AREA VI REPORT
PROGRAM YEAR 2021
QUARTERS 1 AND 2

Appomattox River
(Petersburg and Dinwiddie)
Chowan Basin
(Greensville, Southampton, and Sussex)
Eastern Shore
(Accomack and Northampton)

James River
(Prince George and Chesterfield)
Peanut
(Isle of Wight, Surry, and Suffolk)
Virginia Dare
(Chesapeake and Virginia Beach)
VACS: All FY21 CB and OCB Funds have been currently obligated.
Carryover poultry projects from FY20 are underway to be completed by June 2021.
VCAP: Funded 2 large Living Shoreline projects, 3 more new applications going for District Board approval.
RMP: ESSWCD TRC has reviewed, Board has approved, 10 plans, 6 more will be reviewed by TRC in December then on to Board for approval. Certification inspections on 3 plans are underway.
We have been working closely with another organization to refurbish an outdoor classroom at a local elementary school. (2 professional developments for teachers)
Kiptopeke State Park (butterfly kits to 2 elementary schools for all of their 2nd grade students)
The kits included books, cross-curricular material, butterfly houses, a craft caterpillars, and several chrysalis.
Provided help and materials on a cross-curricular lesson to the 5th grade teachers at one of the local elementary schools.
Developed a soil formation webquest, soil science webquest, and soil texture triangle lesson for high school earth science and ecology teachers that can be assigned via an online platform.
Have been meeting with a homeschool group monthly and providing activities and lessons on conservation and agriculture.
Our cross-curricular materials on A Long Walk to Water have been used in two of our local middle schools and a home school book club.
Participated in the Envirothon town hall.
Completed the Project Learning Tree facilitator training.
Participated in a USDA panel on leadership opportunities for women on county committees and soil and water boards.
Co-hosting a virtual summit for a Kids Count Nature Program with the local organization Smart Beginnings Eastern Shore.

Appomattox River
- Closed out FY20
- Participated in multiple education Zoom meetings
- Prepared 2 videos in collaboration with VCE for a project called "Desktop Farm Day"
- Prepared videos for students in elementary school
- Had approximately $800,000 in Cost Share signup (with less than half of that in allocations)
- Prepared for audit
- Verifying cover crop planting
- Hosted Household Hazardous Waste event
- Annual IT Security training

Chowan Basin
- Total FY2021 cost-share requested in tracking is $4,079,899
- Cost-share payments issued on completed applications
- Worked with Mike Parrish of VCE on an elementary level virtual lesson using the Enviroscape model.

Peanut
- Cost Share – sign up is complete and funds have been allocated for FY21. Staff is busy with reporting of cover crop and spot checks
- Staff are attending trainings virtually via Zoom
- We have one team participating in the State Envirothon which will be held virtually in the spring
- We have 3 students from Surry High School that were selected for the YCLI (Youth Conservation Leadership Institute). Staff will mentor these students with projects over the next 6 months
- VCAP – we have a lot of interest and a few applications

James River
- VACS: CB is 84% obligated and OCB is 73% obligated
- Ag Assessments: Working on rack card and packet to send to landowners in RPA- Chesterfield Environmental Engineering
- YCLI (2 Participants in PY21)
- Area 3/6 Envirothon
- 2 Posters submitted to VASWCD (honorable mention for both)
- Working on Website (jamesriverswcd.org)
- Brianna: Up for reelection for Area VI Rep (VACDE)

Virginia Dare
- We have obligated all of our Cost-Share Funding including our Chesapeake Bay money!
- The District is working on an Oil Recycling Pick Up Day for used Agriculture Motor Oil.
- We have had a record amount of VCAP applications since July 1, 2020. We paid out over $275, 700 this year!!
- The District is working with the Chesapeake Master Gardeners on a planting and restoration at the Chesapeake Free Clinic.
- The District is planning virtual educational programs with schools for the spring.
- The District has re-appointed Roy Flanagan, Virginia Beach Agriculture Extension Agent to the Board.
- The Staff continues to take training virtually and they are continuing to telework.
- The District is planning for our Bi-Annual Fiscal Audit.
- We have updated our website and we continue to do outreach on our Social Media Pages.