



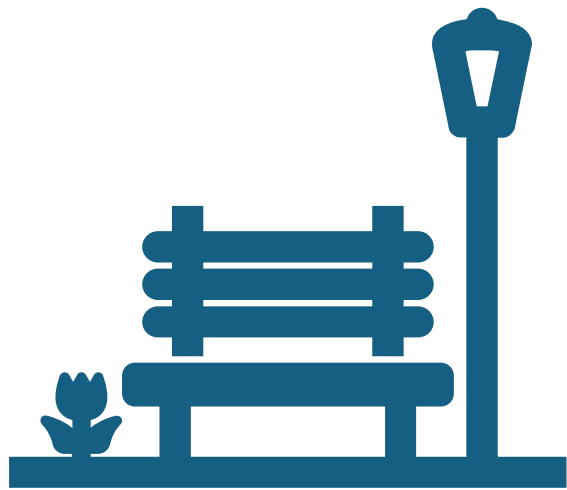
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**ANNUAL REPORT
JULY 1, 2025-JUNE 30,
2026**



Vision Statement

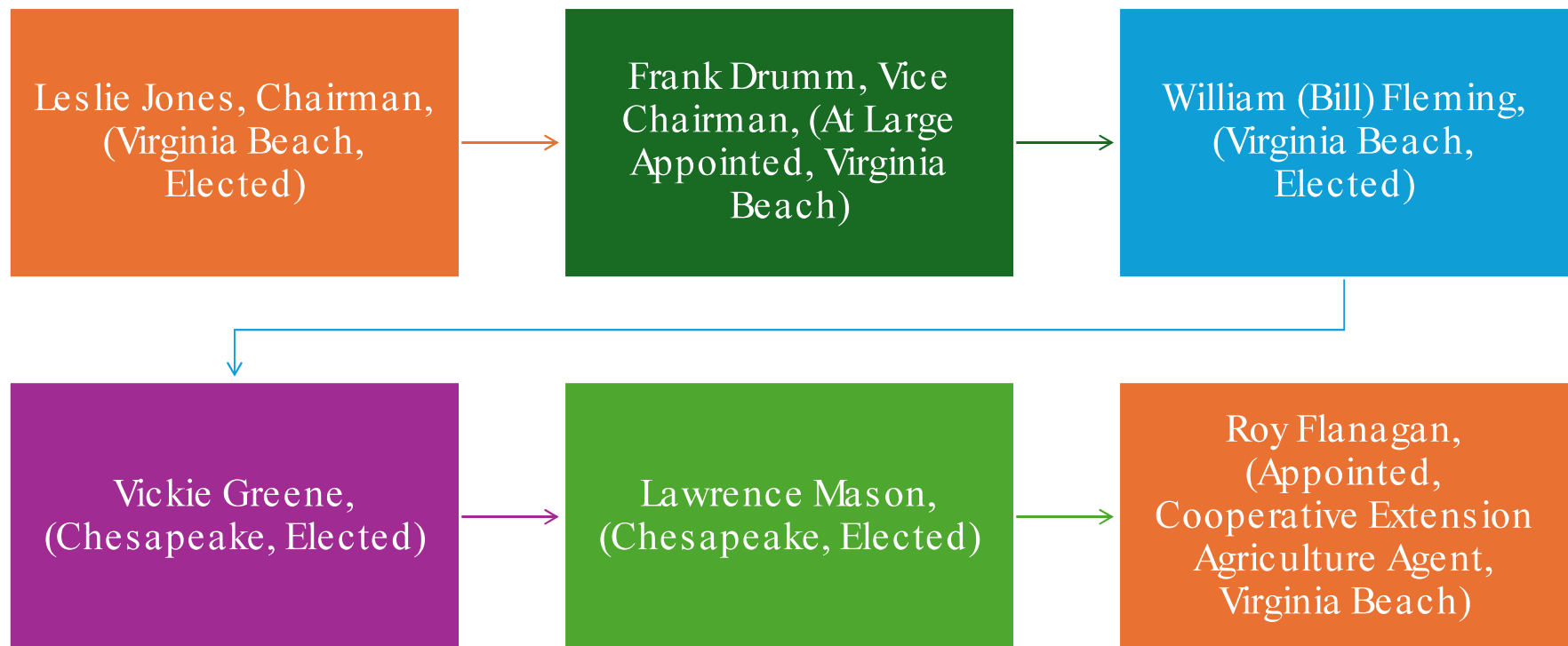
- To provide positive leadership through clean water, fresh air, productive soils, and sustainable related resources.



