

2020 Virginia Land Conservation Foundation Grant Program

Workshop Agenda

October 9, 2020

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| 1:00 PM | Overview of VLCF Grant Application Requirements and Additional Scoring Criteria
<i>Suzan Bulbulkaya, Department of Conservation & Recreation</i> |
| 1:20 PM | Farmlands and Forestry Category
<i>Jen Perkins, Dept. of Agriculture & Consumer Services</i>
<i>Terry Lasher, Department of Forestry</i> |
| 2:00 PM | Historic Resources Category
<i>Wendy Musumeci, Department of Historic Resources</i> |
| 2:20 PM | Natural Areas Category
<i>Rob Evans, Division of Natural Heritage, DCR</i> |
| 2:40 PM | Open Space and Parks Category
<i>DCR Staff</i> |
| 3:00 to 3:30 PM | Questions from the audience |

About VLCF

- Created in 1992, first funded in 2000
- 19-member Board representing VA's 11 Congressional Districts
- Sec. of Natural Resources, Sec. of Agriculture & Forestry, and 17 citizen members – Director of DCR serves as Executive Secretary
- Interagency taskforce develops scoring criteria and advises board on project priorities
- Thirteen grant rounds in its history, awarding ~\$50M

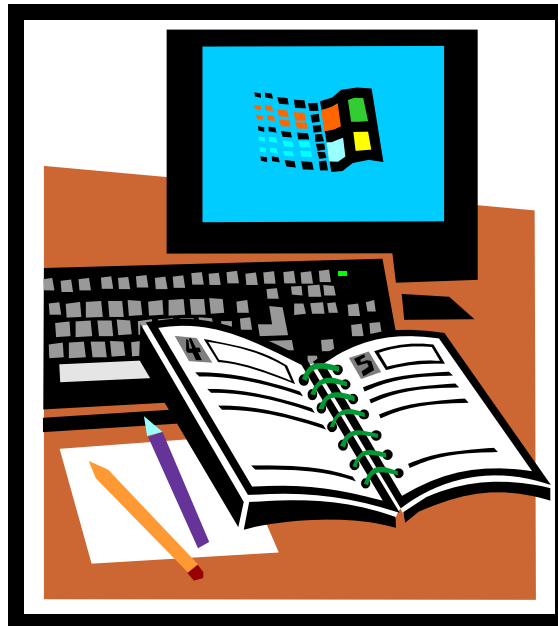
2020 VLCF Grant Round Timeline

Proposed FY21 VLCF Grant Schedule	
September 22, 2020	VLCF Board meeting to approve grant manual and initiate the grant round request for proposals (RFP).
Week of Sept. 28, 2020	Announce official opening of grant round (website and emails).
Oct. through Nov. 2020	Virtual Grant Workshop; orientation and information for grant applicants. Continued outreach to underserved communities through November.
November 30, 2020	4 PM deadline for application submittal.
Early and Mid Dec. 2020	Interagency taskforce meetings to score projects – up to two meetings.
Early January 2021	SNR and Director's review of top-scoring projects.
Mid January 2021	VLCF Board meeting. Approval of grant awards.
By February 1, 2021	Grant agreements sent to grant recipients. Projects have two years to close.

VLCF Funding & Scoring Categories

- This year we have \$3,375,000 in funding
- Funds are divided equally among the four categories (\$843,750 each):
 - (1) Farmlands and Forest Preservation;
 - (2) Historic Area Preservation;
 - (3) Natural Area Protection; and
 - (4) Open Spaces and Parks.
- At least 1/3 of funds must be for easements held by a public body.
- At least 1/2 of the funding must be for projects with public access.
- Geographic distribution for a fair allocation throughout the state.
- Up to 50% of a project's cost may be funded with a VLCF grant, unless applicant is a state agency.

VLCF Grant Manual



New This Grant Round

- The application is separate from the grant manual
- The grant manual condenses important details in Appendix A
- Submit one paper application (50 pages max), plus an electronic version of the application with letters/pics in one file in searchable PDF format
- ALTA/NSPS surveys are no longer required for fee acquisition projects

New This Grant Round, *continued*

Resource Protections for all projects; listed in Appendix D

- **Agricultural Conservation Plan**
- **Forest Management Plan and Pre-Harvest Plan**
- **New Riparian Buffer Stipulations –**
 - ***If buffer is 100' wide, limit mowing to no more than 3 times per year***
 - ***If buffer is 35' wide, limit mowing to no more than 1 time per year***
 - ***No earth disturbing activities within the buffer***
- **Limitation on placement of utilities**

General Program Requirements Overview

- Who may apply: governmental and nonprofit organizations
- Nonprofits must meet “holder” requirements in the Conservation Easement Act
- Project must be for a specific site, with the parcels identified in the application
- Project should be completed within **TWO YEARS**; a one year extension may be granted
- Projects by nonprofits must have an open-space easement held by a **PUBLIC BODY**
- 50% match is required except for state agencies

Grant Application Scoring

Interagency Taskforce:

- Dept. of Agriculture & Consumer Services
- Dept. of Forestry
- Dept. of Historic Resources
- Dept. of Conservation and Recreation
 - Natural Heritage
 - Planning & Recreation Resources
- Dept. of Wildlife Resources
- Virginia Outdoors Foundation



Grant Application Scoring, con't.

- Scoring criteria are based on the five statutory categories, 100 points.
- Choose a secondary category, and be sure to include information about how the project supports this category in your application (May be critical to receive funding if none is available in the primary category.)

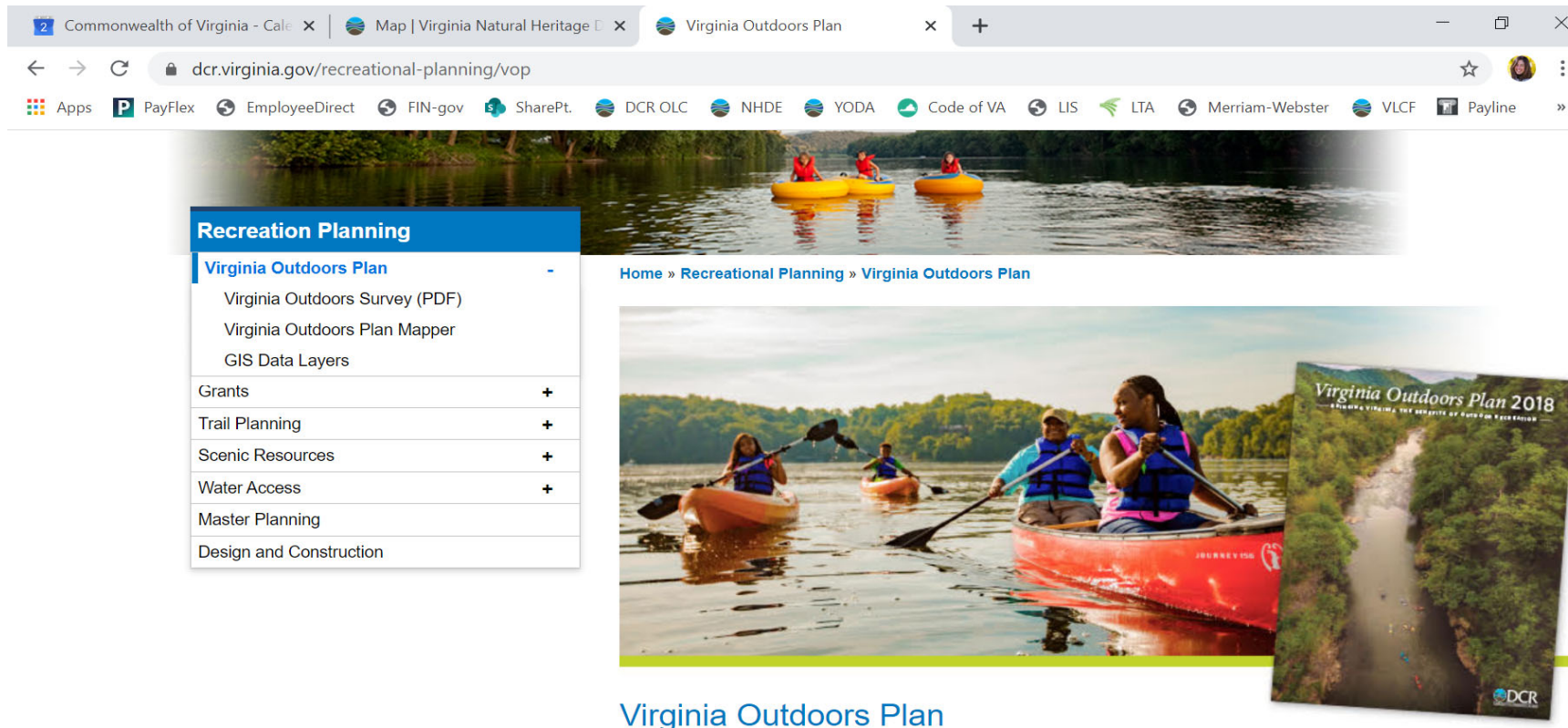
Grant Application Scoring, con't.

- Additional Scoring Criteria are applied to every project, up to 72 points – *see page 23*. Be sure to address all criteria as they apply to your project.
- SCORE your application! (Be sure all pertinent info is included in your application to get all of the points)
- All resource protections stated in the application that receive points must be included in the project's final deed language.
 - *Eg., riparian buffers that are wider than 35 feet and are forested get extra points*

Additional Scoring Criteria – see page 23

- VOP Identified Need** - Does the project provide resource conservation needs as ID'd in the *Virginia Outdoors Plan* or a local comprehensive plan?

Find the VOP at: www.dcr.virginia.gov/recreational-planning/vop



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL dcr.virginia.gov/recreational-planning/vop. The page features a navigation menu on the left under the heading "Recreation Planning". The menu items are:

- Virginia Outdoors Plan (selected)
- Virginia Outdoors Survey (PDF)
- Virginia Outdoors Plan Mapper
- GIS Data Layers
- Grants
- Trail Planning
- Scenic Resources
- Water Access
- Master Planning
- Design and Construction

The main content area displays a large image of people kayaking on a river. Below the image, the text "Virginia Outdoors Plan" is visible. To the right of the kayaking image is a smaller image of the "Virginia Outdoors Plan 2018" cover, which features a river winding through a forest.

2. Virginia Recreation Access Model Identified Need - For parcels that will provide public access, does the project demonstrate a need for land or water access based on the Virginia Recreation Access Model?

Find the Rec Access Model at: <https://vanhde.org/>

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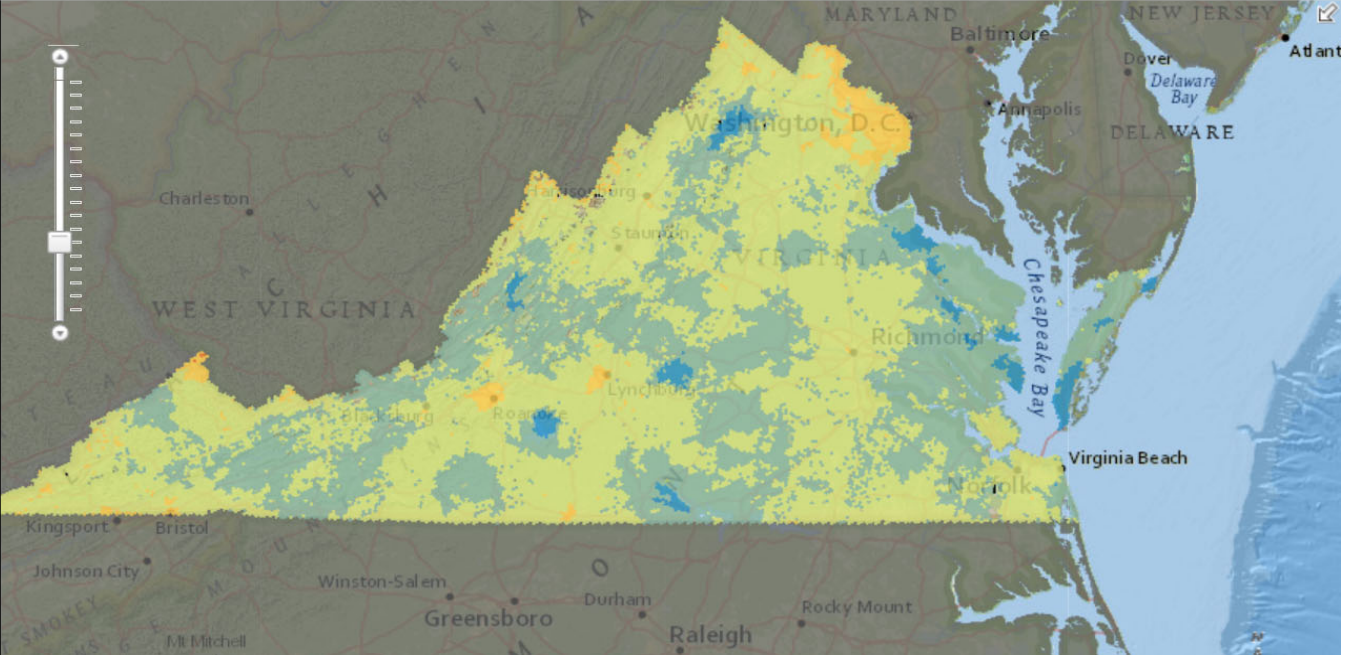
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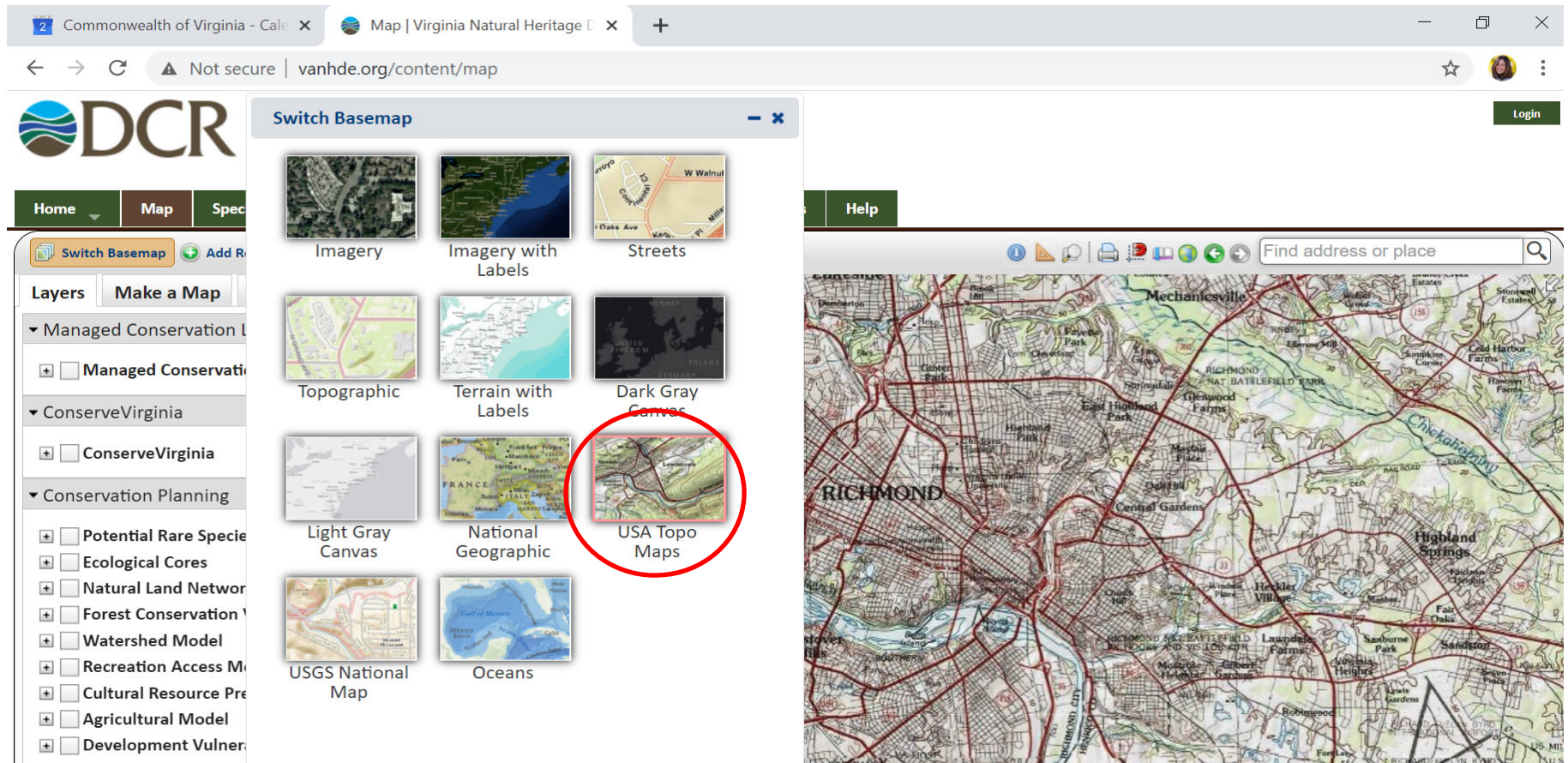
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 - ☐ Ecological Cores
 - ☐ Natural Land Network
 - ☐ Forest Conservation Values
 - ☐ Watershed Model
 - ☒ Recreation Access Model
 - ☒ Aquatic Recreation Access
 - ☒ Aquatic Recreation Score
 - 0: Very High Need
 - 1: High Need
 - 2: Moderate Need



3. Water Quality Benefit - Does the project protect water quality beyond the minimum 35'-wide permanent vegetated riparian buffer on perennial streams, rivers, shorelines, and waterbodies with perennial outflow? Find USA Topo maps at: <https://vanhde.org/>



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://vanhde.org/content/map>. The page features the DCR logo and a navigation menu with 'Home', 'Map', and 'Spec'. A 'Switch Basemap' panel is open, displaying a grid of map styles. The 'USA Topo Maps' option is circled in red. The main map area shows a topographic map of the Richmond, Virginia area, with labels for 'Richmond', 'Mechanicsville', 'Highland Springs', and 'Chickahominy River'.

