NACD Urban & Community Webinar: Virginia Conservation Assistance Program

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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
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
Locate your local SWCD here

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