

WATERSHED AND FLOOD PREVENTION OPERATIONS

NRCS Watershed Programs in Virginia

The purpose of the various water resource programs in Virginia is to assist local sponsors to protect, restore and enhance local watersheds. Specifically, we assist our local partners in protecting their natural resources from damage caused by floodwaters, erosion and sediment deposition. We also help them to conserve and develop their land and water resources before and after major storm events occur in order to solve natural resource and related economic problems on a watershed basis. The various watershed programs provide technical and financial assistance to project sponsors and local residents. The programs build partnerships across all relevant federal, state and local agencies, and private citizens and citizen groups. Our water resource projects serve not only flood protection and recovery needs, but many also provide municipal and industrial water supplies and provide recreation benefits. A sub-set of our watershed projects serve to protect our natural resources specifically to assure agricultural production for future generations while also protecting water quality.