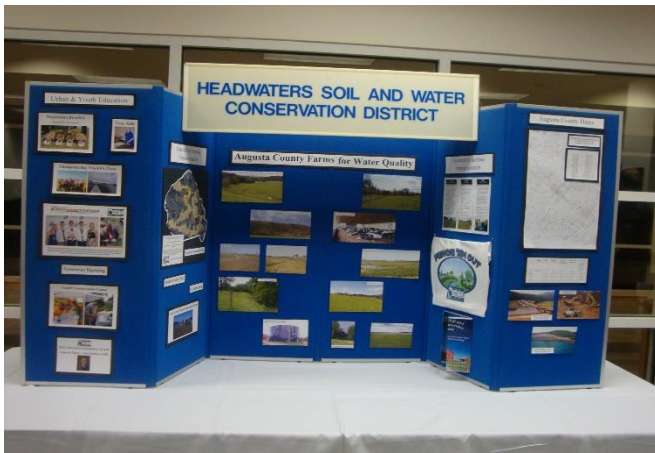




We work with the people who work the land.

Headwaters Soil and Water Conservation District Annual Report 2012-2013

The Headwaters District is one of 47 Soil and Water Conservation Districts in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Formed in 1975, the District is a “political subdivision of state government” that provides citizens in Augusta County and the Cities of Staunton & Waynesboro the structure and the capability to solve conservation problems at a local, grassroots level. Cooperation between related agencies, including sharing technical expertise, enables the Headwaters District to assist the community in protecting its natural resources.



Board of Directors

Headwaters District is governed by an eight-member Board of Directors, six of whom are elected in the general election and two are appointed, one at-large and one who is always a County Extension Agent.

Richard Shiflet, Chair - (full-time poultry & beef farming)
Charles Horn, Vice-Chair - (full-time poultry & beef farming)
Judy Burtner, Treasurer (retired, facilitator)
Stephen Talley - (environmental scientist)
Matt Booher – (VA Cooperative Extension agent)
Charles Schooley - (full-time beef and poultry farming)
Urbie Nash - (Trout Unlimited)
DuBose Egleston, Jr. - (local businessman)

Associate Directors

Appointed by the Board are Associate Directors, respected in their fields of natural resources, education or business.

Otis Bilkins
James Boland
Becky Earhart
Walt Flora
Ian Heatwole
Charles Huppuch

Jim Nichols, Secretary
Allen Norheim
Roy Stephenson
Leo Tammi
Bobby Whitescarver

Directors and Associate Directors serve the District as volunteers.

The public is invited to monthly Board meetings which are held every third Tuesday @10:00 AM, Augusta County Government Center, Verona.

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VA Dept. of Conservation and Recreation (332-9991)
 VA Dept. of Game and Inland Fisheries (248-9360)
 VA Dept. of Forestry (363-7002)
 VA Dept. of Environmental Quality (574-7800)
 VA Dept. of Health (332-7830)
 VA Cooperative Extension (245-5750)
 US Forest Service (432-0187)
 Farm Service Agency (248-6218)
 Natural Resources Conservation Service (248-6218)
 Valley Conservation Council (886-3541)

Financial Information – (See Graphs)

Headwaters SWCD is funded by these partners:

- VA Dept. of Conservation and Recreation
- County of Augusta
- City of Waynesboro
- City of Staunton

Project Grants 2012-2013

- * VA-DCR – Dam Maintenance & Small Repair - **\$22,000**
- *VA-DCR – Technical Assistance – VA BMP Ag Cost-Share Program - **\$49,672**
- *VA-DCR – Dam Grant-Repair 2012 - **\$26,450**
- *VA-DCR – Dam Grant Repair 2013 - **\$57,800**
- *VASWCD & DCR – IT Grant - **\$7,393**
- *Valley Conservation Council-Alternative Fencing Grant **\$6,500**
- *Shenandoah Pure Water Forum (scholarship funds for Youth Conservation Camp) - **\$150**
- *Shenandoah Pure Water Forum (Envirothon trunk) - **\$500**
- *VASWCD Education Foundation – (Envirothon trunk) - **\$500**
- *Conservation Services, Inc. (education) - **\$600**



Virginia Agricultural Best Management Practices (BMP) Cost-Share Program

The District has completed its 28th year of administering the VA Agricultural BMP Cost-Share program, funded through the VA Dept. of Conservation and Recreation. DCR receives funds from Virginia's Natural Resources Commitment Fund, and distributes funds to SWCDs. These cost-share funds provide an incentive to agricultural producers to apply beneficial BMPs to their land for more effective control of sediments, nutrient losses and the transport of pollutants into our waterways.

