

Lets Share the Cost!

We are actively looking for people to participate in our cost-share programs. To qualify, you must meet the following conditions:

- Have a water quality problem (e.g. livestock has access to a creek, no manure storage system, no groundcover when crops aren't growing)
- Actively be in agriculture production (crops, hay, cattle, horses, goats, alpacas, etc.) for a minimum of 5 years
- Be located in Prince William County (if you are located outside of Prince William, let us know and we can direct you to your soil and water conservation district)

Our cost-share programs can help pay for a variety of best management practices that help protect the soil and water, such as:

- streamside fencing
- interior fencing

- alternative watering sources (including pipeline)
- stream crossing
- manure storage facilities
- heavy use areas/ sacrifice areas
- winter cover crops
- split application of Nitrogen (cropland)



By participating in the cost-share program, not only are you helping the Chesapeake Bay, but you are also helping Prince William County meet their nutrient reduction goals. Many of these practices will also help reduce your work load, improve the quality and health of your livestock, protect and maintain the health of your soils, etc. See our website <https://www.pswgcd.org/traditional-agriculture> or contact Nicole Slazinski at nicoleethier@pswgcd.org, 571-379-7514.

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The Prince William Soil and Water Conservation District programs and employment are open to all regardless of race, color, religion, sex, age, veteran status, national origin, disability, or political affiliation.

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If you would like to be removed from the newsletter mailing list, or would prefer to receive it by e-mail, call 571-379-7514, or e-mail pswgcd@pswgcd.org



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2018 District's Water Quality Programs Report

In 2018, over 1,451 volunteers supported the District's Water Quality programs compared to 1,057 volunteers in 2017. This saved Prince William County over \$110,000 (26.96/hr.: Independent Sector). Over 39,000 pounds of trash was pulled out of PWC waterways and over 1,165 folks were educated on water quality and watershed related issues through outreach. This shows that Prince William County is taking a positive

trend towards its County's Green Community Goals.



Make PWC Green by being part of the District's Water Quality programs.

For more information on volunteering, please contact Veronica Tangiri at waterquality@pswgcd.org or call (571) 379-8213.



Calling all Volunteers!

Bored? Feeling Charitable with your time? We are always looking for volunteers here at the office and for our various out-in-the-field endeavors. MWEE, Farm Field Days, and Water Quality, can always use another pair of hands.

<https://www.pswgcd.org/volunteer>

Contact Pam Popovitch for Meaningful Watershed Educational Experience mwee@pswgcd.org

Contact Alice Markiewicz for Farm Field Days Education@pswgcd.org

Contact Veronica Tangiri for Water Quality waterquality@pswgcd.org

The mission of the Prince William Soil & Water Conservation District is to provide leadership in the conservation of soil, water, and related resources to all Prince William County citizens, through technical assistance information and education.

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Board Members for 2020

Do you have what it takes? We need you !

In January 2020, the Prince William Soil & Water Conservation District will have openings on our Board of Directors. Do you want to join our team? If you are interested in conservation, agriculture, environmental youth education, keeping our waterways clean of litter, etc., then our Board might be a great fit for you!

Prince William County residents will vote for the District's board in the November 2019 general elections. If you are interested in running, or want more information, please visit <https://vaswcd.org/election-process-and-recruitment3>. For an application, go to <https://www.elections.virginia.gov/candidatepac-info/candidate-bulletins/index.html> and click on "Local and Constitutional Offices (.pdf)" or scan the QR code to the right.



To learn more about our District, visit our website at www.pswcd.org. Feel free to attend any of our Board or Technical Review Committee (TRC)

Save the Dates

- February 9—Water Quality Monitoring at Hooes Run-Lake Ridge @ 10.00 am
- February 23—Quantico Creek Cleanup in Dumfries (Dumfries Elm School@10 am)
- March 2—Neabsco Creek- Eagles Park Cleanup- PWC 2019 Spring Cleanup Launching
- March 16—Phase 4 Costco Manassas Cleanup Project (9 am -12 noon) Rain date March 30
- March 16—Water Quality Monitoring at Cedar Run
- March 23—Powell's Creek Cleanup (Rain-date March 30)
- March 30—Water Quality Monitoring at Powell's Creek @ 10 am
- April 13—Occoquan River Cleanup by (FOTO)
- April 20—+30 Miles Big Annual Occoquan River Cleanup by PWTSC (9 am-2 pm)
- August 24—Farm to Table
- October 16-17—Farm Field Days

meetings, as they are open to the public! These meetings are on our calendar at <https://www.pswcd.org/calendar>.



Disclaimer: Virginia Soil & Water Conservation Districts are non-partisan and cannot support any particular party or candidate.

Farm Field Days 2019 30 Years! Save the Date!

Farm Field Days 2019 will be on October 16th and 17th this year. This will be the 30th year for Farm Field Days (FFDs) and may be the last FFD's at the Prince William Fairgrounds.



Volunteers are the back bone of this event. Please come and join us, no experience necessary. A collectable Farm Field Days t-shirt and lunch are provided.

Since this will be the big 30 we are planning special treats for the volunteers. For more information please contact education@pswcd.org. Registration opens in June, please check back on the website.



Youth Conservation Camp



For 40 years, the Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts has sponsored a week long summer conservation camp for Virginia high school students (currently enrolled in grades 9-12) on the campus of Virginia Tech. The program brings together about 70 interested students for a week of learning about Virginia's natural resources from conservation professionals and faculty from Virginia Tech. Most of the instruction is hands-on and outdoors.

Scholarship funding to cover the registration fee may be available from your local Soil & Water Conservation District.

To apply for 2019 Youth Conservation Camp, contact education@pswcd.org to receive an application. Submission deadline is April 26.

Website Makeover

The District has recently given our website a makeover. Check it out and let us know what you think!

www.pswcd.org



Congratulations to Duane Mohr

Virginia Earth Team Volunteer of the Year 2018

We are all so very proud of Duane, but not surprised that his efforts on our behalf would be recognized.

Duane Mohr has been volunteering with the Prince William SWCD since September 2017. During this time he has become an integral member of our team and exemplifies what it means to be an earth team volunteer. Since October 1, 2017, Duane has volunteered a minimum of two days a week, totaling more than 500 hours, working with county citizens on; urban and suburban storm water management, conservation planning, nutrient management, grazing management, and youth education programs.

Duane was recognized at the VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS 2018 Annual Meeting.



Mike Miller and Duane Mohr

What's in that box ?

Our Education Capsule Program is available to all Prince William County Schools, City of Manassas Schools, and Homeschoolers residing in PWC. We have fifteen self contained environmental education capsules. Learn about the Watershed, Animals, Soil and so much more. Reserved on a first come first served basis. More information about the individual capsules go to our website:

<https://www.pswcd.org/capsules>