

# Soil & Water Conservation Planning

Hanover-Caroline SWCD provides conservation planning in the form of Soil and Water Quality Conservation Plans, also known as Bay Plans, and Agricultural Assessments required by producers and their operations within the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. In addition to Bay Plans, the District provides conservation planning for producers seeking to participate in the VA Ag BMP Cost-share and Tax Credit Program (VACS). Plans written for the VACS program provide guidance towards the installation and maintenance of specific conservation practices or systems. The district also participates in the approval, inspections, and certification of Resource Management Plans (RMPs) for the Resource Management Program, which promotes the voluntary use of conservation practices to improve farming operations and water quality.



- **155 Acres** Four Bay Plans were developed in Hanover County. Of the four, three plans were land disturbance plans. The plans were all for acreage located within the Resource Protected Areas (RPA's).
- **293 Acres** Seven conservation plans developed in Hanover County. These plans were written for VACS program purposes.
- **602 Acres** Eight agricultural assessments were done in Hanover. In total, 490 linear feet or .5 Acres of riparian buffer (RPA) was documented as protected.
- **39 Acres** One agricultural assessment was completed in Caroline County. In total, 1787 of linear feet or 5.6 acres of riparian buffer (RPA) was documented as protected.
- **25 acres** One conservation plan was developed in Caroline County. The plan was written for VACS program purposes.
- **873.9 Acres** Fieldwork was completed towards the certification of eight Resource Management Plans (RMP).
- **282 Acres** One RMP was submitted for re-review and approval.