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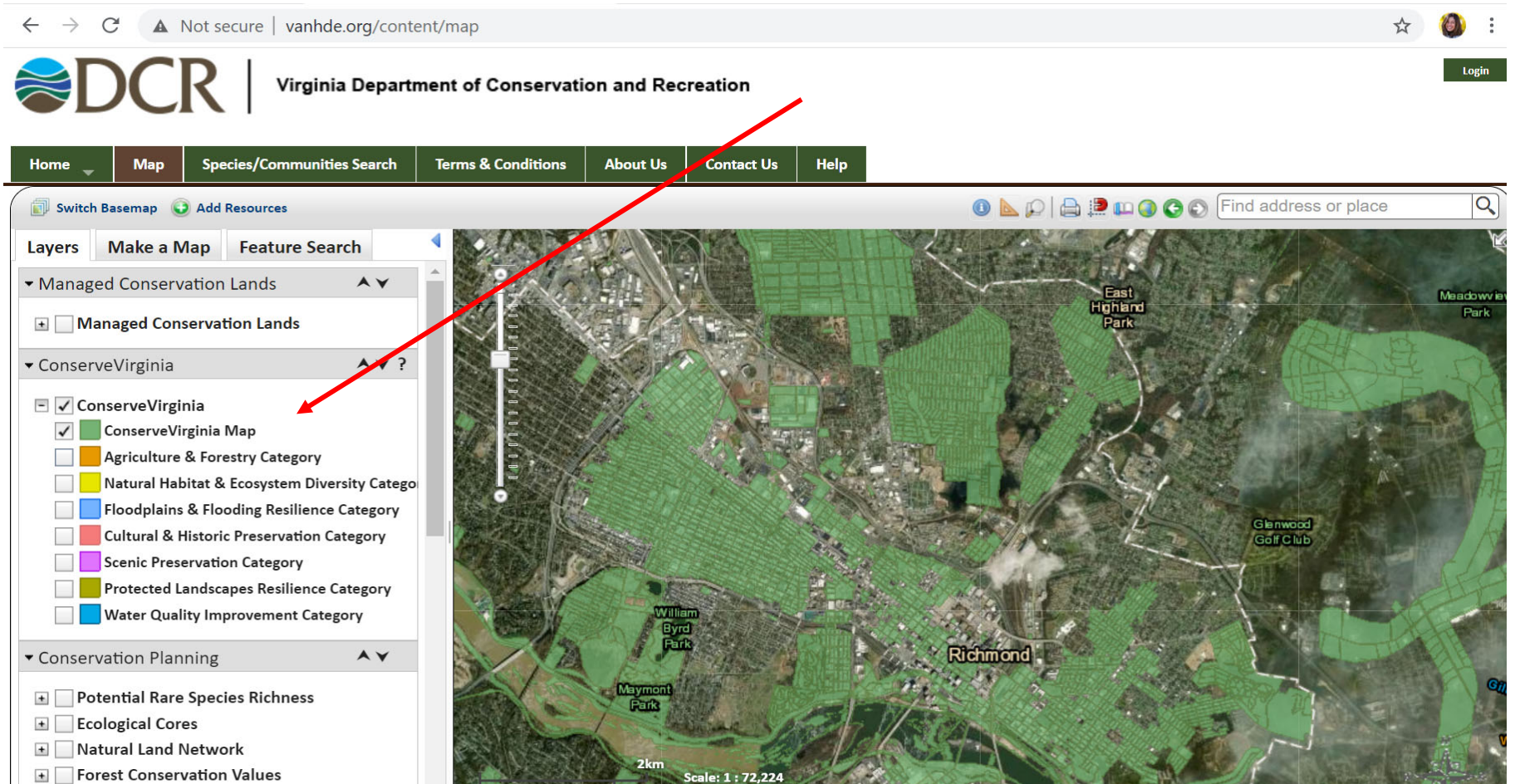
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4. Protection of Cultural Resources - Is there a local cultural resource on the property that will be protected by this project?

- Examples include remnants of prior settlements or burial sites of enslaved or indigenous people, former segregated schoolhouses, or sites of early racial integration.
- Provide photos and documentation.

5. Additional ConserveVirginia Values - Does the project protect additional *ConserveVirginia* values in perpetuity?

Find ConserveVirginia at: <https://vanhde.org/>



The screenshot displays the ConserveVirginia web application interface. The top navigation bar includes links for Home, Map, Species/Communities Search, Terms & Conditions, About Us, Contact Us, and Help. The main content area shows a map of Richmond, Virginia, with various conservation areas highlighted in green. The left sidebar contains a list of layers, including Managed Conservation Lands and ConserveVirginia. A red arrow points to the 'ConserveVirginia' layer in the sidebar.

Layers

- Managed Conservation Lands
 - Managed Conservation Lands
- ConserveVirginia
 - ConserveVirginia
 - ConserveVirginia Map
 - Agriculture & Forestry Category
 - Natural Habitat & Ecosystem Diversity Category
 - Floodplains & Flooding Resilience Category
 - Cultural & Historic Preservation Category
 - Scenic Preservation Category
 - Protected Landscapes Resilience Category
 - Water Quality Improvement Category
- Conservation Planning
 - Potential Rare Species Richness
 - Ecological Cores
 - Natural Land Network
 - Forest Conservation Values

Map

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Richmond

East Highland Park

William Byrd Park

Maymont Park

Glenwood Golf Club

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6. Scoring Criteria for Wildlife Value - Does the project benefit wildlife, habitat, and human/wildlife interaction? **Max. 10 points.**

- Identify wildlife presence = 1 point; If DWR Species of Greatest Conservation Need or State or Federally listed T&E is present = additional 3 points
- Protect wildlife habitat = 1 point; If DWR Species of Greatest Conservation Need or State or Federally listed T&E is protected = additional 4 points
- Public access to view, hunt, or fish wildlife = 1 point

For further information: Becky Gwynn (804) 593-2043

Find the Virginia Fish and Wildlife Information Service at:
<https://vafwis.dgif.virginia.gov/fwis/>



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Welcome to the Virginia Fish and Wildlife Information Service (VaFWIS) of the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF). Here you will find the most current and comprehensive information about Virginia's Wildlife resources.

Notice! Virginia's 2015 Wildlife Action Plan has been approved by the USFWS!

The final plan is available online at <http://www.bewildvirginia.org>. We encourage you to review the document to ensure consideration of Species of Greatest Conservation Need during project review. The 2015 W.A.P. includes a number of changes to our list of S.G.C.N. and associated "Tier" level of imperilment concern within Virginia. Virginia Fish and Wildlife Information Service now presents 2015 W.A.P. "Tier" designations in reports.

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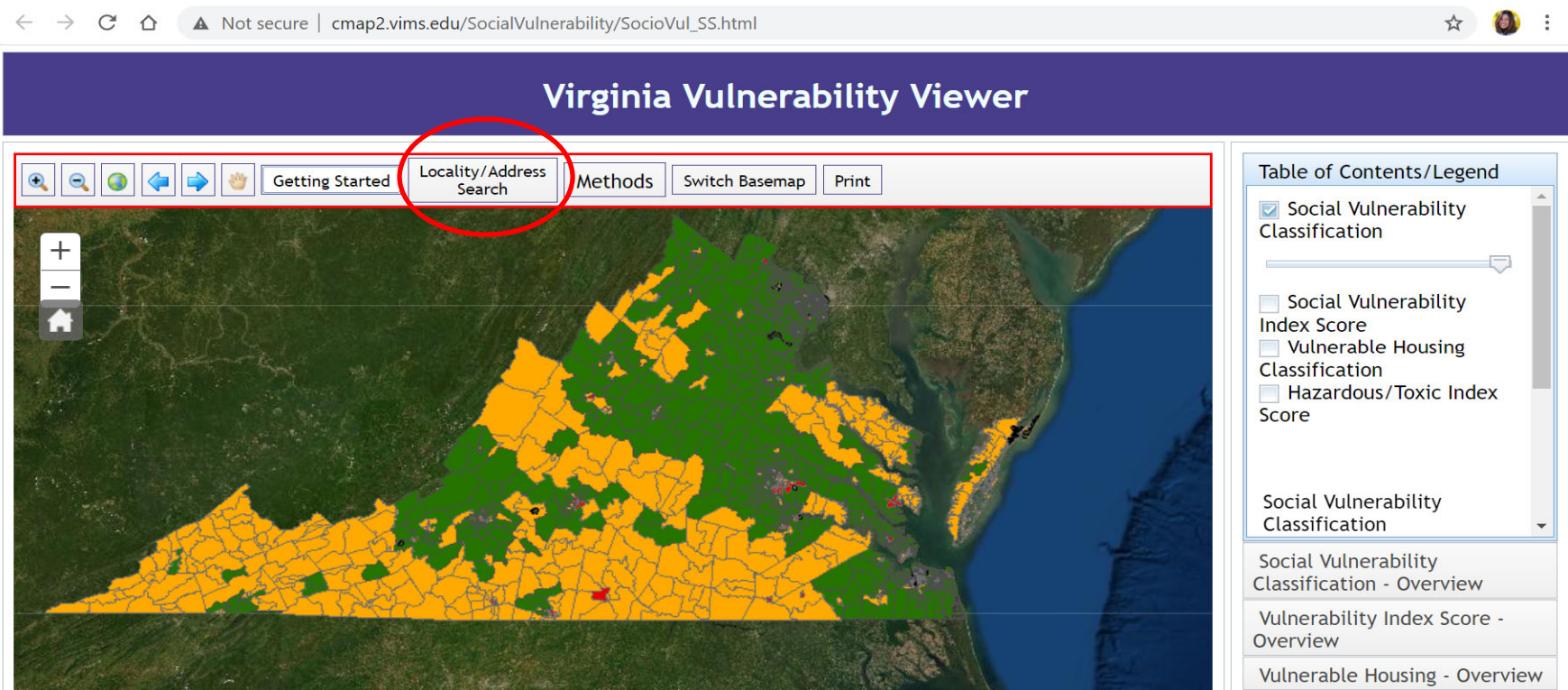
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7. **Public Access** - Does the project provide public or visual access?

8. **Underserved Communities** – Does the project benefit an underserved or socially vulnerable community?

Find the VIMS Social Vulnerability Index here:

http://cmap2.vims.edu/SocialVulnerability/SocioVul_SS.html



9. Ratio of Match to Total Project Cost – Has the applicant pledged to provide at least 60% match to the grant amount requested?

**The VLCF grant manual and application
can be found at:**

www.dcr.virginia.gov/virginia-land-conservation-foundation/

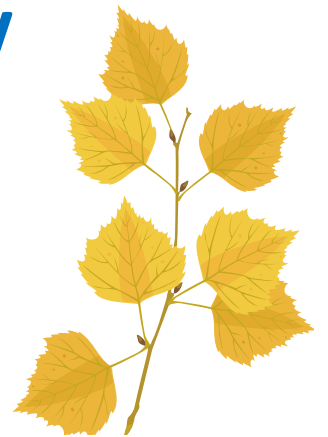
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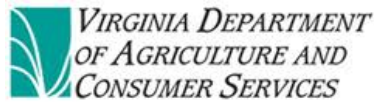
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Farmlands and Forest Preservation Category

- Single funding category (unless \$10 million or more available)
- Separate funding criteria have been developed for agricultural and forestal lands
- Applicant should use the set of criteria that is most appropriate for their projects
- Applications will be evaluated according to the following farm & forest criteria

Farmlands Category

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Farmlands Criteria

Total of 100 points

Category I: Land Evaluation – 40 points

Category II: Land Use – 40 points

Category III: Conserve Virginia – 20 points



Land Evaluation

Soils (25 pts)

- Soils should support agricultural uses
- More points for prime, unique and statewide importance



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 - ☒ Soil Rating Polygons
 - Not prime farmland
 - All areas are prime farmland
 - Prime farmland if drained
 - Prime farmland if protected from flooding or not frequently flooded during the growing season
 - Prime farmland if irrigated
 - Prime farmland if drained and either protected from flooding or not frequently flooded during the growing season
 - Prime farmland if irrigated and drained
 - Prime farmland if irrigated and either protected from flooding or not frequently flooded during the growing season
 - Prime farmland if subsoiled, completely removing the root inhibiting soil layer
 - Prime farmland if irrigated

Map — Farmland Classification

Scale: (not to scale)

<https://websoilsurvey.sc.egov.usda.gov/>

Identify

Layer	Attribute Name	Attribute Value
Location	Latitude, Longitude	37.74211°, -78.38180°
Area of Interest (AOI)	Area (acres in this part)	185,798
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Soil Rating Polygons	Soil Ratings Value	All areas are prime farmland

Land Evaluation

Average Size of Farm (15 pts)

Latest US Census of Agriculture (2017)

<https://www.agcensus.usda.gov/Publications/AgCensus/2017/>

Table 8. Farms, Land in Farms, Value of Land and Buildings, and Land Use: 2017 and 2012

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

Item	Virginia	Accomack	Albemarle	Alleghany
FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS				
Farms number, 2017	43,225	239	913	165
2012	46,030	226	946	207
Land in farms acres, 2017	7,797,979	76,761	182,781	30,857
2012	8,302,444	77,389	168,877	36,983
Average size of farm acres, 2017	180	321	200	187
2012	180	342	179	179
Estimated market value of land and buildings farms, 2017	43,225	239	913	165
2012	46,030	226	946	207
\$1,000, 2017	36,060,627	327,632	1,808,050	130,055
2012	35,752,388	283,628	1,478,643	114,866
Average per farm dollars, 2017	834,254	1,370,847	1,980,339	788,210
2012	776,719	1,254,991	1,563,048	554,908
Average per acre dollars, 2017	4,624	4,268	9,892	4,215
2012	4,306	3,665	8,756	3,108
2017 farms by value group:				
\$1 to \$49,999	2,423	15	18	8
\$50,000 to \$99,999	2,907	12	25	7
\$100,000 to \$199,999	6,220	40	43	36
\$200,000 to \$499,999	14,682	66	187	66
\$500,000 to \$999,999	8,744	42	248	28
\$1,000,000 to \$1,999,999	4,448	29	159	12
\$2,000,000 to \$4,999,999	2,746	19	147	5
\$5,000,000 to \$9,999,999	784	9	59	-
\$10,000,000 or more	271	7	27	3

Land Use

Current and historical use of property (8 pts)

CENTURY FARMS

As established in the [Code of Virginia](#), the Virginia Century Farm Program recognizes and honors those farms that have been in operation for at least 100 consecutive years and the generations of Virginia farm families whose diligent and dedicated efforts have maintained these farms, provided nourishment to their fellow citizens and contributed so greatly to the economy of the Commonwealth.

In recognition of their designation as a Virginia Century Farm, families receive a certificate signed by the Governor and the Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and a sign appropriate for outdoor display. In addition, the name of the farm and its owners is listed on this site.

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Virginia Century Farms

These 1451 farms have been recognized as Virginia Century Farms. The information is listed by locality, and includes the farm name and the farm owners when the Century Farm recognition originally was bestowed.

Accomack 15	Culpeper 11	Lee 13	Rappahannock 4
Albemarle 11	Cumberland 19	Loudoun 20	Richmond (county) 11
Alleghany 1	Dinwiddie 28	Louisa 29	Richmond/Northumberland 1
Amelia 11	Essex 4	Lunenburg 18	Roanoke 3
Amelia/Nottaway 1	Fauquier 18	Lynchburg 1	Rockbridge 15
Amherst 14	Floyd 9	Madison 18	Rockingham 55
Appomattox 12	Fluvanna 11	Mathews 4	Russell 36
Augusta 58	Franklin 38	Mecklenburg 27	Scott 20
Bath 1	Frederick 15	Middlesex 6	Shenandoah 41
Bedford 30	Giles 8	Montgomery 6	Smyth 17
Bland 13	Gloucester 6	Nelson 12	Southampton 96
Botetourt 11	Goochland 4	New Kent 7	Spotsylvania 6
Brunswick 10	Grayson 14	Northampton 6	Stafford 8
Buchanan 2	Greene 2	Northumberland 20	Suffolk 24
Buckingham 4	Greensville 6	Nottoway 15	Surry 27

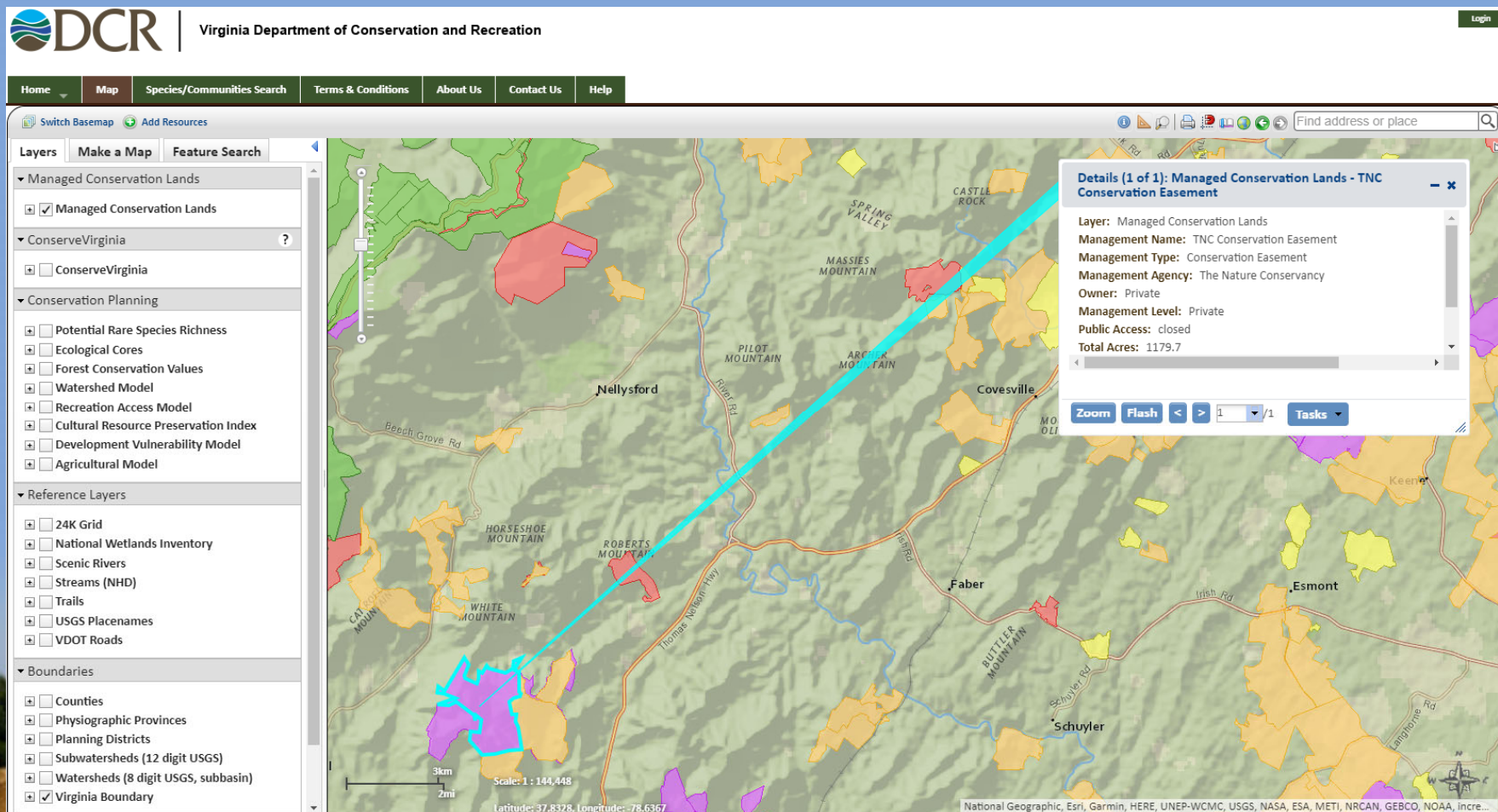
1. Is the land currently being farmed?