Cost-share applications are accepted on a continual basis; however, approvals are subject to allocations received. Cap amounts are subject to change in future program years.

The Headwaters District paid landowners a total of **\$647,129** in program year **2012-2013** to install the following practices:

CCI-SE-1	Continuous Stream Exclusion	15
LE-1T	Livestock Exclusion w/Riparian Buffer	5
LE-2T	Livestock Exclusion w/Reduced Setback	2
NM-3B	Organic Nutrient Application to Corn	1
SL-1	Permanent Vegetation on Cropland	13
SL-6	Stream Exclusion w/Grazing Land Mgmt.	6
SL-7	Extension of CREP Watering Systems	1
SL-7T	TMDL – Extension of CREP Watering Systems	1
SL-8B	Small Grain Cover Crop for Nutrient Mgmt.	40
SL-8H	Harvestable Cover Crop	68
WP-2	Stream Protection	1
WP-4	Animal Waste Control Facility	4
WP-4C	Composter Facility	2
WQ-4	Legume Cover Crop	6
NM-1	Nutrient Management Plan Writing & Revision	3
NM-2	NMP Implementation & Recordkeeping	1

In addition (under the **Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)**), the District paid landowners a total of **\$53,243** in state cost-share and rental payments in FY-12/13. This program is a joint one with NRCS & FSA; therefore, approved applicants receive federal funds as well.

Also (under the agreement with the Va. Dept. of Game & Inland Fisheries) landowners were paid **\$14,615** for wildlife BMP's. **Total cost-share dollars distributed by Headwaters SWCD for FY-13/14: \$714,987.**

Headwaters SWCD has obligated an additional \$1,144,728 in projects under construction.

In a joint effort with the Valley Conservation Council, landowners were paid **\$11,213** from a private source grant through an alternative fencing program that offers stream protection from livestock with less specifications than the state or federal programs require.

Landowners who install conservation BMP's may also qualify for a 25% VA State Tax Credit on their out-of-pocket costs. Changes to the Tax Code (enacted by the 2011 General Assembly) require the VA Dept. of Taxation to refund 100% of the difference between the participant's tax obligation and the amount of the BMP Tax Credit when the authorized tax credit is greater than the participant's tax obligation for that tax year.



Flood Control Dams

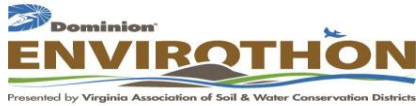
Headwaters SWCD maintains, inspects and makes repairs for **11** SWCD flood control dams, and **5** additional dams of partner agencies.

Total funds expended for dam repair, maintenance and rehabilitation for **FY-2012/2013** were **\$86,949.**

Conservation Education

Envirothon

Fort Defiance High School Envirothon placed **5th overall**, and achieved **3rd place** recognition in the area of both Aquatics and Forestry at the **State** Envirothon held at Virginia State University on May 19th & 20th. This year's current issue was "Grass and Pastureland Management".



Trip to the Bay – CBRF Grant project

Headwaters SWCD employees Valerie Moore and James Moneymaker accompanied nine students to the Fox Island Educational Center July 23rd -25th. Students representing Buffalo Gap, Fort Defiance, Riverheads, and Spotswood High Schools are all involved with Future Farmers of America.

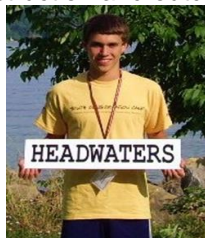
While at Fox Island students participated in setting crab pots, oyster dredging, canoeing, marsh mucking, and other educational activities.

The trip was funded in part by a Chesapeake Bay Restoration Fund Grant awarded to Headwaters from the sale of Chesapeake Bay license plates. Funds donated to the District for educational purposes were used to pay for food.



