

# AREA VI REPORT

PROGRAM YEAR 2023

FORTH QUARTER

# **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)

# **Eastern Shore**

## **Education Programs**

- Wrapping up a busy educational year with more than 7500 contacts
- Upcoming events include Ag Camp and a new Junior Ag Camp
- Reconvened the Eastern Shore Environmental Education Committee
- Very successful Arbor Day with giveaways including native trees, native plant plugs, and native seeds
- Area VI Envirothon training
- Eastern Shore Envirothon competition
- Conservation Poster Contest with 119 entries
- Participation in VDOE Environmental Education Advisory Board
- Participation with Virginia Native Plants Campaign
- Paying out final VACS & WFA payments
- Conducting VCAP inspections

# **James River**

- Held our first Spring Rain Barrel Workshop of the year and are hosting the next one on June 24th
- Finalized agreement with Richmond to provide VCAP (Brochures have been made and sent to Capital Region Land Conservancy
- Renting out our No-Till Drill
- Brianna graduated from the Virginia Natural Resources Leadership Institute
- Finalizing VACS Payments before EOY
- Suported CTC@Hull at the State Envirothon
- Maintaining our online presence via the website and newsletter "The James River Soil and Water Scoop
- Awarded one student with the Donald A. Bagshaw Memorial Scholarship (\$1,500)

#### **Peanut**

- Moved to our new office- YAY!
- Farm Day was held in May for all 2nd graders in IOW, Surry and Suffolk (1600 students)
- Area VI Envirothon was held in April, and we had 1 team (Isle of Wight Academy) to move on to the State competition
- We are hosting our Whole Farm Approach & Small Farm Outreach Breakfast meeting on June 20th in Surry
- Closing out year end and all reporting for PY24
- June's Board meeting we are recognizing Clean Water Farm Award winners.

# Virginia Dare

- Completed VACS. Allocated all of our funds.
- We hired a part-time VCAP Coordinator. We are still signing up VCAP and VBCAP at record numbers.
- We have wrapped up a great Educational Year to include Farm Days, Agriculture Reading in the Classroom and Environmental Classroom Presentations.
- We have awarded three students with the Cynthia Pridmore Scholarship.