

The 'Alphabet Soup'

Common Acronyms and Government Agencies

Common Terminology:

APOW – Annual Plan of Work

BMP – Best Management Practice

CB or Ches Bay – Chesapeake Bay, generally refers to the geographical area of Virginia draining to the Chesapeake Bay

CBPA- Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area, refers to a geographical area, east of I-95, mandated in Code and subject to regulations of the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act

CDC – Conservation District Coordinator (state, DCR staff assigned to SWCDs by region)

COIA – Conflict of Interests Act

COVLC – Commonwealth of Virginia Learning Center

CPC – Conservation Planner Certification

CREP – Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, funding program federal and state dollars

CRP – Conservation Reserve Program, a federal funding source, FSA

CSP – Conservation Stewardship Program, a federal funding source, NRCS

CWFA – Clean Water Farm Award

DC – District Conservationist (federal, NRCS assigned by area offices)

DHRM – Department of Human Resource Management

EJAA – Engineering Job Approval Authority

EQIP – Environmental Quality Incentives Program, a federal funding source, NRCS

EOY – End of Year

FOIA – Freedom of Information Act

JED – Joint Employee Development

LOV – Library of Virginia

NMP – Nutrient Management Plan

NFWF – National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

OCB – Outside the Chesapeake Bay, generally refers to the geographical area of Virginia that does not drain to the Chesapeake Bay.

PIP – Performance Improvement Plan

RCPP – Regional Conservation Partnership Program, a federal funding initiative, NRCS partnership with state and non-government organizations.

RFP – Request for Proposal

RMP – Resource Management Plan

SHI - Small Herd Initiative

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SWCD – Soil and Water Conservation District

SFOP- Small Farm Outreach Program

TA – Technical Assistance

TAC – Technical Advisory Committee

TMDL - Total Maximum Daily Load

TRC – Technical Review Committee

VACS – Virginia Agricultural Cost Share, a state funding source, primarily from DCR, provided to Districts for installation of Ag BMPs

VCAP – Virginia Conservation Assistance Program, provided through the VASWCD and local SWCDs

VNRFC- Virginia Natural Resources Commitment Fund

VRA –Virginia Resources Authority

WFA- Whole Farm Approach

WIP – Watershed Implementation Plan

WQIA – Water Quality Improvement Act

WGIF – Water Quality Improvement Fund

319 – A federal funding type for water quality grants and funds, issued by EPA to the Virginia DEQ and passed through to Districts through various grant processes

Government Agencies:

CBLAB – Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance Board (state, within DEQ)

COE, ACOE, or The Corps – United States Army Corps of Engineers (federal)

DCR – Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (state)

DEQ – Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (state)

DOF – Virginia Department of Forestry (state)

DWR – Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources (state)

DSFM– DCR Division of Dam Safety and Floodplain Management

DSWC or Division – DCR Division of Soil and Water Conservation

EPA –Environmental Protection Agency (federal, VA is in EPA Region 3)

FSA – Farm Service Agency (federal)

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GA- General Assembly (state)

NACD – National Association of Conservation Districts (non-profit organization)

NRCS – Natural Resources Conservation Service (federal)

OAG – Office of Attorney General (state)

SEAS – Shoreline Erosion Advisory Service (state, within DCR)

SWCD – Soil and Water Conservation District (political subdivision of state government)

USDA – United States Department of Agriculture (federal)

USFS – United States Forest Service (federal)

USFWS – United States Fish and Wildlife Service (federal)

USGS – United States Geological Survey (federal)

VACDE – Virginia Association of Conservation District Employees

VASWCD – Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (non-profit organization)

VCE or Extension – Virginia Cooperative Extension (state, land grant universities)

VDACS – Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (state)

VSU- Virginia State University

VT – Virginia Tech

VSWCB – Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board (state, within DCR)