Mission Statement

- To successfully provide leadership in conservation of soil, water, and related natural resources in Chesapeake and Virginia Beach through Agricultural and Urban Best Management Practices.

District Directors



Agriculture Programs Conservation on the Ground

- **Virginia Agriculture Assistance Program (VACS)**
- **Total Assistance Provided: \$2,944,419.82**
- Distributed to agriculture producers in Virginia Beach and Chesapeake.
- **Purpose:**
To implement **Best Management Practices (BMPs)** in the **Chesapeake Bay (CB) Watersheds and Outside Chesapeake Bay (OCB) Watersheds**
- **Breakdown of Cost Share Assistance:**
- **CB Cost Share Assistance: \$217,704.27**
- **OCB Cost Share Assistance: \$2,726,715.55**
- **Technical Support:** The Conservation Specialist provided technical assistance to agriculture producers within the watershed.



Producer Appreciation Dinner

- **Producer Outreach and Appreciation Dinner**
- VADare SWCD hosted a **Producer Outreach and Appreciation Dinner** to recognize and support our local agricultural producers and provide an opportunity for our conservation partners to share updates on their programs.
- We extend our sincere appreciation to our **Conservation Partners** for providing valuable program updates and to our **farmers and panel of farmers** for sharing their experiences and successes utilizing conservation programs.
- The evening also included a special surprise for our Conservation Specialist, **Cory Hoar**, who was presented with the **Farmers Choice Award for Outstanding Conservation Specialist**. This is a special position that involves working closely with our farmers, and Cory consistently goes above and beyond to assist producers and support conservation efforts throughout our District.
- We are proud to recognize Cory for his dedication and commitment to our agricultural community and grateful to all of our farmers and partners who make conservation work possible.



Farmer Appreciation Dinner

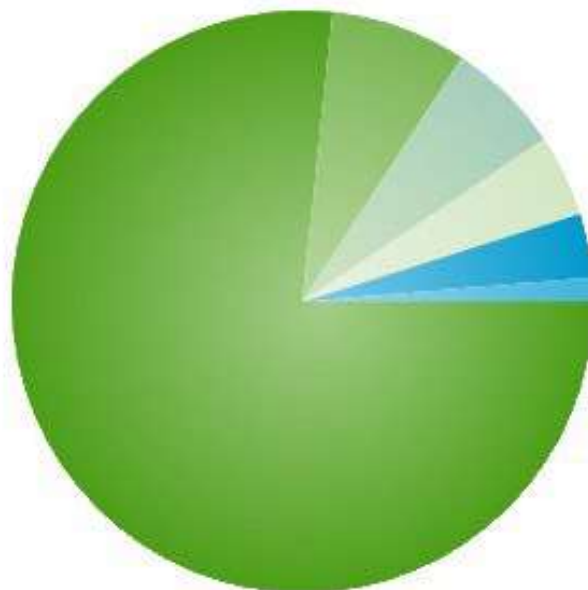




VADare SWCD
FY2026
Financial
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Income Breakdown

Last year

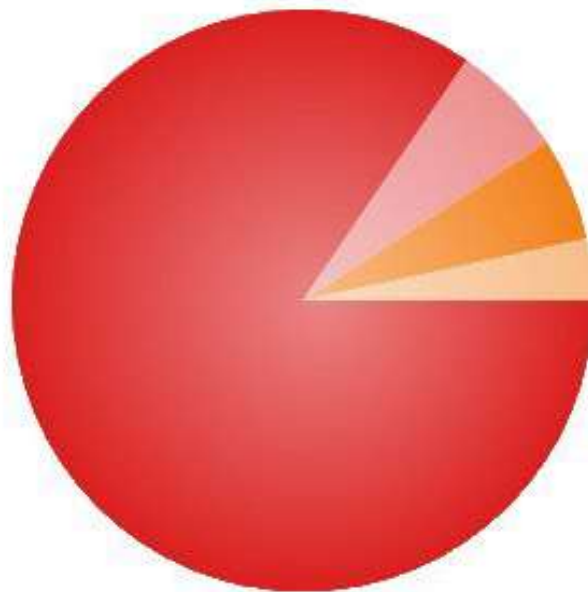


- DCR-Cost Share
- DCR Operations Funding
- FY...
- VRNCF Technical Assistance...
- 2027 WFA T/A OCB
- VBCAP
- Other Accounts

Total: \$4,496,871.54

Expense Breakdown

Last year



■ COST-SHARE
■ DCR Operations 2027
■ VRNCF 27
■ Other Accounts

Total: \$3,483,024.68



Annual Tire Days

The District Recycled used Agriculture Tires in Virginia Beach and Chesapeake. The District recycled three Tractor Trailers of used agriculture tires.