2. Is this a Century Farm?

<http://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/conservation-and-environmental-virginia-century-farms.shtml>

Land Use

Proximity to other preserved lands (10 pts)

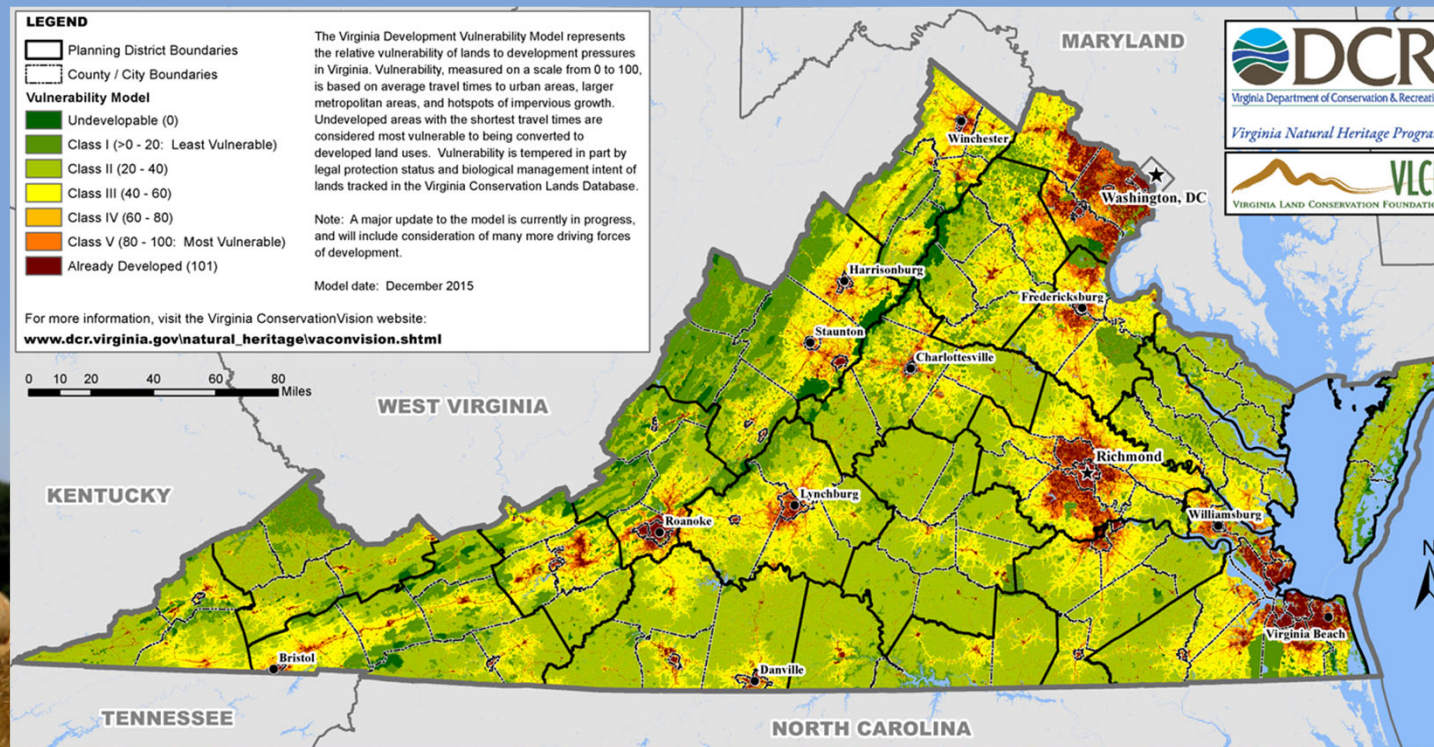


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Land Use

Vulnerability ranking (8 pts)

- 2 points for each ranking from Class II to Class V
 - ConservationVision Development Vulnerability Model
 - More development pressure = more points



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Land Use

Implementation of farm BMPs (10 pts)

- Points for both voluntary Best Management Practices and those through a state or federal conservation plan
- Additional points awarded for land with conservation plans and/or nutrient management plans

Best Management Practices = BMPs

Roof water management to collect clean water and direct away from livestock confinement areas

Heavy use area protection

Vegetated filter strips

Appropriately sized livestock confinement area

Covered manure storage

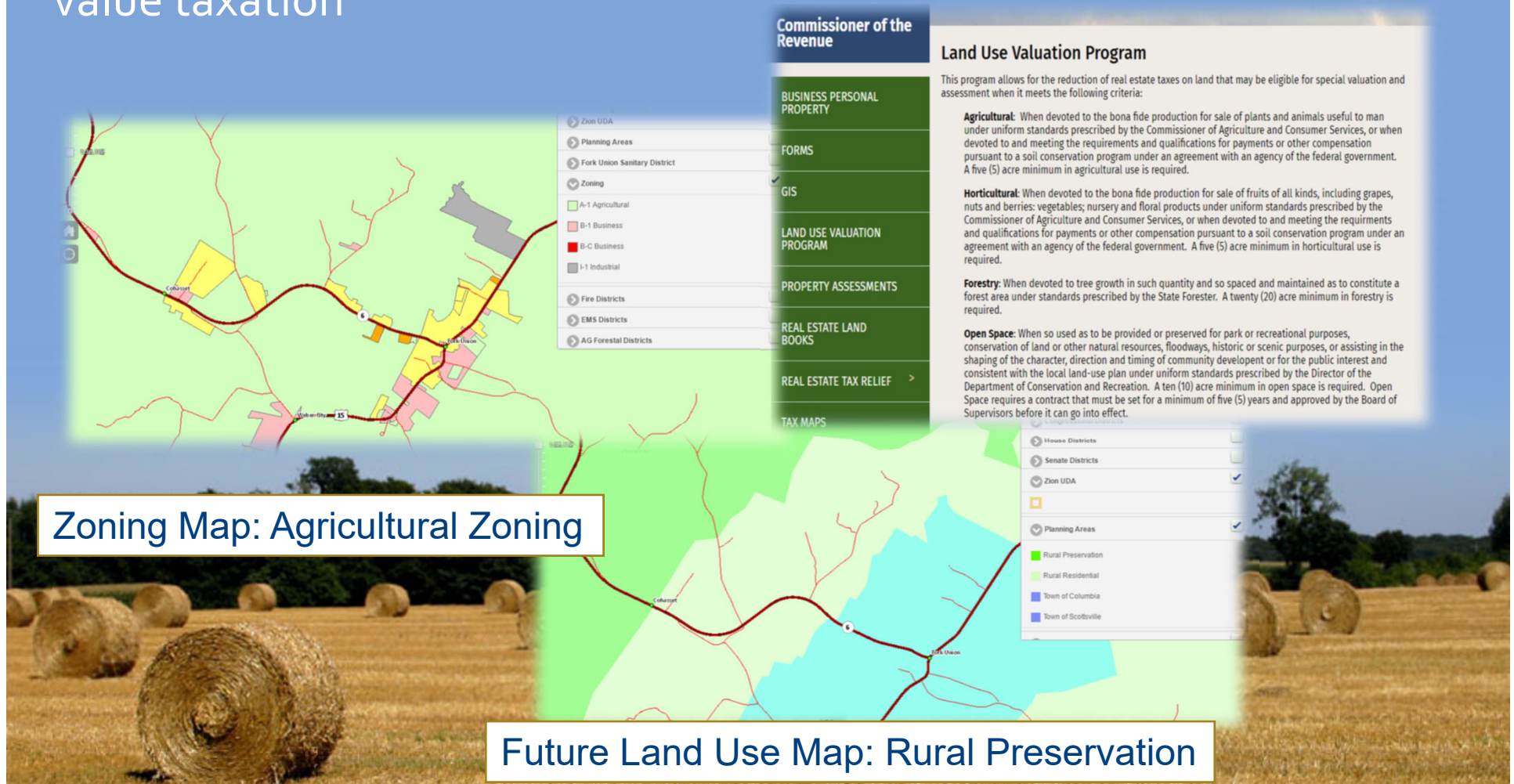
If your barn roof dumps rain water into your animal confinement area, that clean rain water becomes contaminated as it mixes with manure and contributes to muddy conditions. Contaminated rain water then runs off the confinement area and may find its way to the nearest surface water.



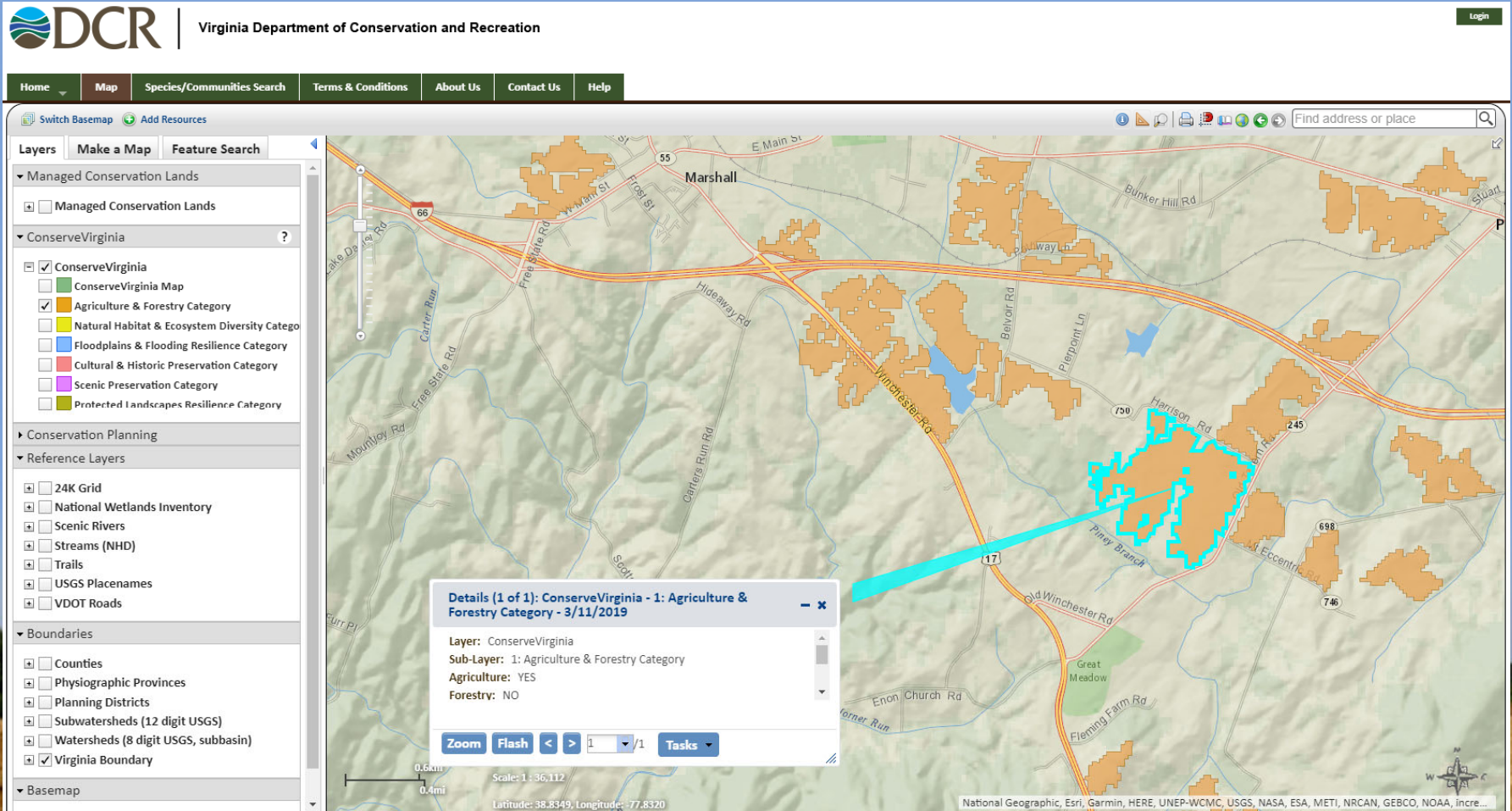
Land Use

Supported by local policies (4 pts)

Demonstrated support for farmland protection policies including comprehensive plan, ag zoning, agriculture/forestral districts, and use value taxation



ConserveVirginia Agriculture Layer (20 pts)





Questions?

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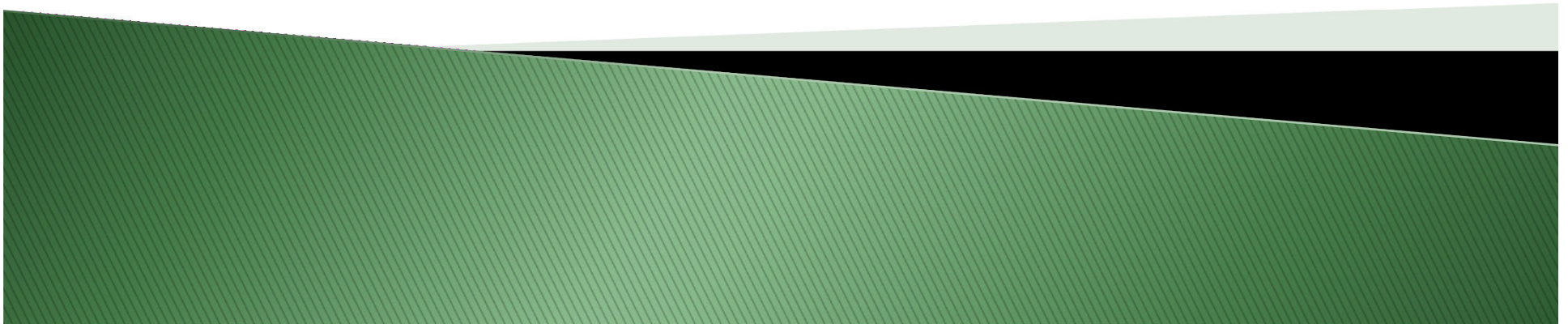
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Forest Lands Category



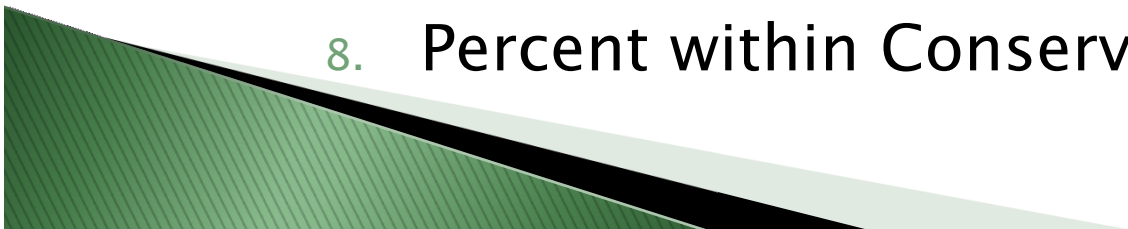
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Forest Lands Criteria

1. Property acreage
2. Percent forested
3. Percent of forest that is high forest conservation value (FCV)
4. Length of watercourses
5. Adjacency to conserved lands
6. Management
7. Forest land base preservation
8. Percent within Conserve Virginia

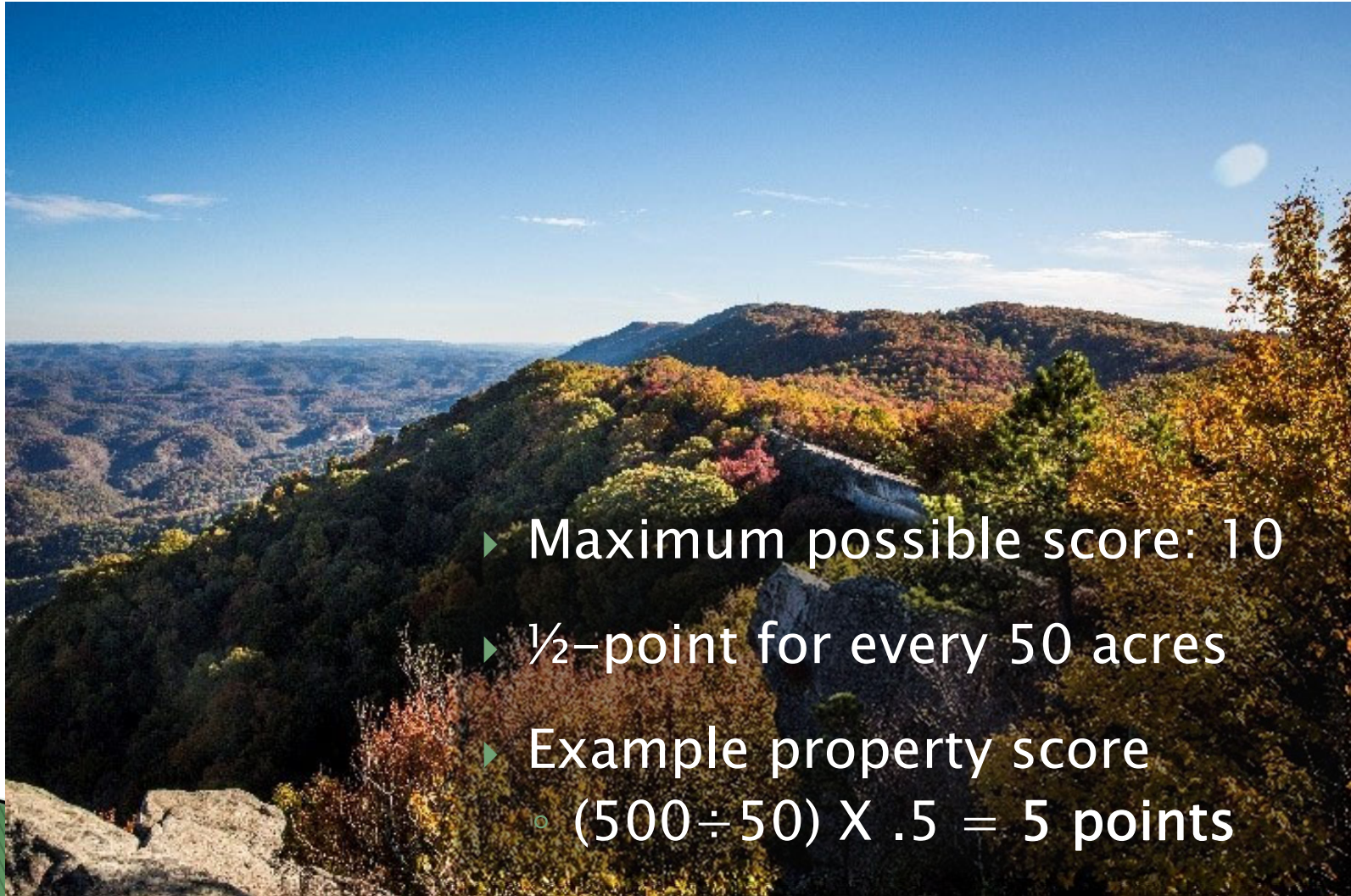


Example Property

- 500-acre property
 - 450 acres forested, 400 acres high FCV
 - 63% of acreage in ConserveVirginia
- 6250' of watercourses
- Adjacent to Wildlife Management Area and within 2 miles of eased property
- Forest Stewardship Management Plan and demonstrated implementation
- Applicant willing to permanently protect 375 acres of forest land base

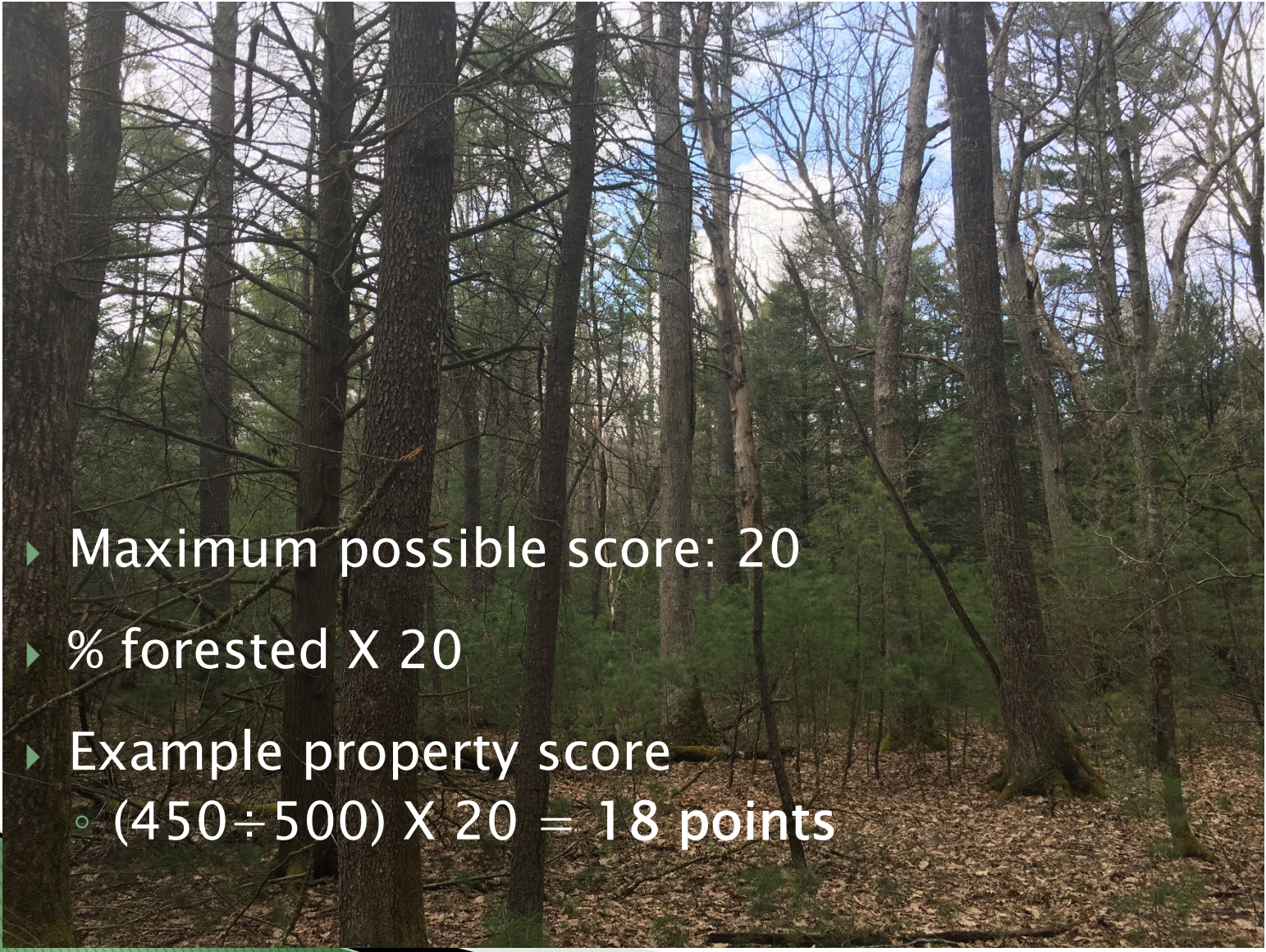


1. Property Acreage



- ▶ Maximum possible score: 10
- ▶ $\frac{1}{2}$ -point for every 50 acres
- ▶ Example property score
 - $(500 \div 50) \times .5 = 5$ points

