested, please describe the impact not receiving an increase would have on the program.

An increase in funding will allow TCCSWCD to continue supporting the new full-time educator position and grow our conservation outreach programs. The State of Virginia provides funding through DCR to TCCSWCD in support of our agricultural programs, but we require additional funding to cover operations. Soil & Water Conservation Districts are designed to be funded jointly by State and Local resources. We rely on these funds to operate effectively and allow us the capacity to offer our soil and water conservation programs to all resource users.

In particular, please describe in detail if any increase is sought for new positions or personnel.

In FY16 we promoted our part-time Education Coordinator to a full time salaried employee to help support the growing need for conservation outreach throughout our communities.

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Number of Individuals Served

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Localities

Please provide the actual numbers of individuals served in this program during FY2016 and the projected numbers of individuals to be served in FY2018.

Locality	FY2016 (Actual)	FY2018 (Projected)
Fredericksburg City	1,100	1,210
Caroline County	0	0
King George County	410	450
Spotsylvania County	2,212	2,430
Stafford County	250	275
Other Localities	0	0
Total	3,972	4,365

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Program Budget

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Expenses

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Salary	24,165.00	24,848.00	29,701.00
Benefits	6,527.00	6,883.00	8,073.00
Operating Expenses	8,552.00	7,223.00	7,471.00
Capital Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	39,244.00	38,954.00	45,245.00

Revenues

	FY 2016 Actual	FY 2017 Budgeted	FY 2018 Requested
Caroline	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fredericksburg	300.00	1,089.00	2,475.00
King George	5,321.00	5,853.00	7,023.00
Spotsylvania	3,419.00	3,761.00	4,823.00
Stafford	3,211.00	3,532.00	3,853.00
United Way	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grants	26,295.00	22,085.00	25,874.00
Client Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fundraising	427.00	405.00	510.00
Other (Click to itemize)	469.00	2,988.00	0.00
Total	39,442.00	39,713.00	44,558.00

Surplus / Deficit

	FY 2016 Actual	FY 2017 Budgeted	FY 2018 Requested
Surplus or Deficit	198.00	759.00	-687.00

Tri-County/ City Soil & Water Conservation District -

Program Overview

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General Information

Program Name Environmental Education
Is this a new program? No

Program Contact

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Program Purpose / Description

Provide an overview of this program

TCCSWCD provides a high quality conservation outreach accessible to all citizens in each locality. TCCSWCD reached 1,200 City of Fredericksburg residents at community outreach events to promote soil and water conservation including Earth Day at Old Mill Park, Farmers Market at Hurkamp Park, site visits, HOA presentations, home school groups, girl scout projects, UMW GIS internship and participation in community collaboration such as the CLEAR plan and native plant initiative.

KING GEORGE: TCCSWCD provided high quality conservation outreach programs to approximately 410 youth through in-classroom presentations, field experiences and through support of the King George Envirothon Team.

SPOTSYLVANIA: TCCSWCD provided high quality conservation outreach programs to approximately 2,212 youth through in-classroom presentations, field experiences and through support of the Spotsylvania Envirothon Team. TCCSWCD provided urban/residential technical assistance to citizens in residential neighborhoods and HOA's.

STAFFORD: TCCSWCD provided high quality conservation outreach programs to approximately 284 youth through in-classroom presentations, field experiences and through support of two Stafford County Envirothon Teams. In addition, TCCSWCD supported 36 Stafford County citizens in water quality monitoring of their local streams, and provided urban/residential technical assistance to community members in residential neighborhoods and HOA's.

Justification of Need

Please state clearly why this service should be provided to the citizens of the region and why the localities should consider this funding request.

Education is a key component to all regulatory and voluntary environmental programs. TCCSWCD staff is available to be utilized in meeting public education and outreach requirements and needs. Environmental education encompasses many areas, including adult as well as youth education. TCCSWCD is able to provide environmental education programs tailored to the Standards of Learning (SOL), educational materials, adult workshops, meetings, materials, etc. for a variety of audiences. Strong education programs lead to a better understanding and awareness of conservation by youth and adults. With understanding and increased awareness about natural resources, TCCSWCD believes long-term behavior change is possible.

If this is a new program, be sure to include the benefits to the region for funding a new request.

This is an existing program.