Getting used Agriculture tires off the land promotes conservation and good stewardship.

The Chesapeake Sheriff's Office provided the District with the inmate workforce to assist with the recycling program. Thank you to Brickhouse Farms for allowing us to use your farm for our Annual Farm Days.



Urban Conservation VCAP

- The **Virginia Conservation Assistance Program (VCAP)** is an urban cost-share program that provides financial incentives and technical and educational assistance to property owners installing eligible Best Management Practices (BMPs) in Virginia's participating Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs).
- These practices can be installed in areas of your yard where problems like erosion, poor drainage, or poor vegetation occur. Qualified sites shall be used for residential, commercial, or recreational purposes with a proposed practice that addresses a need.



VBCAP Urban Conservation

- The **Virginia Beach Conservation Assistance Program (VBCAP)** provides funding to Virginia Beach Residents for Best Management Programs. The City of Virginia Beach provides funding for VBCAP through the VADare SWCD. This program is only for Virginia Beach residents and for eligible best management practices.

Program Year 2026 Educational Programs



PROGRAM YEAR 2026 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS



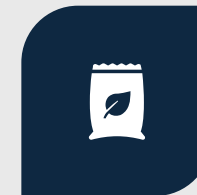
ENVIRONMENTAL
EDUCATIONAL CLASSROOM
PROGRAMS AND
PRESENTATIONS!



TEACHER WORKSHOPS,
PROJECT WET, AND PROJECT
LEARNING TREE!



TARGETED OUTREACH PRE-
SCHOOL PROGRAMS FOR
UNDERSERVED AND NOT
TRADITIONALLY SERVED
STUDENTS FOR
ENVIRONMENTAL
EDUCATION.



ANNUAL FARM DAYS,
ANNUAL AGRICULTURE
READING IN THE
CLASSROOM, DOMINION
ENERGY ENVIRONMENT, AND
CYNTHIA PRIDMORE
SCHOLARSHIP.



Farm Days !



Reading in the Classroom
VADare SWCD continues to support agricultural education through our Reading in the Classroom program.

Thank you to the Chesapeake Farm Bureau and Virginia Beach Farm Bureau for partnering with the District to provide the Agriculture in the Classroom book, Work Boots, to every elementary school in Chesapeake and Virginia Beach.

VADare SWCD also provided Agriculture in the Classroom books to the Chesapeake Preschool Initiative (CPI) Program. A special thank you goes to our dedicated volunteers who gave their time to visit and read to students at more than 20 schools.

Cynthia Pridmore

VA Dare SWCD Scholarship



The Virginia Dare SWCD Scholarship Program provided over \$12,000 in scholarship funding to 6 deserving graduating High School Students in Virginia Beach and Chesapeake Students who will major in Agriculture and Environmental Studies with an emphasis on conservation of our natural resources.



Our Scholarship winners will attend, Virginia Tech University, Old Dominion University, George Mason University, College of William Mary and University of Lynchburg.



Thank you for allowing our Directors and Staff to continue providing valuable local conservation programs to the citizens of Virginia Beach and Chesapeake. Your continued support enables VADare SWCD to fulfill its mission, strengthen our local communities, and promote the conservation and sustainability of our shared natural resources.

We sincerely appreciate your ongoing partnership and commitment to conservation.



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All District programs are offered on a nondiscriminatory basis.

The Commonwealth of Virginia supports the Virginia Dare Soil and Water Conservation District through financial and administrative assistance provided by the Department of Conservation and Recreation.

The Cities of Chesapeake and Virginia Beach supports the Virginia Dare Soil and Water Conservation through financial and in-kind services. The City of VA Beach funds the VBCAP Program for VB residents.

All The District Board and Committee Meetings are open to the public and the District encourages the public to attend their meetings.

Virginia Dare SWCD is an Equal Opportunity Employer

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