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Virginia Conservation Assistance Program

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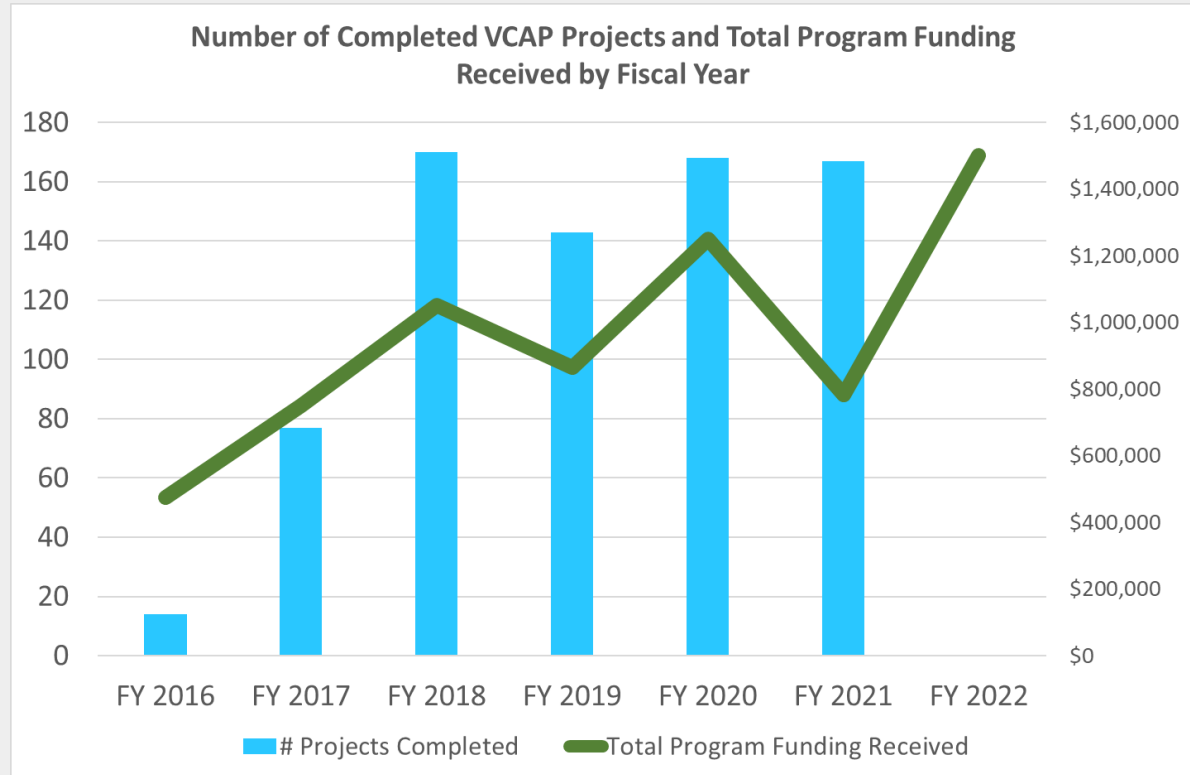
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VCAP Program Overview - Grassroots Growth

- Implemented through local, participating SWCDs
- Began as a pilot program with 4 SWCDs→ all 47
  - Now available outside the Chesapeake Bay Watershed
- Expanded reach of SWCDs
- Demand has been high during COVID-19
  - Regular funding waitlist

Number of Completed VCAP Projects and Total Program Funding Received by Fiscal Year