2. Percent Forested

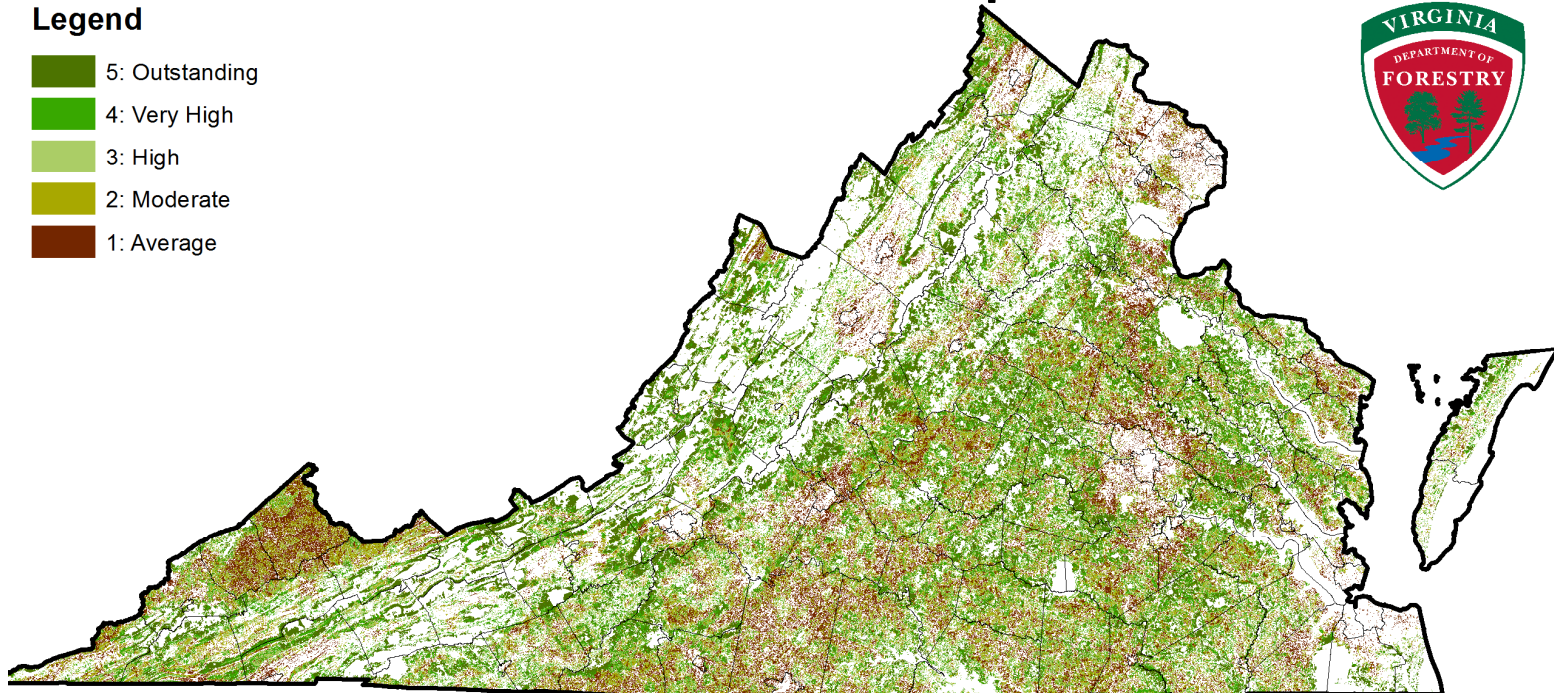
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- ▶ Maximum possible score: 20
 - ▶ % forested X 20
 - ▶ Example property score
 - $(450 \div 500) \times 20 = 18$ points

3. Forest Conservation Value

- ▶ Maximum possible score: 15
- ▶ % of high FCV forest X 15
- ▶ Example property score
 - $(400 \div 450) \times 15 = 13.4$ points

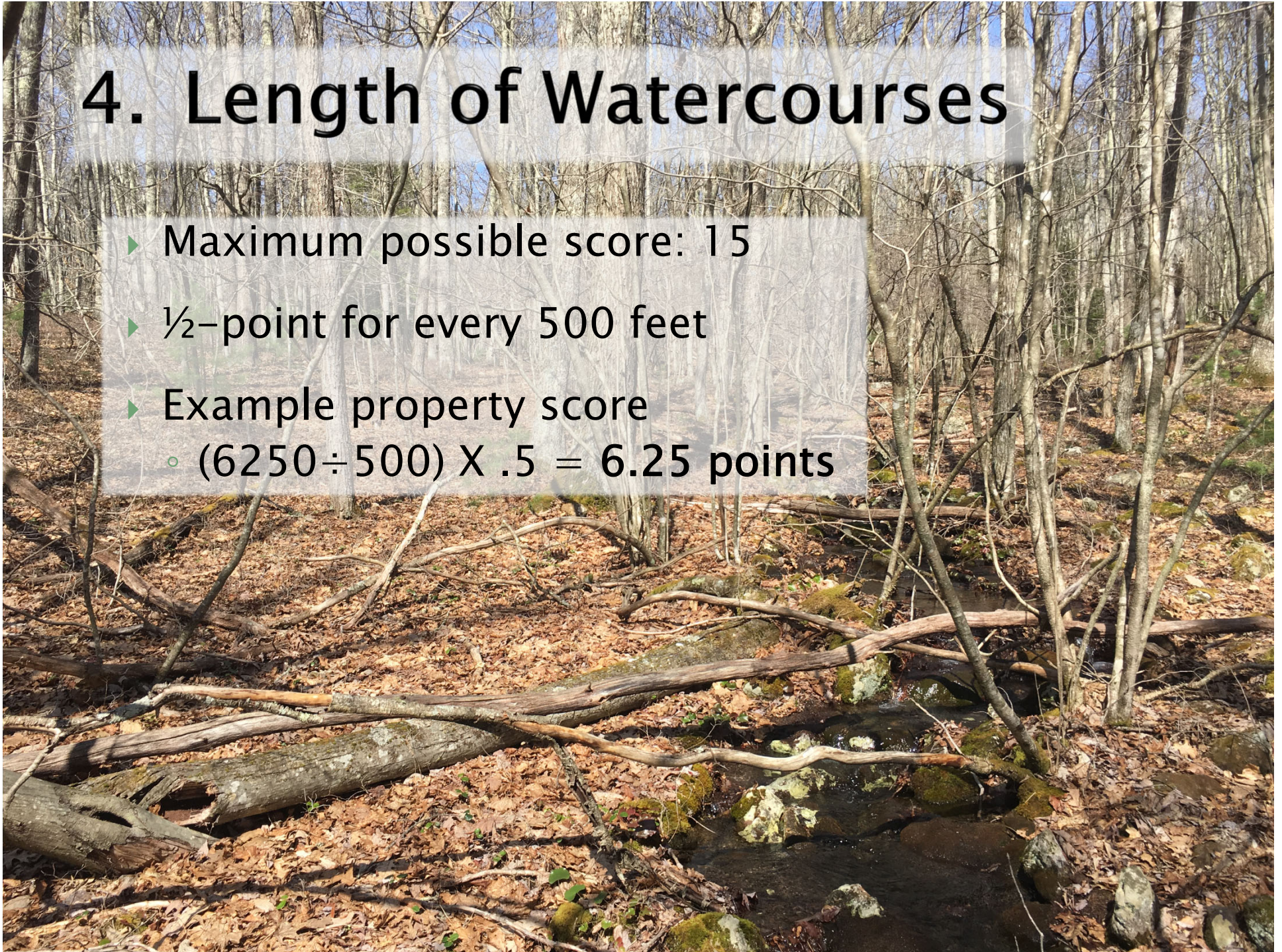
Legend

- 5: Outstanding
- 4: Very High
- 3: High
- 2: Moderate
- 1: Average



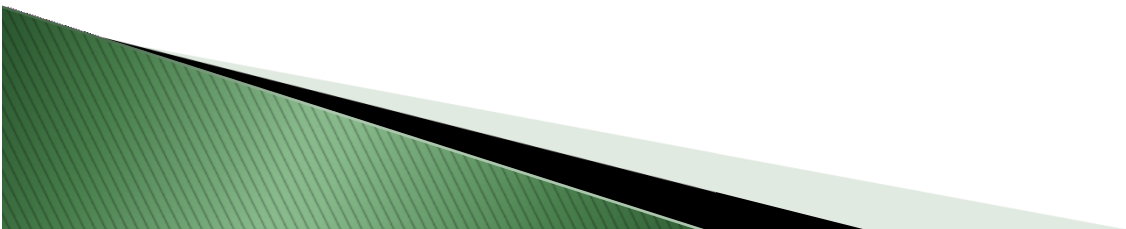
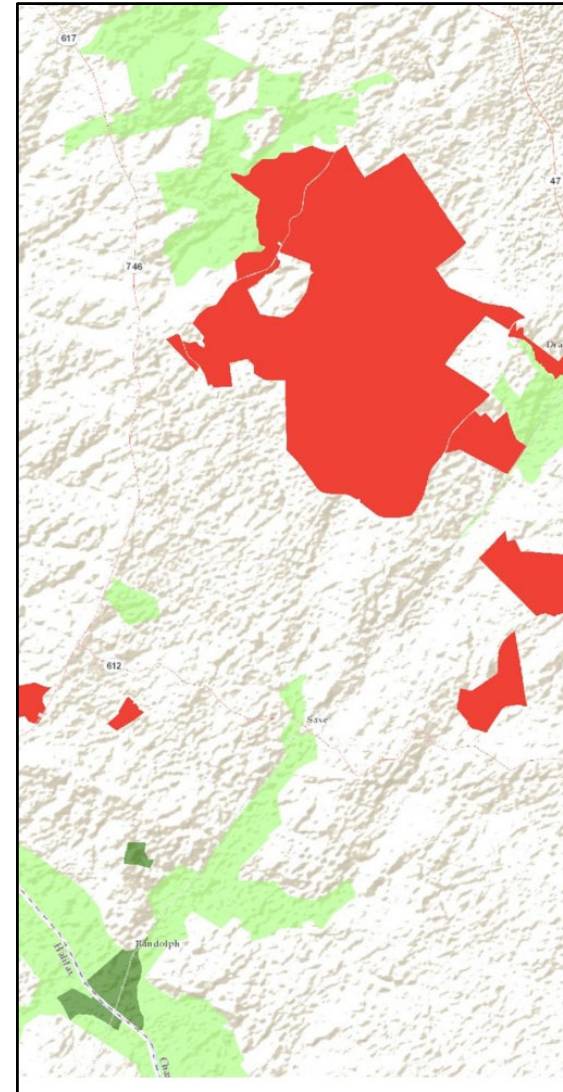
4. Length of Watercourses

- ▶ Maximum possible score: 15
- ▶ ½-point for every 500 feet
- ▶ Example property score
 - $(6250 \div 500) \times .5 = 6.25$ points



5. Adjacency

- ▶ Maximum possible score: 5
 - Reverse scale of 1 point for every mile of proximity to conserved lands
- ▶ Example property score
 - 5 points



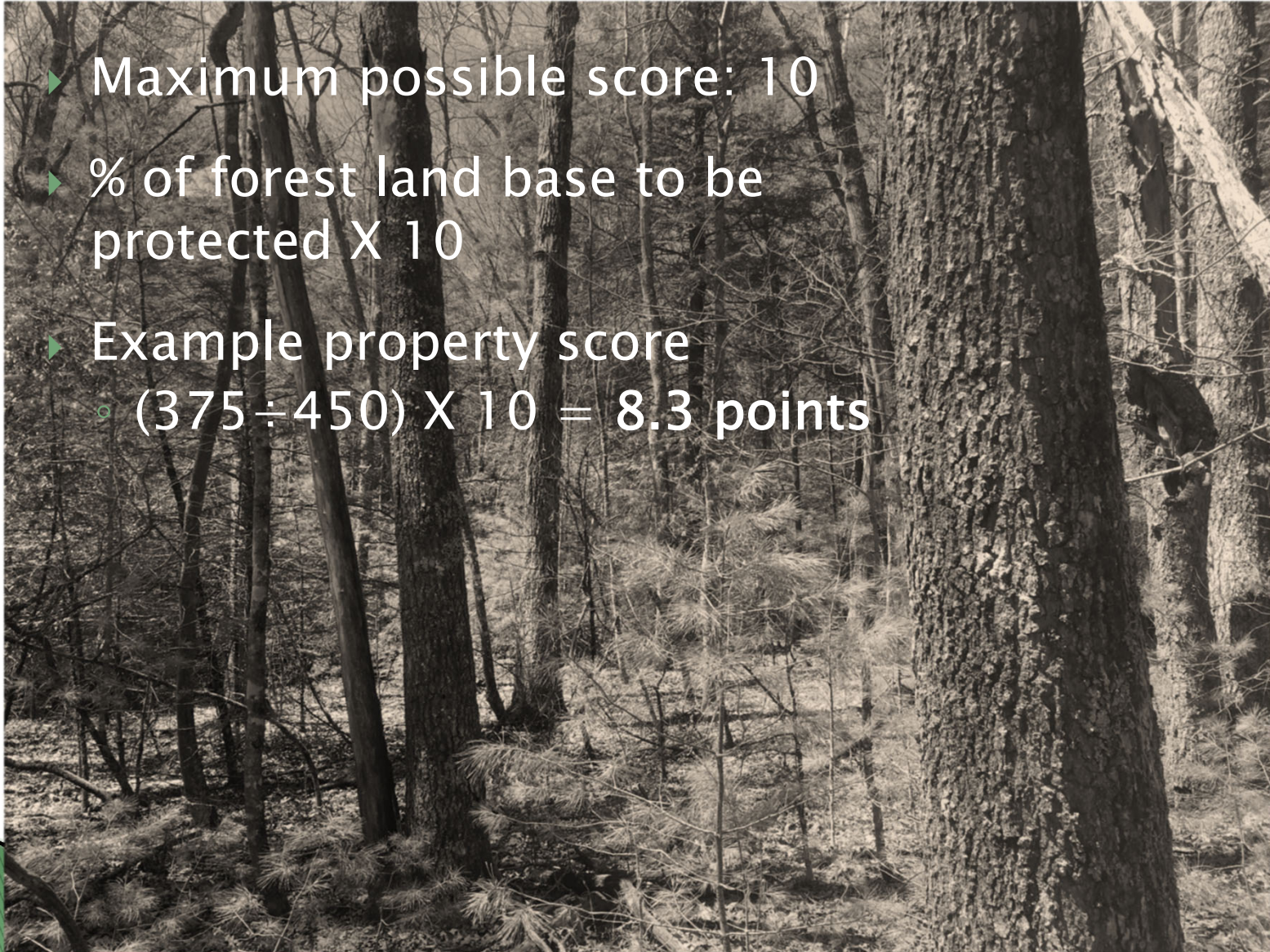
6. Management

- ▶ Maximum possible score: 5
 - Current plan and being implemented: 5 points
 - Plan exists, but no implementation: 3 points
 - No plan: 0 points
- ▶ Example property score
 - 5 points

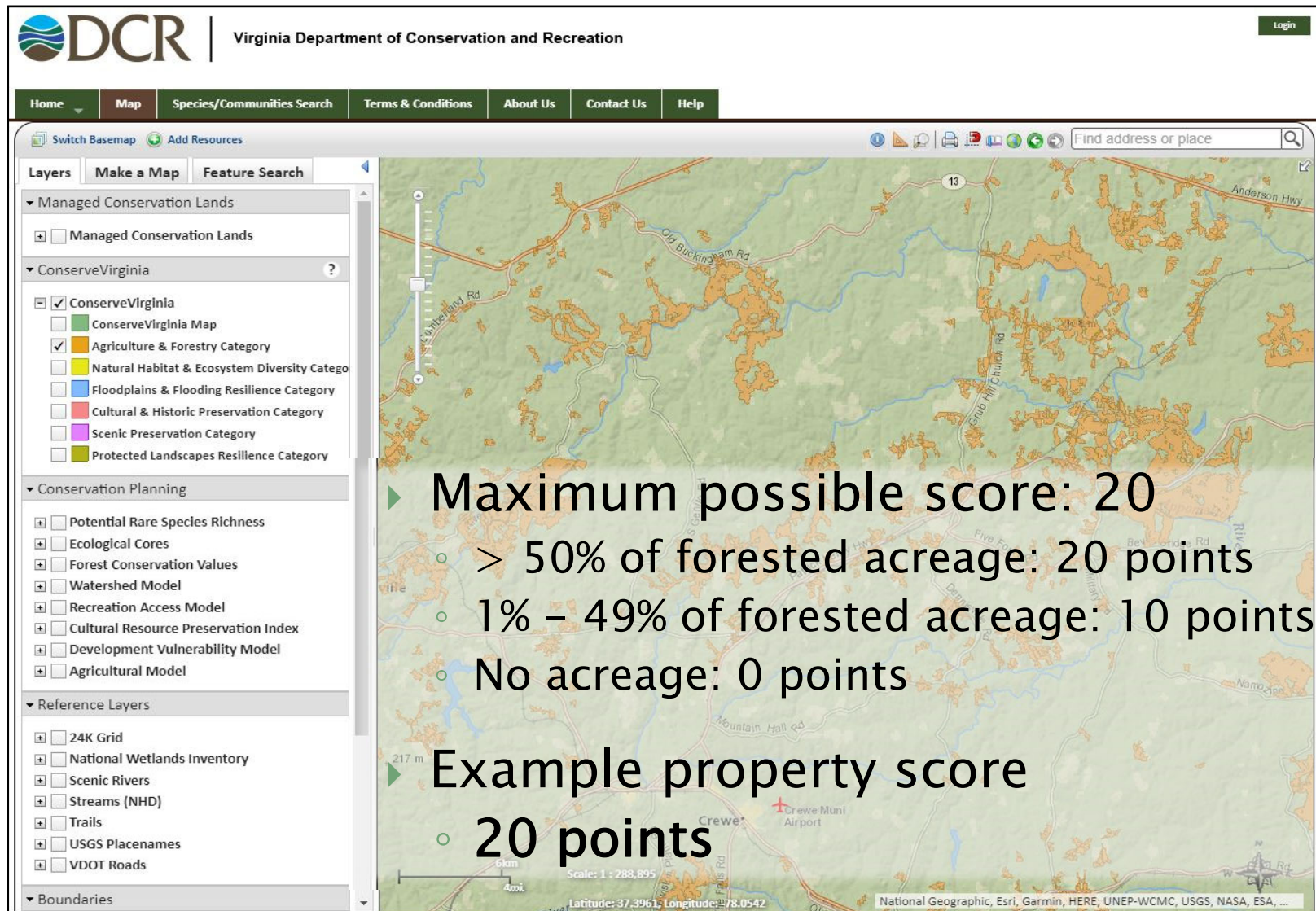


7. Forest Land Base Preservation

- ▶ Maximum possible score: 10
- ▶ % of forest land base to be protected X 10
- ▶ Example property score
 - $(375 \div 450) \times 10 = 8.3$ points



8. ConserveVirginia



The screenshot displays the ConserveVirginia web application interface. The top navigation bar includes the DCR logo, the text "Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation", and a "Login" button. Below this is a menu bar with links: Home, Map, Species/Communities Search, Terms & Conditions, About Us, Contact Us, and Help. The main interface features a map of Virginia with various conservation layers overlaid. A sidebar on the left contains a "Layers" panel with the following sections:

- Managed Conservation Lands**
 - ☐ Managed Conservation Lands
- ConserveVirginia**
 - ☒ ConserveVirginia
 - ☐ ConserveVirginia Map
 - ☒ Agriculture & Forestry Category
 - ☐ Natural Habitat & Ecosystem Diversity Category
 - ☐ Floodplains & Flooding Resilience Category
 - ☐ Cultural & Historic Preservation Category
 - ☐ Scenic Preservation Category
 - ☐ Protected Landscapes Resilience Category
- Conservation Planning**
 - ☐ Potential Rare Species Richness
 - ☐ Ecological Cores
 - ☐ Forest Conservation Values
 - ☐ Watershed Model
 - ☐ Recreation Access Model
 - ☐ Cultural Resource Preservation Index
 - ☐ Development Vulnerability Model
 - ☐ Agricultural Model
- Reference Layers**
 - ☐ 24K Grid
 - ☐ National Wetlands Inventory
 - ☐ Scenic Rivers
 - ☐ Streams (NHD)
 - ☐ Trails
 - ☐ USGS Placenames
 - ☐ VDOT Roads
- Boundaries**

The map shows a region in Virginia with various colored overlays representing different conservation categories. A scale bar at the bottom indicates a scale of 1:288,895. The map also shows a scale of 1:288,895 and coordinates: Latitude: 37.3961, Longitude: -78.0542. The map is credited to National Geographic, Esri, Garmin, HERE, UNEP-WCMC, USGS, NASA, ESA, ...

