



No till corn planting



Manure storage on a dairy farm

Annual Report July 1, 2015—June 30, 2016

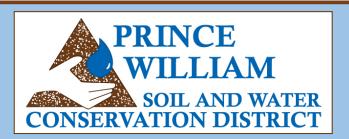


District staff annual cleanup of Rosemount Lewis Park -Mike Miller, Jay Yankey, Veronica Tangiri, Nicole Slazinski and Vanessa Hormann (volunteer)



Associate Director, Harry Glasgow, leads students at the buffer station at the Meaningful Watershed Educational Experience

A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, CREATED IN MAY 1971, TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONSERVATION OF SOIL AND WATER RESOURCES, CONTROL AND PREVENTION OF SOIL EROSION, FLOOD WATER AND SEDIMENT DAMAGES THEREBY PRESERVING THE NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.



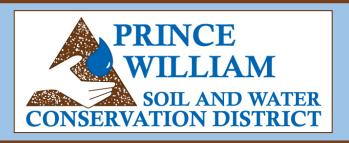


Staff (left to right): front row—Mike Miller, Conservation Planner, Jeannie Heflin, Office Manager, Jay Yankey, District Manager—back row—Nicole Slazinski, Conservation Specialist, Alice Markiewicz, Education Specialist, Veronica Tangiri, Water Quality

Program Coordinator, Breanna Jones, Water Quality Aide.



Directors and Board of Election Representatives: (left to right) Board of Election official, John Price, Jim Gehlsen, Board of Election official, Sandra McLean, Elizabeth Ward, Paige Thacker.



What is the Prince William Soil & Water Conservation District?

Across the United States, nearly 3,000 conservation districts — almost one in every county—are helping local people to conserve land, water, forests, wildlife and related natural resources by coordinating assistance from all available sources - public and private, local, state, and federal - in an effort to develop locally driven solutions to natural resource concerns.

More than 17,000 volunteers serve in elected or appointed positions on conservation districts' governing boards. They work directly with more than 2.3 million cooperating land managers nationwide, and their efforts touch more than 778 million acres of private land.

Among other things, conservation districts help: *implement farm, ranch and forestland conservation practices to protect soil productivity, water quality and quantity, air quality and wildlife habitat; *conserve and restore wetlands, which purify water and provide habitat for birds, fish and numerous other animals; protect groundwater resources; *assist communities and homeowners to plant trees and other land cover to hold soil in place, clean the air, provide cover for wildlife and beautify neighborhoods; help developers control soil erosion and protect water and air quality during construction; and *reach out to communities and schools to teach the value of natural resources and encourage conservation efforts.



The District receives funding via a Memorandum of Agreement with Prince William County, Department of Public Works, Environmental Services Division, to provide technical assistance, as well as compliance programs that solve and prevent natural resource problems for landowners, and natural resources conservation education for youth and adults to encourage good stewardship of our environment.

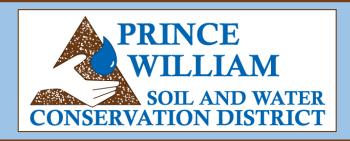


The Commonwealth of Virginia supports Prince William Soil & Water Conservation District through financial and administrative assistance provided by the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board and the Department of Conservation and Recreation.

Partner Organizations:

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, VA Cooperative Extension, Prince William/Fairfax Farm Bureau, Prince William Master Gardeners, VA Dept. of Forestry, VA Dept. of Game and Inland Fisheries, Farm Service Agency, City of Manassas, Prince William County Schools, VA Assn. of Soil & Water Conservation Districts, National Association of Conservation Districts, Prince William Trails and Streams Coalition, Prince William Conservation Alliance, Alice Ferguson Foundation, and Clean Virginia Waterways.

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Summary of Accomplishments for FY 2016

Soil & Water Quality Plans written: 62

Acres of land put under conservation plan: 3,357

Acres of land put in Best Management Cost Share Practices: 877

Number of animals affected: 2,085

Pounds of manure per day: 34,905 Tons per year: 6,094

Nutrient reductions: Nitrogen 15,371 pounds

Phosphorous 1,252 pounds

Citizen Technical Assistance: 146

Adopt A Stream - Miles of streams cleaned: 79

Pounds of trash removed: 19,494

Number of volunteers: 790

Youth in Conservation Programs: Classroom education 7,746 students

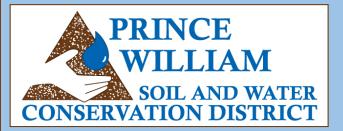
Farm Field Days 1,620 students

Arbor Day education program: 1,381students

Teacher assistance: 359

Citizen Stream Education to the general public: 341

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Natural Resources Conservation and Environmental Science Education

Mooning for Anton Day!

Arbor and u source

Poet's Tree
Underneath the poet tree
Come and rest awhile with me,
And watch the way the word-web weaves
Between the shady story leaves.
The branches of the poet tree
Reach from the mountains to the sea.
So come and dream, or come and climbJust don't get hit by falling rhymes.
—Shel Silverstein

Arbor Day Tree Festival activities allow students to investigate and understand that plants produce oxygen and food, are a source of useful products and provide benefits in nature.



Words are inadequate to describe the dedication and generosity of all 145 volunteers who selflessly gave their time and energy to 1,620 of our youth. (No wonder you were so exhausted at the end of the day.)

Our most grateful thanks to each and every one of you!

1,620 4th grade students

63 teachers

66 chaperones

145 volunteers

2 not title 1 county schools

5 title 1 county schools

4 not title 1city schools

3 title 1 city schools

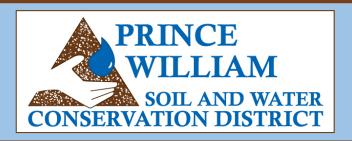


Spinning wool

Making butter









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