Legend: ■ # Projects Completed — Total Program Funding Received

Eligible Practices

Conservation Landscaping

Impervious Surface Removal

Permeable Pavement Installation

Dry Wells

Rainwater Harvesting

Vegetated Conveyance System

Constructed Wetlands

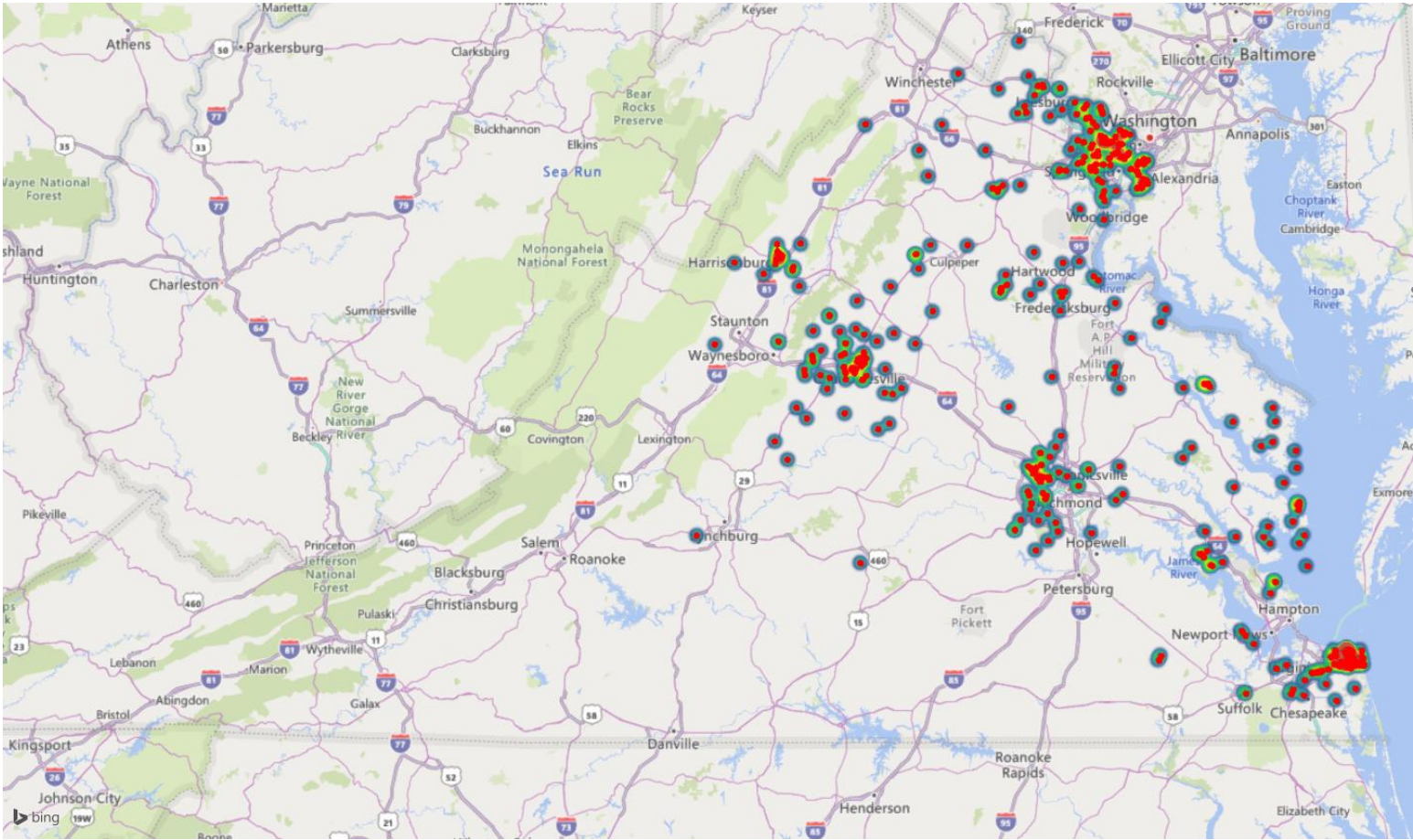Bioretention

Rain Gardens

Infiltration

Green Roofs

Living Shorelines

Completed **570*** projects through FY20

* permeable pavement practices replacing impervious surface are reported as two practices

VCAP Process

- Work with local SWCD to submit application
- Program specifications can be found in [VCAP Manual](#)
- VCAP Steering Committee review
  - Ranking score determines eligibility- becoming increasingly competitive
  - Emphasis on resource concern, pollutant removal efficiency, & cost efficiency

- Project installed
- Final inspection by SWCD
- Final request for reimbursement
- Maintenance - 10 year lifespan
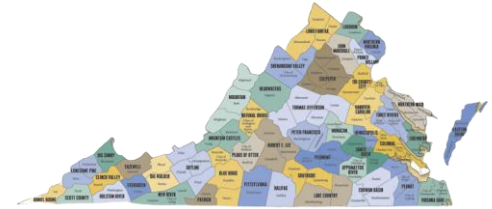
Conservation Landscaping

Vegetated Stormwater Conveyance- Dry Swale

Looking Ahead- VCAP Goals

- Continue to build capacity to implement VCAP
- Funding & keeping up with demand
    - Operational costs are minimal, increased funding allows for more cost share distribution to property owners
- Education on importance of BMPs & continued partnerships!

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VCAP Manual
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