Maximum possible score: 20

- > 50% of forested acreage: 20 points
- 1% – 49% of forested acreage: 10 points
- No acreage: 0 points

Example property score

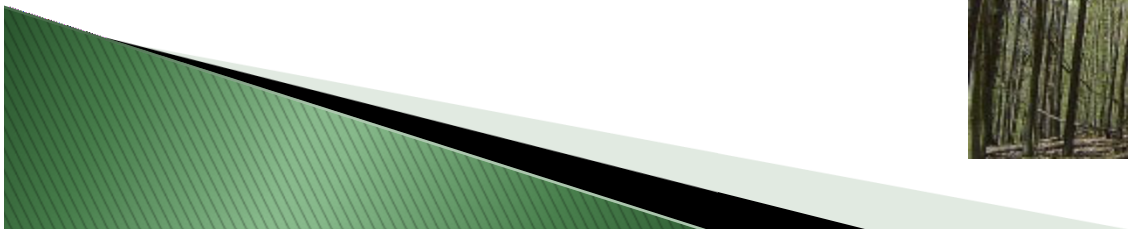
- 20 points

Example Results Summary

Criteria	Points	Possible Points
Property acreage	5	10
Percent forested	18	20
High FCV	13.4	15
Length of watercourses	6.25	15
Adjacency	5	5
Management	5	5
Forest land base preservation	8.3	10
ConserveVirginia	20	20
TOTALS	80.95	100

Take Aways

- ▶ Highly competitive category
- ▶ Run the scoring sheet
- ▶ Complete application
- ▶ Secondary category designations

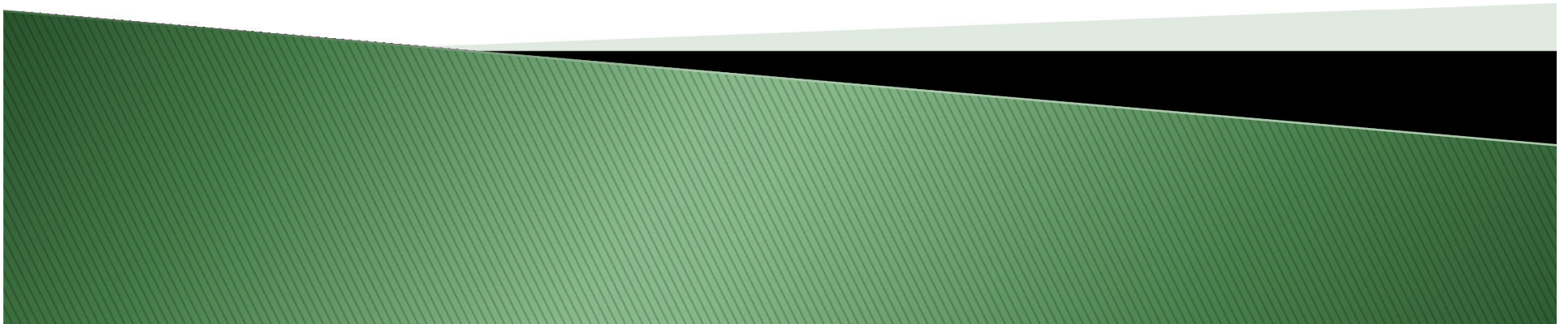


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Virginia Land Conservation Foundation

FY 21 Grant Round

Historic Area Preservation Category

Virginia Department of Historic Resources

Scoring Criteria: Historic Area Preservation Category

Criterion #1-Historic Significance

Maximum Score 35 points

Establishes the type of historic or cultural resource to be protected:

Architecturally significant building or structure, agricultural complex, archaeological site, historic landscape, sites of cultural importance, Civil War, Revolutionary War or War of 1812 battlefield or site, etc.

Strong proposals are likely to protect or preserve a resource that:

- Is listed on the Virginia Landmarks Register (VLR); or
- Is a Civil War, American Revolutionary War, or War of 1812 battlefield or site; or
- Is formally determined eligible for listing on the VLR; and
- Retains a high degree of historic integrity; and
- Is included in the ConserveVirginia Cultural and Historic Preservation category.

Applicant: _____

Criterion	Score	Notes
1) Historic Significance Maximum score: 35 1. <u>Historic Resource/Property is:</u> - o Individually listed on VLR or is a contributing resource in a listed historic district = 25 - o Determined by DHR to be eligible for listing on VLR = 10 -OR- 2. <u>Historic Resource/Property is:</u> - o Civil War, Revolutionary War, or War of 1812 site or battlefield designated as Priority I, II, III, or IV in the Battlefield Reports (see page 7 of Grant manual) = 25 -AND- 3. <u>Other (more than one may apply):</u> - o Resources that do not meet the criteria above = 5 - o Resources with high degree of historic integrity = 5		
2) Threat Maximum score: 15 • Currently on the market for sale, in an estate being settled, threatened by development, or in imminent danger of demolition = 15 • Recently on the market for sale, resource is vacant/unoccupied, or resource is significantly deteriorated and in need of immediate preservation = 10 • Adjacent to similar property currently on the market for sale or sold within the previous calendar year = 5 • No documentation of threat = 0		
3) Use and Treatment of Historic Resources and Property Maximum score: 10 • Plans for future use(s) (e.g. interpretation as a historic site, subdivision, timber harvest) of the property are appropriate and consistent with historic resource stewardship and protection = 5 • Plans for treatment, alteration, and maintenance of historic resources on the property are appropriate and consistent with historic resource stewardship and protection = 5 • No documentation of plans for uses of property or treatment of historic resources = 0		
4) Historic Resource Protection Maximum score: 10 • Proposed easement terms and restrictions provide comprehensive protection for historic resources and are specifically consistent with VBHR easement template = 10 • Proposed easement terms and protections for historic resources are acceptable, and generally consistent with VBHR easement template = 5		
5) Adjacency to Conserved Land Maximum score: 5 • Adjacent to existing conserved land = 5 • In viewshed of, or in close physical proximity to significant historic resources, and/or existing conserved land = 3 • Not in viewshed of, or in close physical proximity to significant historic resources or existing conserved land, but represents unique cultural resource within the geographical area = 1		
6) Further Public Interests Maximum Score: 5 • Project includes specific plans for programs that promote research, education, community outreach, or heritage tourism = 5 • Project includes general plans for programs to be developed that would promote research, education, community outreach, or heritage tourism = 3 • Project contains no specific plans that would further public interests = 0		
7) ConserveVirginia Maximum score: 20 Is the property included in ConserveVirginia? • 50 to 100% of the project is included in ConserveVirginia Cultural and Historic Preservation Category = 20 points • 1 to 49% of the project is included in ConserveVirginia Cultural and Historic Preservation Category = 10 points		
Total Maximum Score 100 points _____		



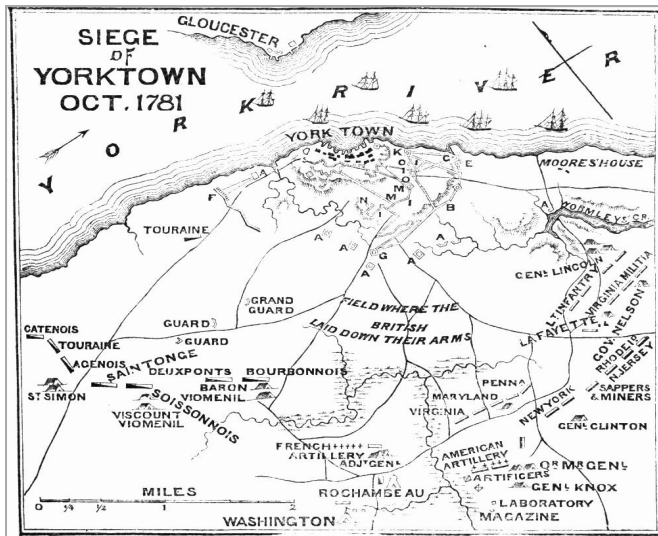
Criterion #1-Historic Significance:

Resource or Property is Individually Listed on the VLR
(25 points)



Criterion #1-Historic Significance:

Resource or Property is a Contributing Resource to an
Historic District Listed on the VLR; or
(25 points)



Resource or Property is a Civil War, Revolutionary War, or War of 1812 Virginia Battlefield or Site
(25 points)

Evaluation of Battlefields:

If not listed on the VLR, battlefield or site must be identified with a priority rating in one of the following reports administered by the National Park Service's American Battlefield Protection Program:

- ***Report on the Nation's Civil War Battlefields*** (1993, as amended)
- ***Report to Congress on the Historic Preservation of Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Sites in the United States*** (2007, as amended)

Report on the Nation's Civil War Battlefields **Preservation Priority Ratings:**

Priority I:

Battlefields with a critical need for action

Priority II:

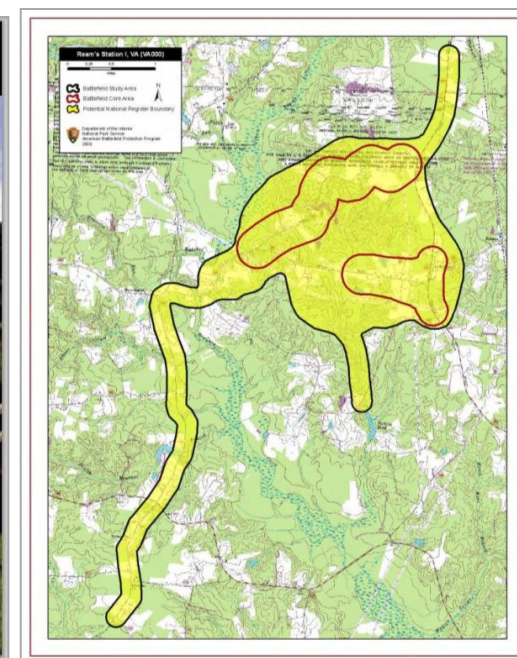
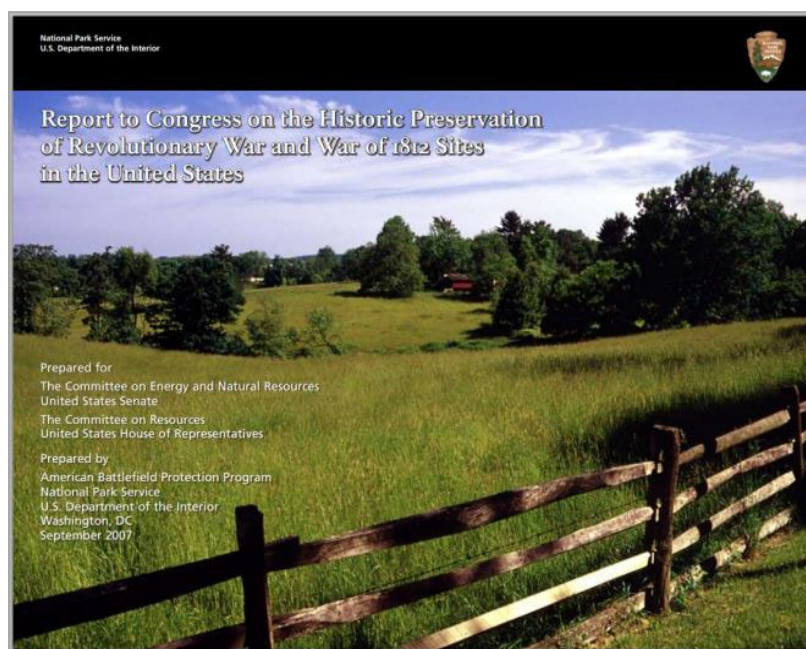
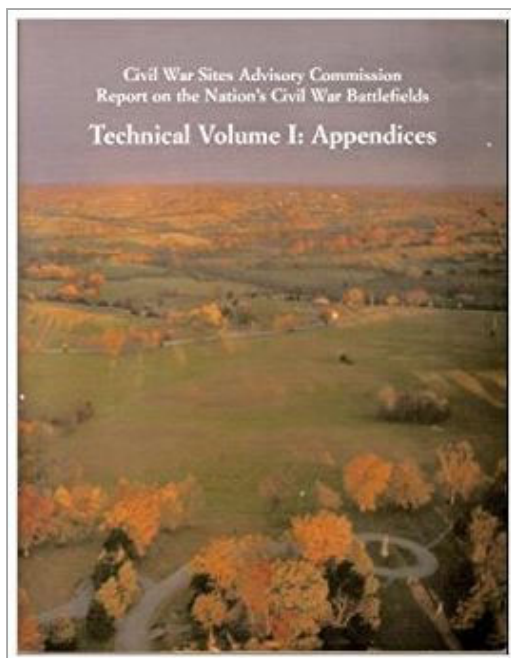
Battlefields with potential for comprehensive preservation

Priority III:

Battlefields needing additional protection

Priority IV:

Fragmented battlefields



Criterion #1-Historic Significance:

Resource or Property was Formally Determined Eligible for Listing on VLR
(10 points)

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Preliminary Evaluation and Nomination Processes

Thank you for your interest in DHR's Historic Registers program. By undertaking a nomination project, you are contributing to the public understanding of Virginia's history, architecture, and archaeology.

Please know that there are no "typical" nomination projects, as each place has been shaped by its own unique circumstances.

The same nomination packet is prepared for both the [Virginia Landmarks Register](#) (VLR) and the [National Register of Historic Places](#) (NRHP).

Although listing in both the state and national registers is honorary, there are stringent standards regarding the historical research, photography, mapping, field inspection, and architectural analysis that make up a nomination packet. To meet these requirements, you will need to be patient, thorough, and detail-oriented.

If you are new to the Historic Registers program, please refer to this [step-by-step breakdown](#) of the register process.

Next, contact the DHR [Regional Preservation Office](#) that serves the area where your property or historic district is located. A regional staff member will be your first point of contact as you begin work on documenting your property or district.

DHR manages the registers program as a two-step process consisting of evaluation for eligibility and then nomination for listing on both registers.

Step One: The Preliminary Information Form (PIF):

DHR's [Preliminary Information Form](#) (PIF) provides baseline information for evaluating a property's eligibility for the historic registers and is intended to allow a property owner to move forward on a preliminary evaluation without a lot of up front costs or investment of time:

- Submit a completed PIF to the [Regional](#) staff member you've been working with on your project. You may find it helpful to refer to these examples of completed PIFs:
 - Historic District
 - [Wasena Historic District](#), City of Roanoke
 - Individual Property
 - [Clifton Forge Armory](#), Alleghany Co.
 - [Hiram Clem Farm](#), Shenandoah Co.

Important Links for Register Information

[Registers Homepage](#)

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DHR Historic Trades

- Category for properties that may not be listed on the VLR, but have been determined eligible for listing by DHR
- Eligibility determination made through DHR's process for evaluation and listing on the VLR
- Official listing on the VLR will be required for properties awarded funding under this section



Criterion #1-Historic Significance:

Other (more than one may apply):

- Resources that do not meet the criteria above **(5 points)**
 - *Contact DHR Archives at 804.482.6102 for assistance in determining whether a property is listed on the VLR or has been determined eligible for listing on the VLR.*
 - *Official listing on the VLR will be required by project completion for properties awarding funding under this criterion in order to meet the Virginia Board of Historic Resources (VBHR) Easement Program eligibility requirements.*
- Resources with a high degree of historic integrity **(5 points)**

Criterion #2-Threat:

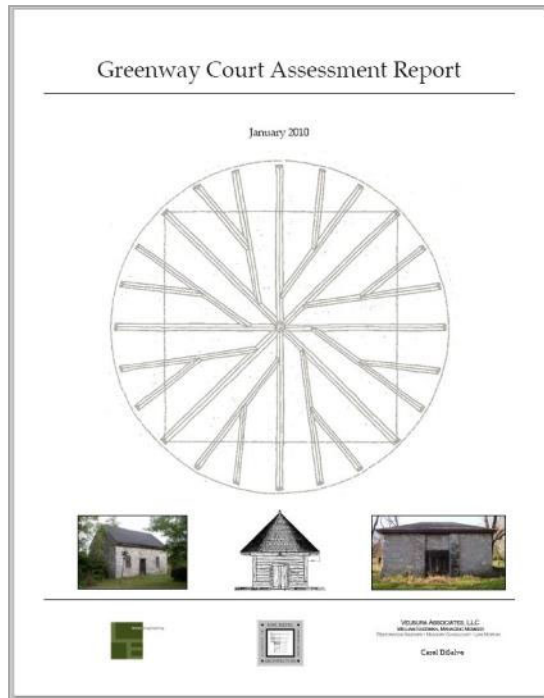
Maximum Score 15 points

- Currently on market for sale, in an estate being settled, threatened by development, OR in imminent danger of demolition **(15 points)**
- Recently on market for sale, vacant/unoccupied, OR significantly deteriorated and in need of immediate preservation **(10 points)**
- Adjacent to similar property currently on market for sale OR sold within previous calendar year **(5 points)**
- No documentation of threat **(0 points)**



Criterion #3-Use & Treatment of Historic Resources and Property:

Maximum Score 10 points



- Plans for future use(s) of property are appropriate and consistent with historic resource stewardship and protection **(5 points)**
- Plans for treatment, alteration, and maintenance of historic resources on the property are appropriate and consistent with historic resource stewardship and protection **(5 points)**
- No documentation of plans for uses of property or treatment of historic resources **(0 points)**

Note:

- ❖ *Any related reports and plans for property may be submitted with application*
- ❖ *All proposals and/or project plans must be consistent with Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Treatment of Historic Properties*



Criterion #4-Historic Resource Protection:

Maximum Score 10 points

- Proposed easement terms and restrictions provide comprehensive protection for historic resources AND are *specifically* consistent with VBHR easement template (10 points)
- Proposed easement terms and protections for historic resources are acceptable, AND are *generally* consistent with VBHR easement template (5 points)

BATTLEFIELD EASEMENT TEMPLATE–NONPROFIT

This sample deed is provided to assist landowners and their attorneys in preparing deeds of easement to be conveyed to the Virginia Board of Historic Resources (VBHR). As each property contains unique Preservation and Conservation Values, the easement language will be tailored to each individual property and the resources to be protected. The Virginia Department of Historic Resources (VDHR) staff may recommend additional provisions appropriate to the individual property and its resources. Landowners should discuss present and future land management practices with staff before preparation of the deed of easement.

