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DuPont Mercury Settlement Funds Available for Agricultural Best Management Practices

On August 25th the Office of the Secretary of Natural Resources opened the application period for Water Quality Stream Restoration and Protection under the DuPont Mercury Settlement.

The area of eligibility in Augusta County will include the watersheds of South River and portions of Middle and North Rivers flowing into the South Fork of the Shenandoah River.



Eligible Best Management Practices include reforestation and woodland buffer projects, stream restoration and livestock exclusion projects, animal waste facilities, grass buffers and agricultural chemical and fertilizer handling facilities.

Local Soil and Water Conservation Districts have been directed to accept applications and work with landowners to develop a plan for their individual project. The projects will be submitted by the conservation district to the Settlement Trustees. If you are interested in pursuing a project contact the Headwaters Soil and Water Conservation District at 540-248-0148.

Applications from local landowners for conservation practices are accepted year round but to be considered for these grant funds they must be received by September 15, 2017 in order to be planned and included in the submission to the Trustees by its deadline of October 9, 2017.

For more information regarding eligible projects go to the Headwaters Soil and Water Conservation District website at <http://headwatersswcd.org/>

For more information regarding the Settlement and other grant opportunities go to the Virginia Department of Natural Resources website at: <https://naturalresources.virginia.gov/> Click on DuPont NRDAR Settlement Submissions
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