Youth Conservation Camp

This year 49 campers representing SWCDs from across Virginia met for a week on the campus of Virginia Tech. Steve Carter, representing Headwaters SWCD, received a partial scholarship from the District and from the Shenandoah Pure Water Forum. The week-long camp highlighted natural resource conservation through hands-on instruction and outdoor activities.



VASWCD Educational Foundation - Scholarships

Lauren Tabor, a senior at Fort Defiance, was one of this year's recipients of a \$1,000 scholarship from the Foundation. Congratulations, Lauren!

Community Events

Headwaters SWCD was a part of the following events:

- Augusta County Fair
- Staunton Earth Day
- Virginia Farm Show
- Waynesboro Riverfest
- Waynesboro Greenway Opening
- Food for America @ Buffalo Gap HS - (Staunton City & Augusta Co. students)



AWARDS

Farmer of the Year

Joyce & James McDonald

Educator of the Year

Sandy Greene

Forester of the Year

Arthur Fisher

Wildlife Conservationist of the Year

**Steve Shreckhise
Leo & Aaron Tammi**

Special Recognition

Joe McCue

This year's award winners were recognized at the Headwaters SWCD "Natural Resources Conservation Awards Banquet" on November 9, 2012.

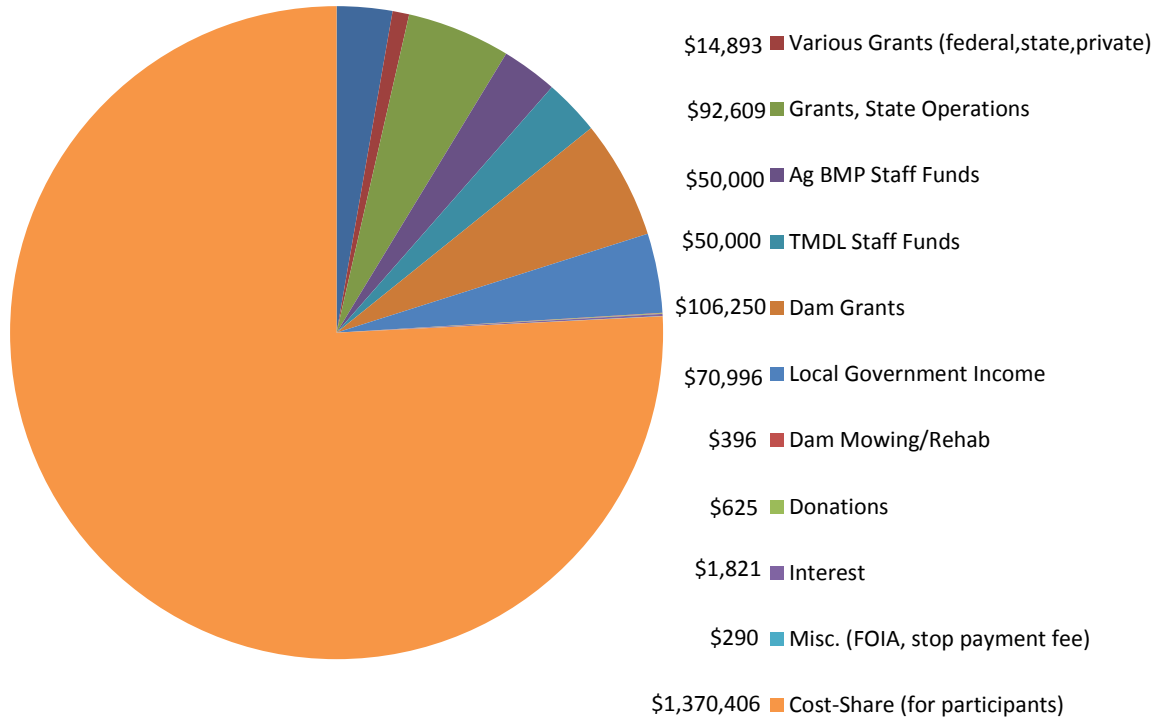
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Augusta County, City of Waynesboro and City of Staunton also support the Headwaters SWCD through financial assistance.

Headwaters SWCD programs, activities and employment opportunities are available to all people regardless of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, disability or political affiliation.
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Income - FY 12/13



Expenses - FY 12/13