If any federal and/or state grant funds have been or will be awarded or transferred to the Grantor for the full or partial purchase of the property in fee simple or of this easement, additional restrictions and legal obligations may apply. Please contact the relevant federal and/or state agency responsible for the applicable grant fund for more information.

Neither the VBHR nor the VDHR can provide legal or tax advice; grantors are strongly advised to obtain the counsel of independent attorneys and/or tax advisors. This template is designed for nonprofit grantors and does not meet federal or state requirements for a federal deduction or state tax credits as a charitable contribution of an interest in real property.

Regardless of the nature of the transaction, this deed of easement is perpetual and runs with the land in perpetuity.
[September 20, 2018; revised February 5, 2019]

NOTE TO TITLE EXAMINERS: This perpetual easement contains restrictions on permitted uses and activities on the property described below, which run with the land and are applicable to the property in perpetuity.

PREPARED BY:

[If prepared by other than VDHR, provide name, organization, address]

[If by an attorney, Name and VSB No.]

Prepared under the supervision of
The Office of the Attorney General of Virginia

When recorded, please return to:
Virginia Department of Historic Resources
2801 Kensington Avenue
Richmond, VA 23221

Title Insurance: [Name of insurer or None]

[As applicable] Tax Map/GPIN/Parcel Number:

Exempted from recordation taxes
under the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended,
§§ 58.1-811(A)(3) and 58.1-811(D)
and from Circuit Court Clerk's Fees under § 17.1-266

DEED OF GIFT OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND OPEN-SPACE EASEMENT

[PROPERTY NAME]

Battlefield

County

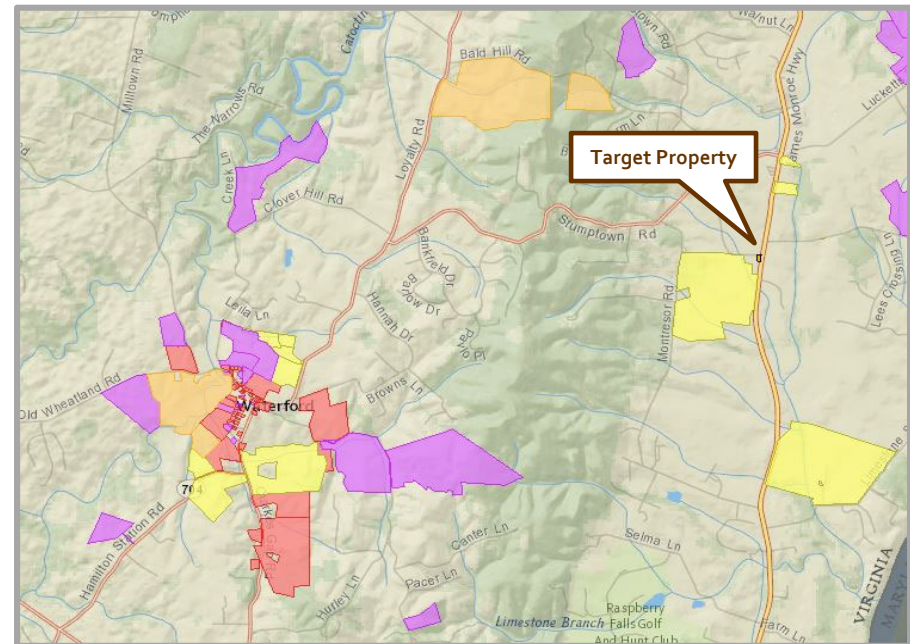
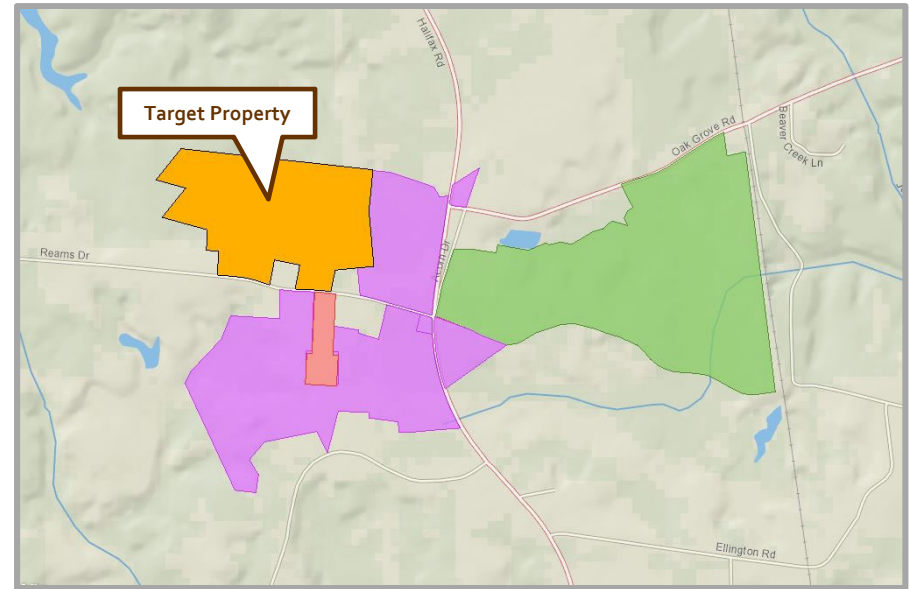
VDHR EASEMENT FILE NO. _____ ep

THIS DEED OF GIFT OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND OPEN-SPACE EASEMENT
("Deed of Easement") is made this _____ day of _____, 20____, by [Grantor name/title],
[if nonperson, describe legal status (corporation, nonprofit, etc.)] ("Grantor"), and the

Criterion #5-Adjacency to Conserved Lands:

Maximum Score 5 points

- Adjacent to existing conserved land **(5 points)**
- In viewshed of, or in close physical proximity to significant historic resources and/or existing conserved land **(3 points)**
- Not in viewshed of, or in close physical proximity to significant historic resources and/or existing conserved land, but represents unique cultural resource within geographical area **(1 point)**



Criterion #6-Further Public Interests:

Maximum Score 5 points

- Project includes *specific* plans for programs that promote research, education, community outreach or heritage tourism **(5 points)**
 - Applications that conserve resources associated with underrepresented communities and provide public educational opportunities to share untold stories and advance social equity are particularly encouraged
- Project includes *general* plans for programs to be developed that would promote research, education, community outreach or heritage tourism **(3 points)**
- Project contains no *specific* plans that would further public interests **(0 points)**

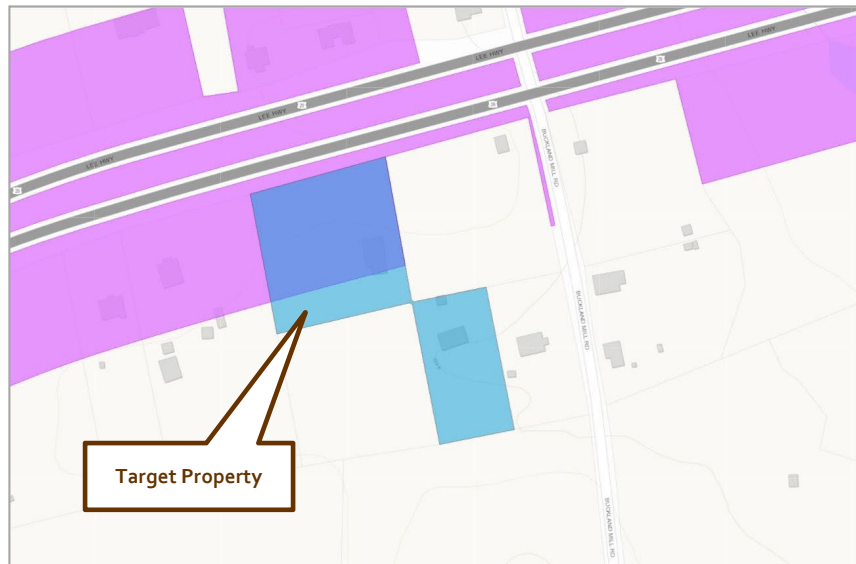


Criterion #7-Conserve Virginia:

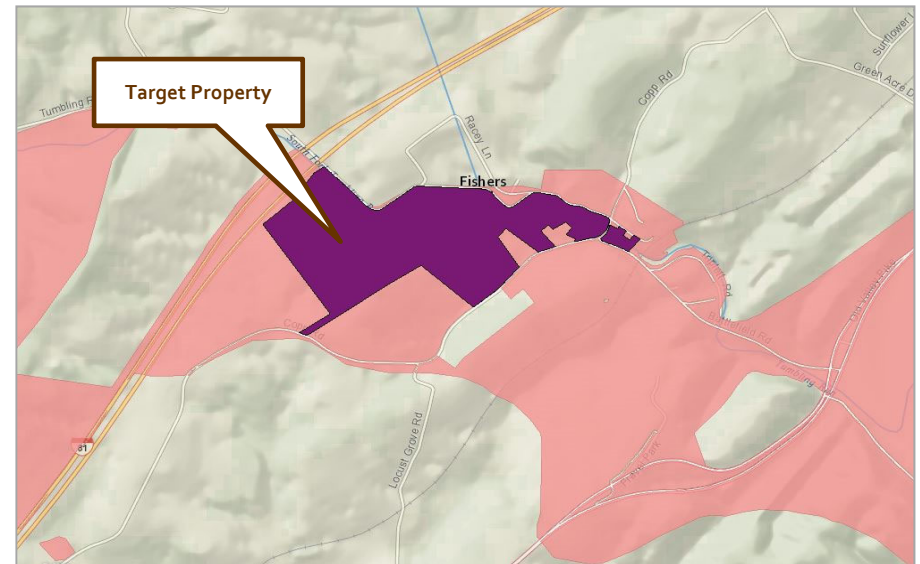
Maximum Score 20 points

Is the property included within the Cultural & Historic Preservation category in ConserveVirginia?

- 50 to 100% of the project is included in ConserveVirginia Cultural and Historic Preservation category **(20 points)**
- 1 to 49% of the project is included in ConserveVirginia Cultural and Historic Preservation category **(10 points)**



Partially within ConserveVirginia category



Fully within ConserveVirginia category

Additional Requirements for the *Historic Area Preservation Category*

Submit high quality photographs or digital images including:

- Exterior of the primary historic building/structure and any secondary buildings/structures, architecturally significant interior spaces and features, and the setting and viewshed of the primary resource
- For archaeological sites, a general view or site plan and images documenting the condition of the site
- For battlefields, the overall site, its setting and viewshed, and all historic and non-historic structures, roads, and other features within the battlefield or site



For Projects Awarded Grant Funds in the *Historic Area Preservation* Category:



- Property owner shall offer to convey to the Virginia Board of Historic Resources (VBHR) a perpetual historic preservation easement on the property to be acquired with grant funds
- VBHR decides whether to accept the easement offer based on established criteria and policies governing Easement Program
- Property must meet Easement Program eligibility requirements or DHR may recommend an alternative easement holder
- Listing on the Virginia Landmarks Register may be required
- Properties shall be open for public access a minimum of 2 days per calendar year



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VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HISTORIC RESOURCES

EASEMENT APPLICATION FORM

PART A: GENERAL APPLICATION

Updated July 1, 2018
<https://www.dhr.virginia.gov/easements/>

A-1. TRACT/PROPERTY INFORMATION		
Property/Project Name:		County/City:
Property Street Address:		
City/Town:	State:	Zip Code:
Total Acres Proposed for Easement:		
Total Acres of Property (if different from acreage to be eased):		
Tax Map ID or PIN No(s):	Parcel Area (Acres):	Proposed Easement Area (Acres):
A-2. OWNERSHIP INFORMATION		
(i). Is the property owned by a corporate entity? ☐ Yes ☐ No		
(ii). Is the property held in trust? ☐ Yes ☐ No		
Owner #1		
Contact Name:		
Address:		
City/Town:	State:	Zip Code:
Phone:	Email:	
Owner #2 (As Applicable)		
Contact Name:		
Address:		
City/Town:	State:	Zip Code:
Phone:	Email:	
A-3. APPLICANT INFORMATION (IF DIFFERENT FROM OWNER)		
Applicant Name/Organization:		
Contact Name & Title:		
Address:		
City/Town:	State:	Zip Code:
Phone:	Email:	
(i). Is the applicant submitting this application on behalf of the property owner? ☐ Yes ☐ No		
(ii). If the applicant intends to acquire the property, what is the anticipated date of closing?		
(iii). Will the property be owned by a corporate entity at the time of easement recordation? ☐ Yes ☐ No		
Note: If applicant is different from property owner, owner must submit a signed letter indicating that the applicant is authorized to submit an application on their behalf and that DHR is authorized to communicate with the applicant regarding owner's property.		
A-4. CONSERVATION VALUES ASSOCIATED WITH PROPERTY		
Briefly describe the property (e.g. topography, adjacent streets/roads, water bodies, adjacent development).		

DHR Easement Application Form (7/1/2018)

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Contact Information:

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Easement Program Coordinator
Wendy.musumeci@dhr.virginia.gov
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Easement Program Architect
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Resources:

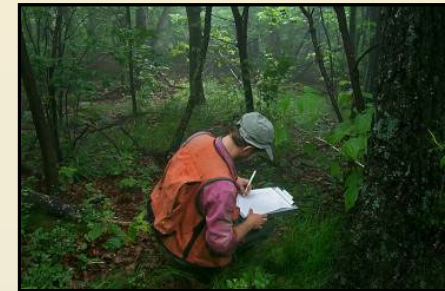
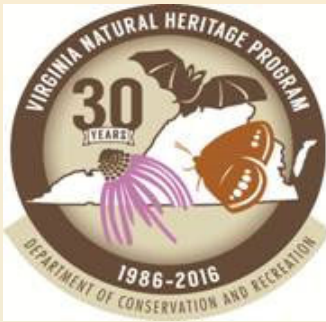
- Virginia Department of Historic Resources
www.dhr.virginia.gov
- List of properties on the VLR:
<https://www.dhr.virginia.gov/historic-registers/>
- CWSAC Civil War battlefield ratings:
<https://irma.nps.gov/DataStore/Reference/Profile/2274482>
- Revolutionary War and War of 1812 battlefield ratings:
<https://irma.nps.gov/DataStore/Reference/Profile/2274495>



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Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation Division of Natural Heritage



VA Natural Heritage Program

Science-based, systematic approaches to identify & protect biological diversity

- >40 years of methodological development
- 30 years of data collection on plants, animals, vegetation, caves & karst



Conserving Virginia's biodiversity through inventory, protection, & stewardship

- Proven biological expertise
- Innovative data services, models & conservation tools
- Focused land protection
- Committed land stewardship



30 species new to science &
300 new to Virginia



Natural Heritage Methodology

Sites ranked:

Essential: 472

Conservation sites delineated: 2,735

Element Occurrences ranked:

A, B, C, D, E, F, H, X, “essential”

Element Occurrences mapped: 9,235

Elements ranked:

Global: 1–5, State: 1–5

Elements Tracked:

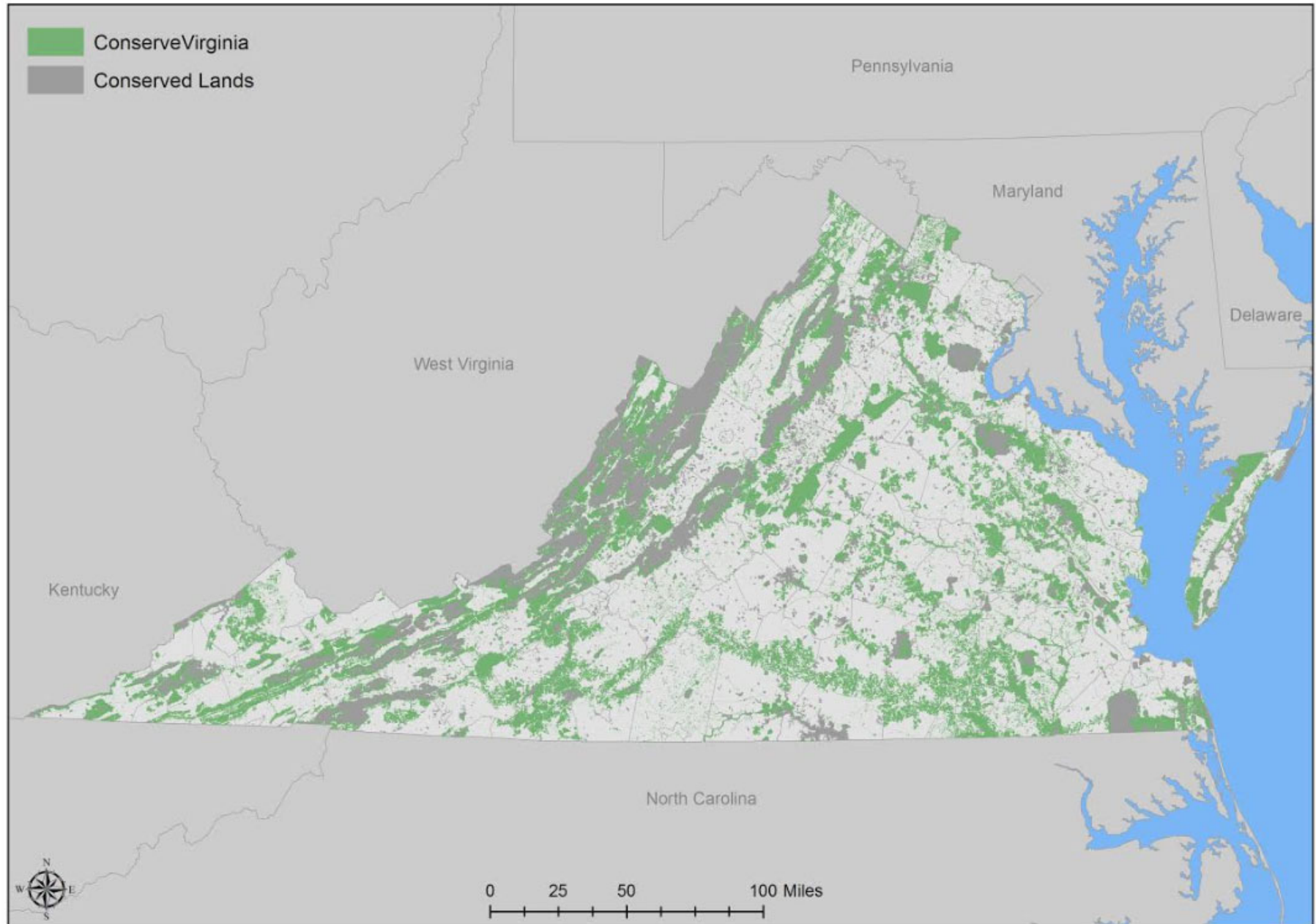
Natural communities: 528

Plant species: 709

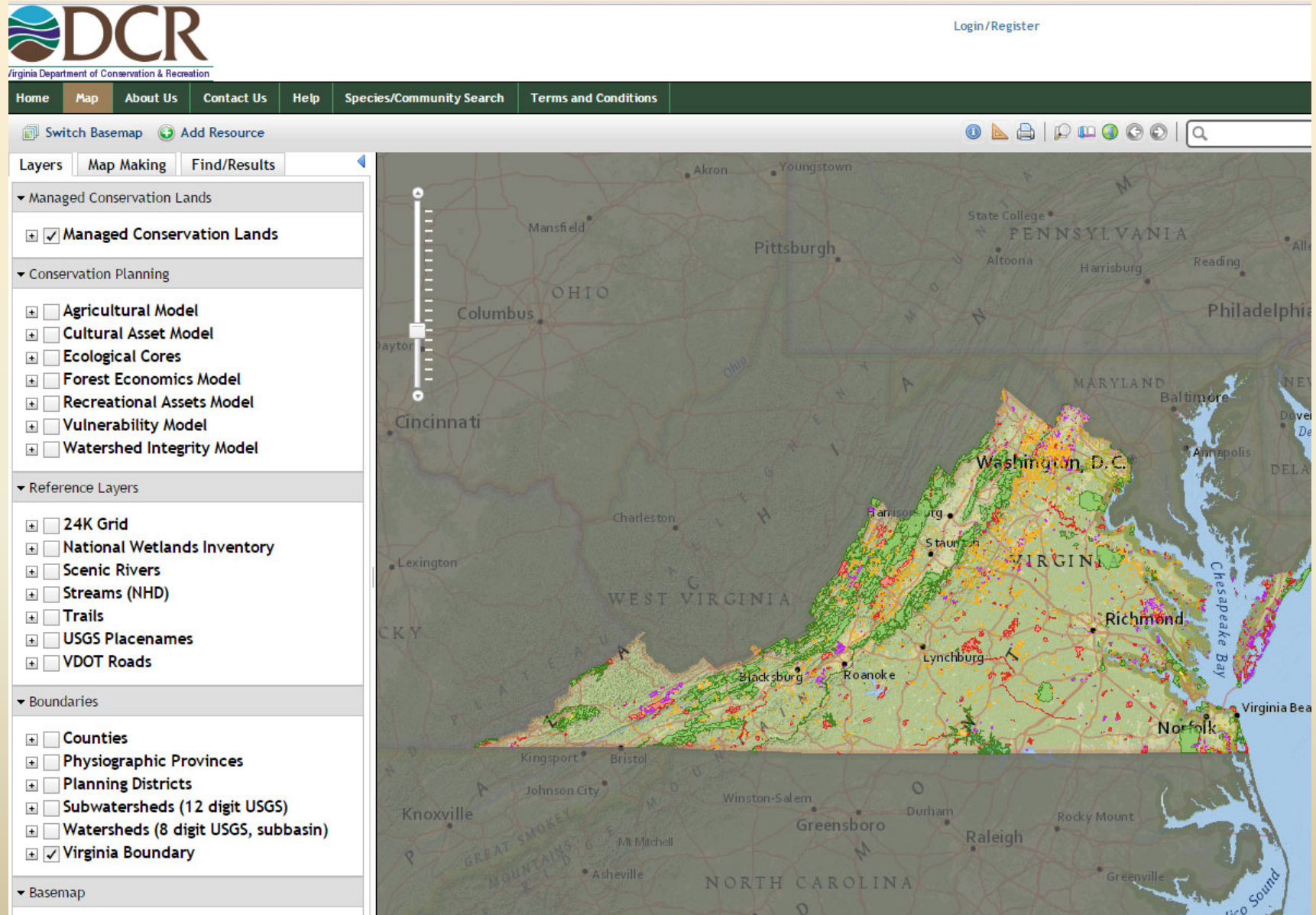
Animal species: 796



ConserveVirginia



Natural Heritage Data Explorer (NHDE)



Virginia Natural Area Preserves Act (1989)

The Department shall...

“Preserve the natural diversity of biological resources of the Commonwealth”

- Estimated 35,000 species of plants, animals, invertebrates, natural communities



Virginia Natural Area Preserves Act (1989)

The Department shall...

“Preserve the natural diversity of biological resources of the Commonwealth”

Maintain a Natural Heritage Program to:

- Select and nominate areas containing natural heritage resources for registration, acquisition, and dedication of natural areas and **natural area preserves.**

Natural Area Preserves

- Statewide system of lands
- Designed to protect & conserve natural heritage resources
- voluntary partnership with landowners
- “dedicated” in perpetuity under Open Space Lands Act, with statutory protection against condemnation
- Deed language for “preservation of natural heritage resources”
- Nearly the only lands in the Commonwealth with the specific mission & intent

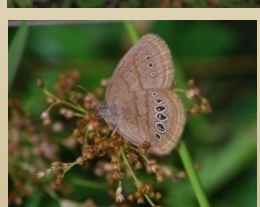
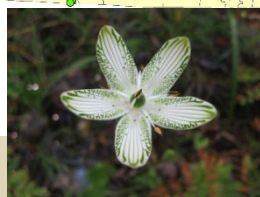
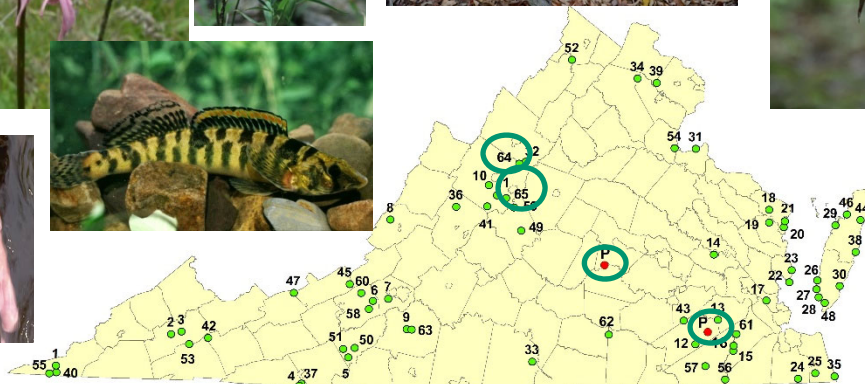
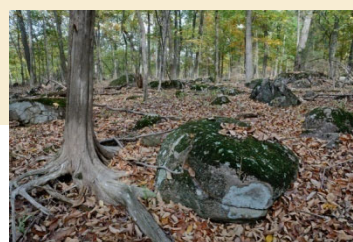
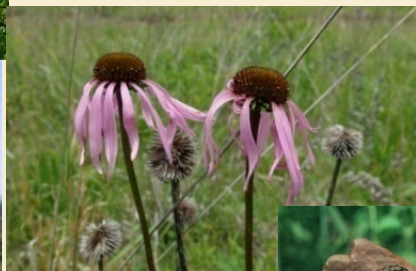
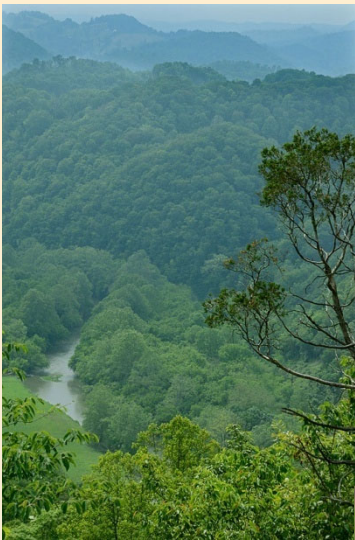
Natural Area Preserves



Southern Appalachian Shrub Bald @
The Channels State Natural Area Preserve
Washington/Russell Co.



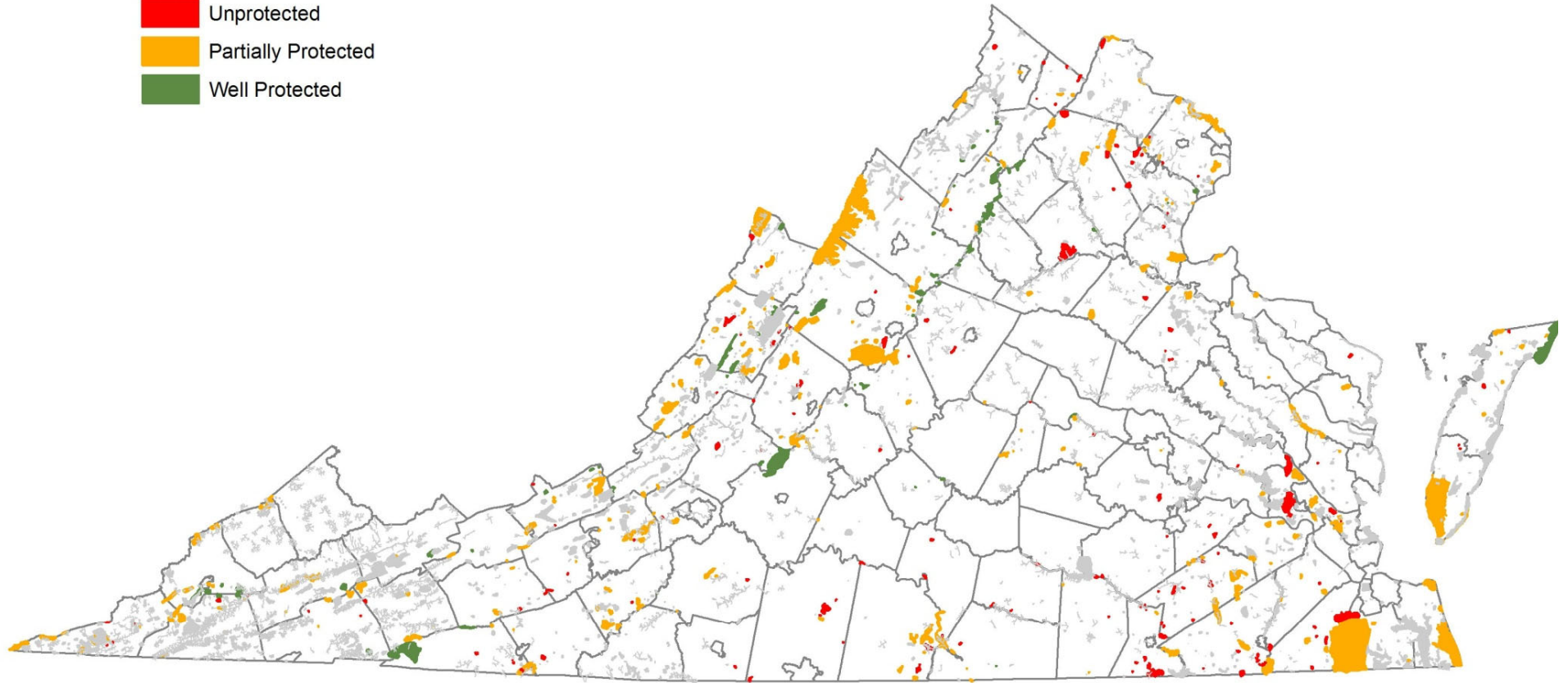
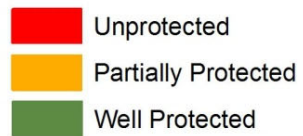
Shenandoah Valley Prairie Fen @
Cowbane Prairie State Natural Area Preserve
Augusta Co.



Essential Conservation Sites

..... key areas of the landscape where protection and stewardship action is most critically needed to ensure the long-term viability of one or more natural heritage resources that are the best example(s) known to remain in Virginia.





~ 25% sites – fully protected
~ 54 % sites – partially protected & significant
conservation partners exist
< 20% sites – fully private ownership

Natural Area Preserve System

**Locations strongly informed
by science**

**Goal is to be efficient &
comprehensive**

**MOST SITES DO NOT
QUALIFY**

Virginia Land Conservation Foundation

Natural Area Protection Category



43 tracts
since 2000

Identifying the best available Natural Areas

VLCF Scoring Criteria:

Biodiversity Significance (35 pts)

Ecological Integrity (20 pts)

Management Needs,

Likelihood of Success, & Threat (25 pts)

ConserveVirginia (20 pts)

1. Biodiversity Significance (Max 35 pts) (see NHDE)

- a. Conservation Site Significance (20 pts)
 - b. Parcel Significance (10 pts)
- c. Global Significance/Site ranking (5 pts)



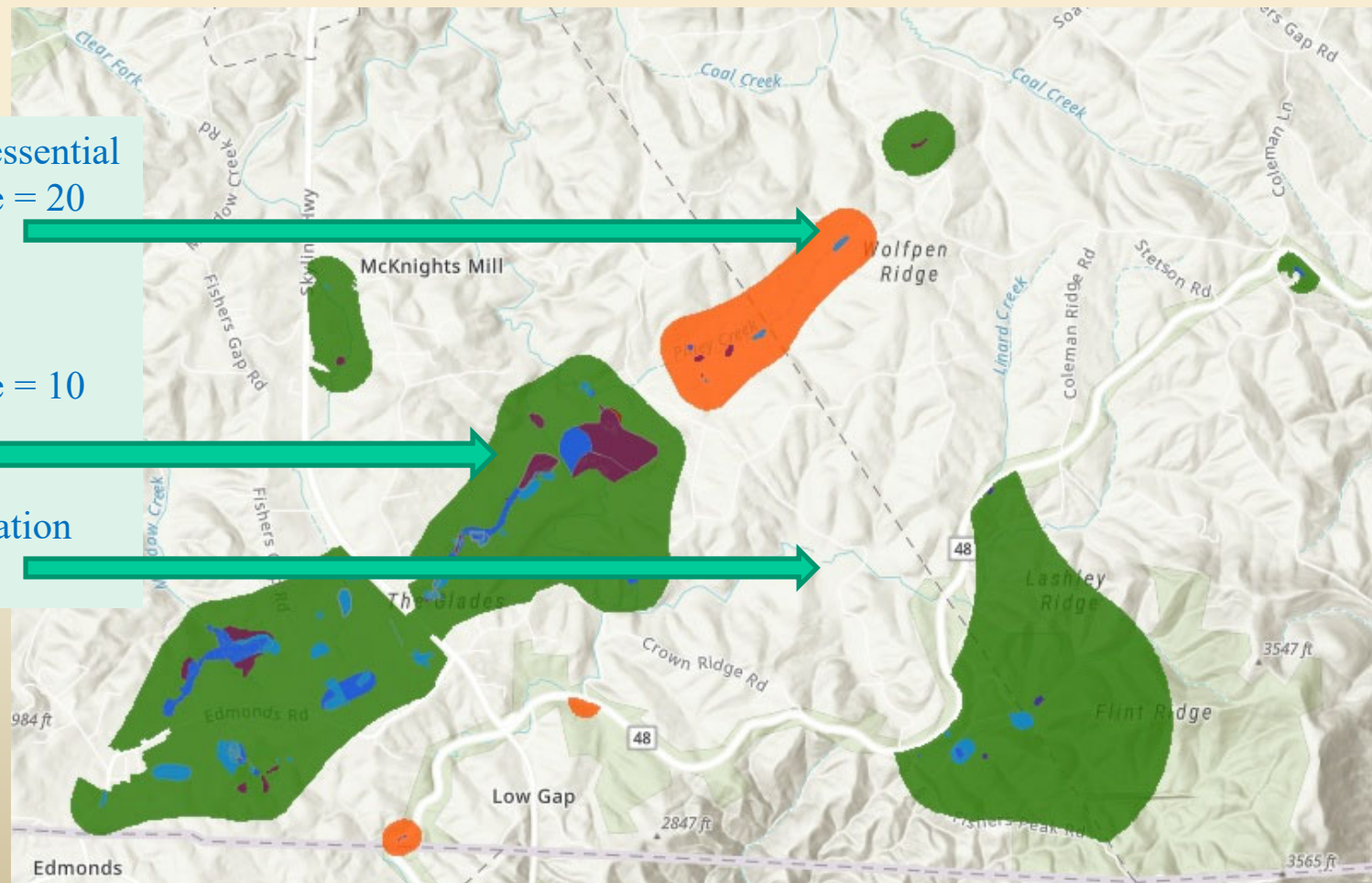
1.a Conservation Site Significance (Max 20 pts)

Will the proposed project protect one or more of Virginia's highest quality examples of a natural heritage resource?

Located within essential
conservation site = 20
pts

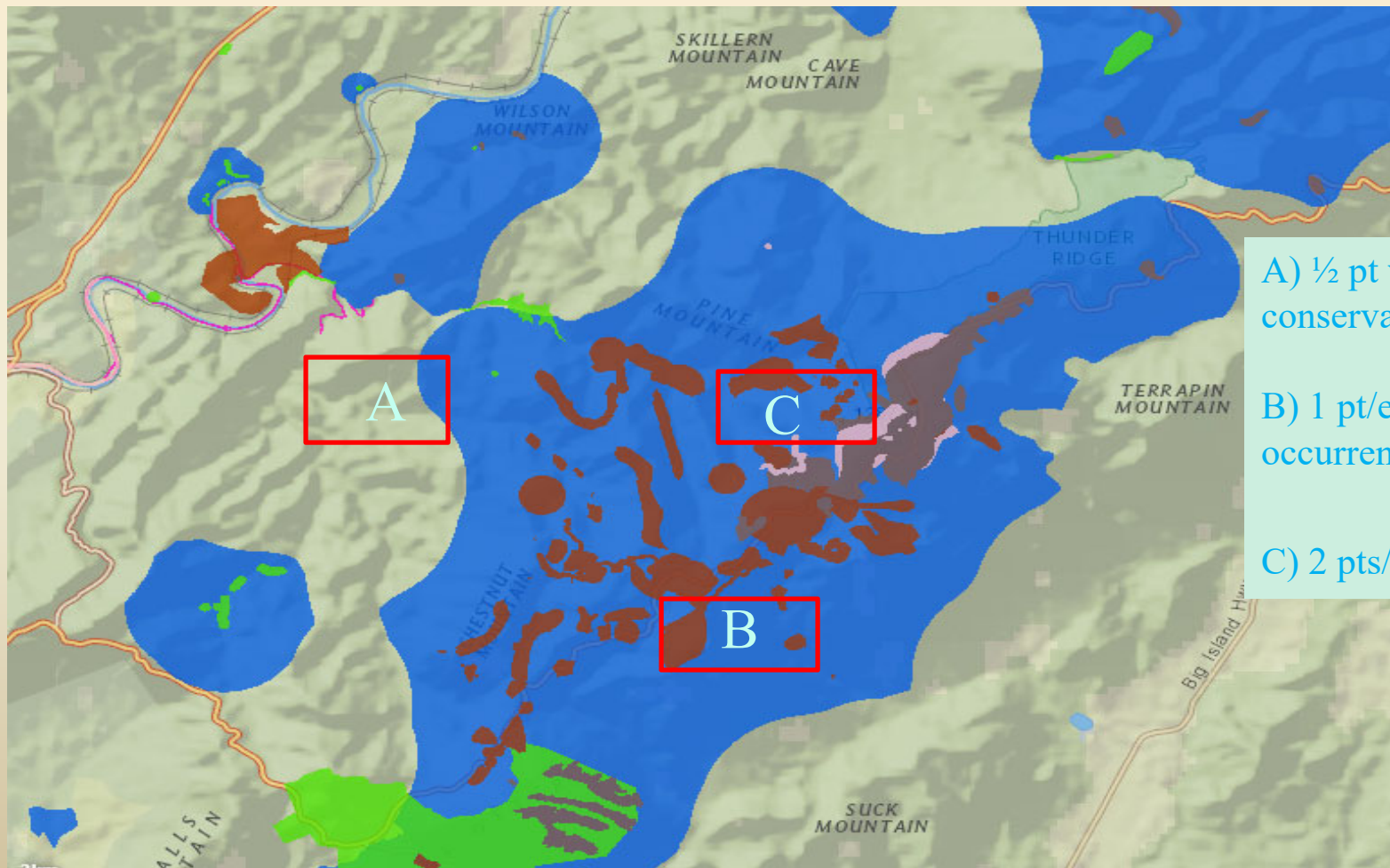
Located within
conservation site = 10
pts

Outside conservation
site = 0 pts



1.b Parcel Significance (Max 10 pts)

How many heritage elements are present on the subject parcel, or associated with it?



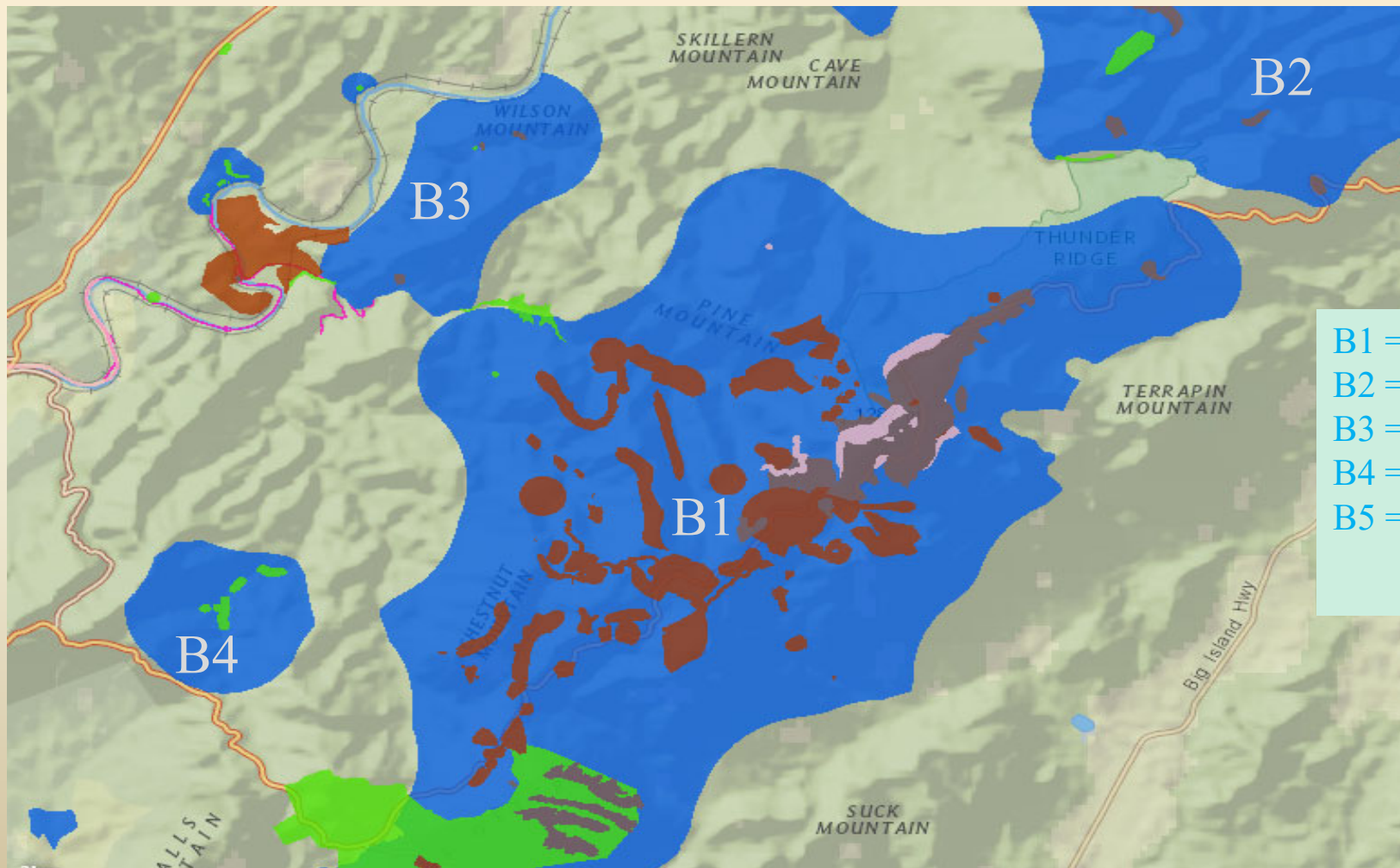
A) ½ pt within
conservation site

B) 1 pt/element
occurrence

C) 2 pts/essential

1.c Site Significance (Max 5 pts)

What is the standardized biodiversity rank of each site ?



2. Ecological Integrity (Max 20 pts)

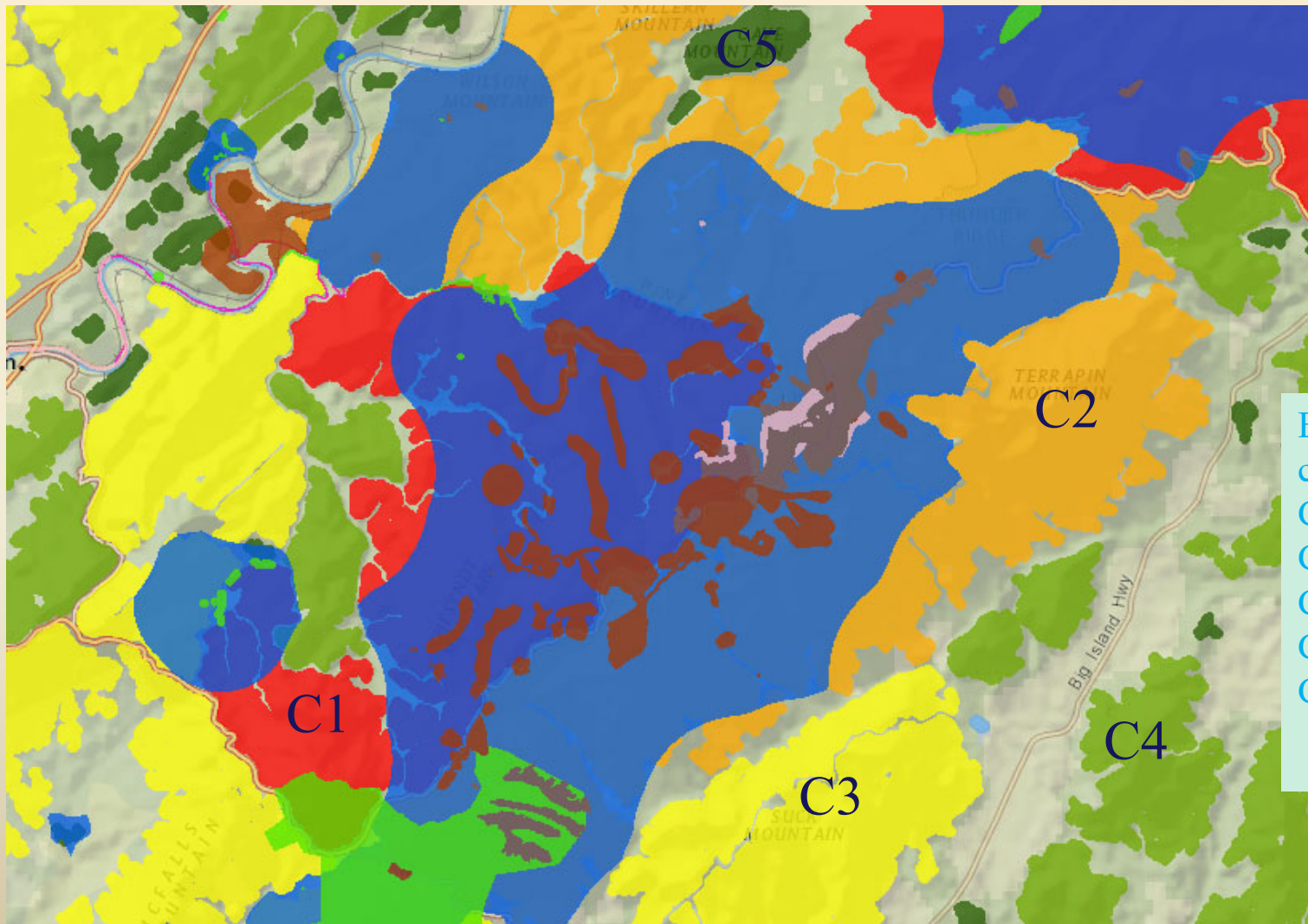
Landscape Integrity (10 pts)

Parcel Integrity (5 pts)

Connectivity (5 pts)

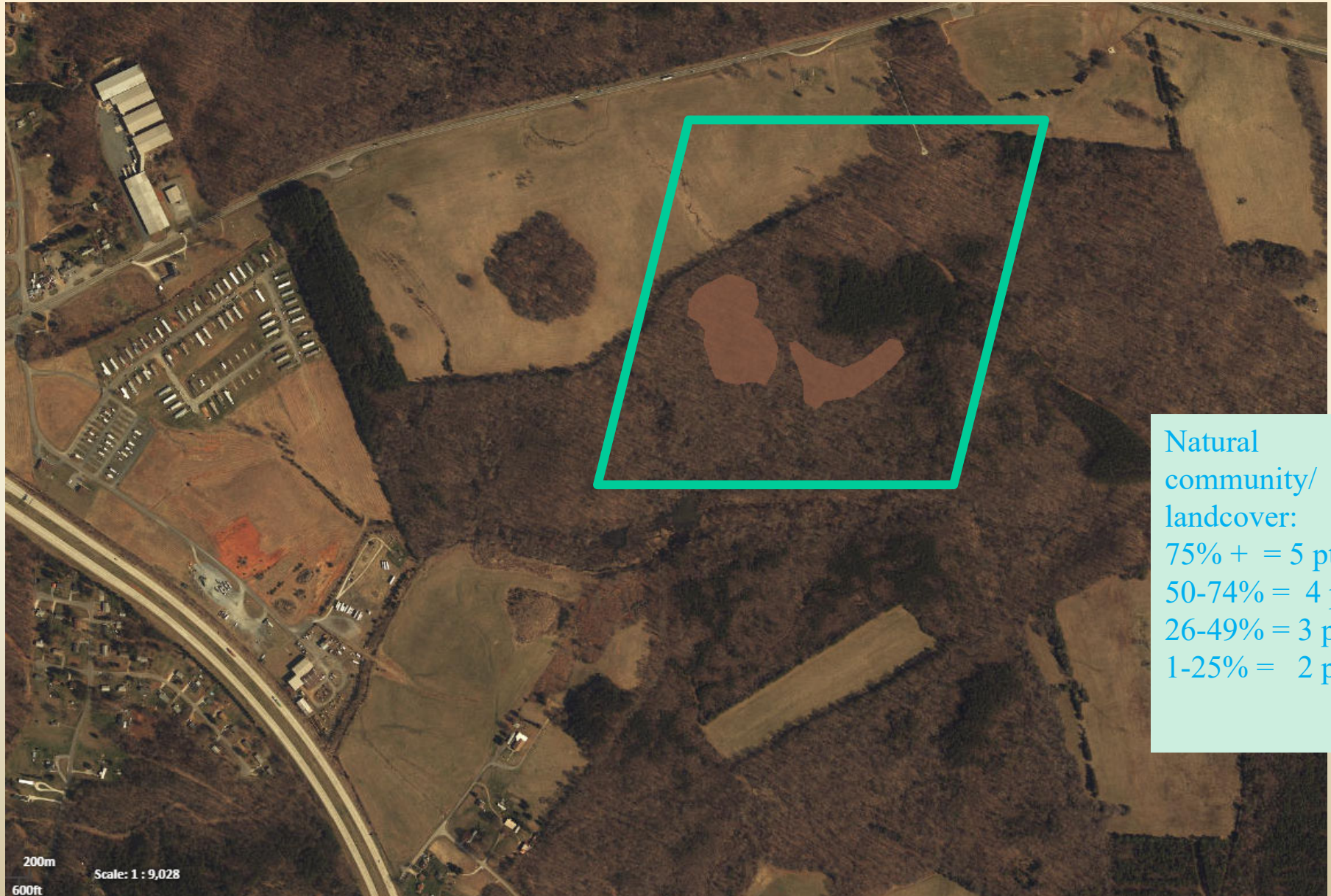


2.a Landscape Integrity (Max 10 pts)

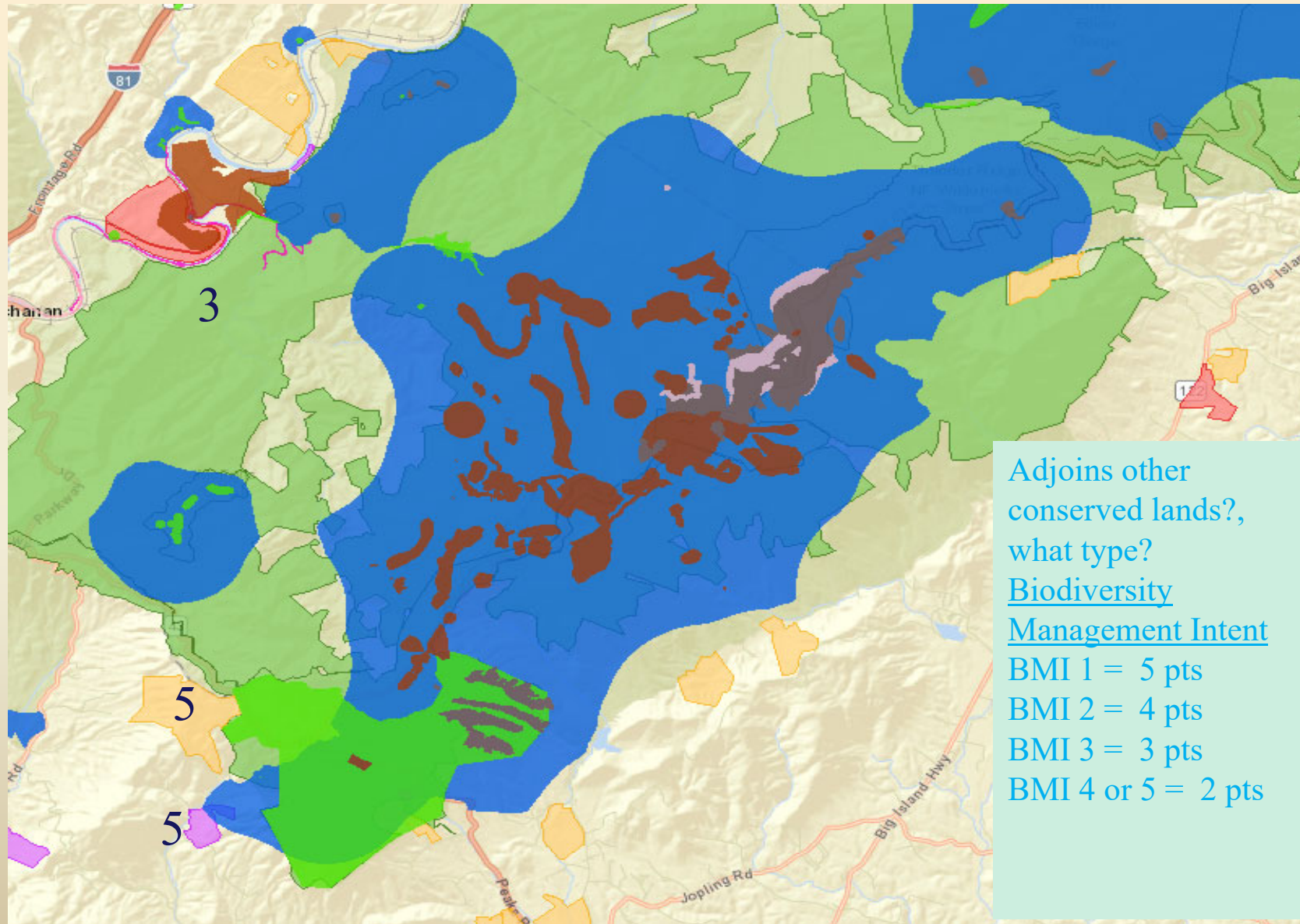


Ecological
cores:
C1 = 10 pts
C2 = 8 pts
C3 = 6 pts
C4 = 3 pts
C5 = 1 pt

2.B Parcel Integrity (Max 5 pts)



2.c Connectivity (Max 5 pts)



3. Management Needs, Likelihood of Success, Threat (Max 25 pts)



- a. Management Needs (10 pts)
- b. Management Capacity (8 pts)
- c. Site visit & owner contact (5 pts)
- d. Threats (2 pts)

3.a. Management Needs

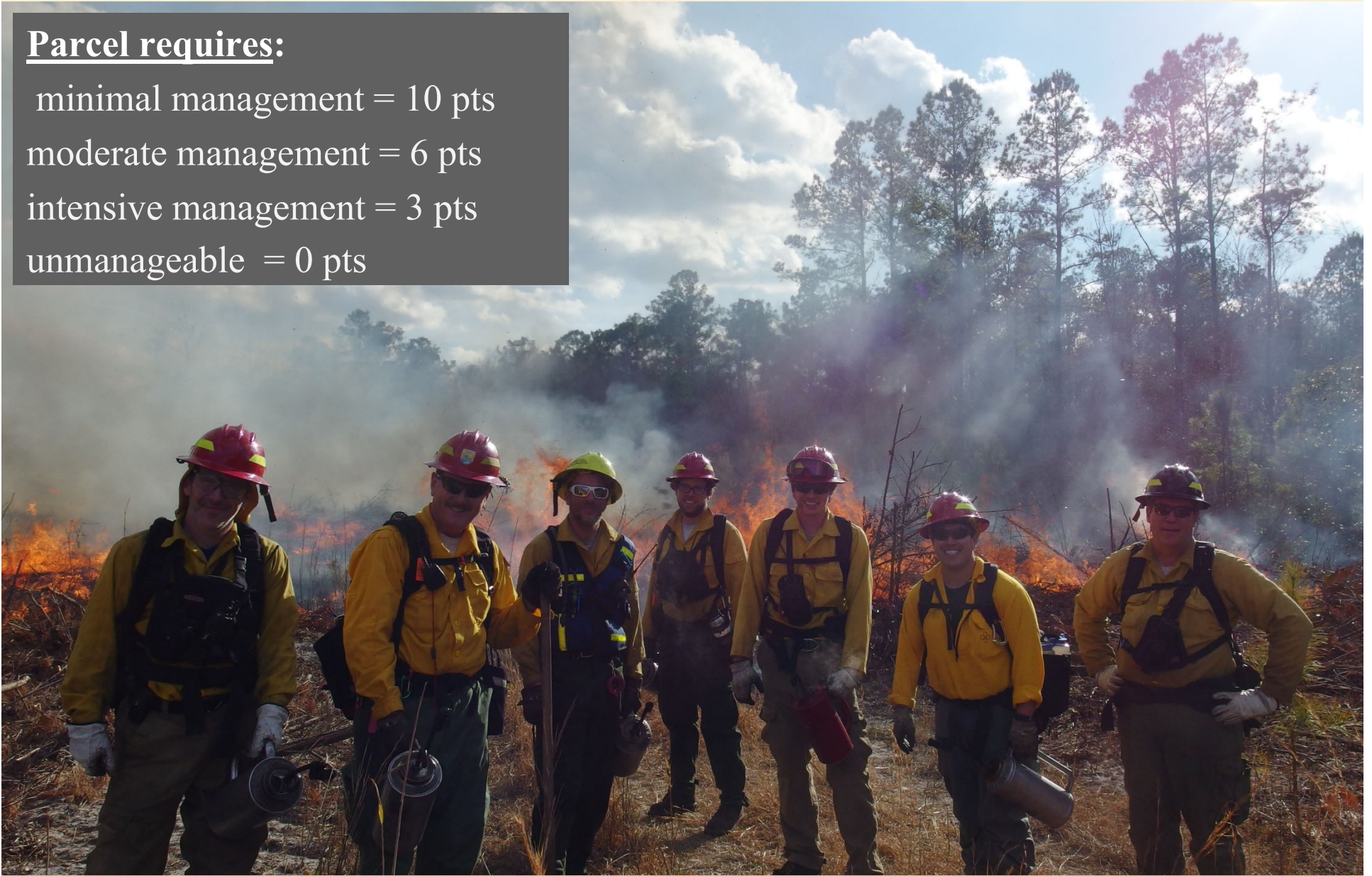
Parcel requires:

minimal management = 10 pts

moderate management = 6 pts

intensive management = 3 pts

unmanageable = 0 pts



3.a. Management Capacity

Does the applicant have proven experience & capacity (staff resources & expertise) to address mgt. needs?

Maximum score: 8

Application provides thorough narrative = 8 pts

Cursory discussion only = 4 pts

Mgt needs & capacity not addressed/applicant has no proven management experience = 0



3.a. Site visit & Owner contact

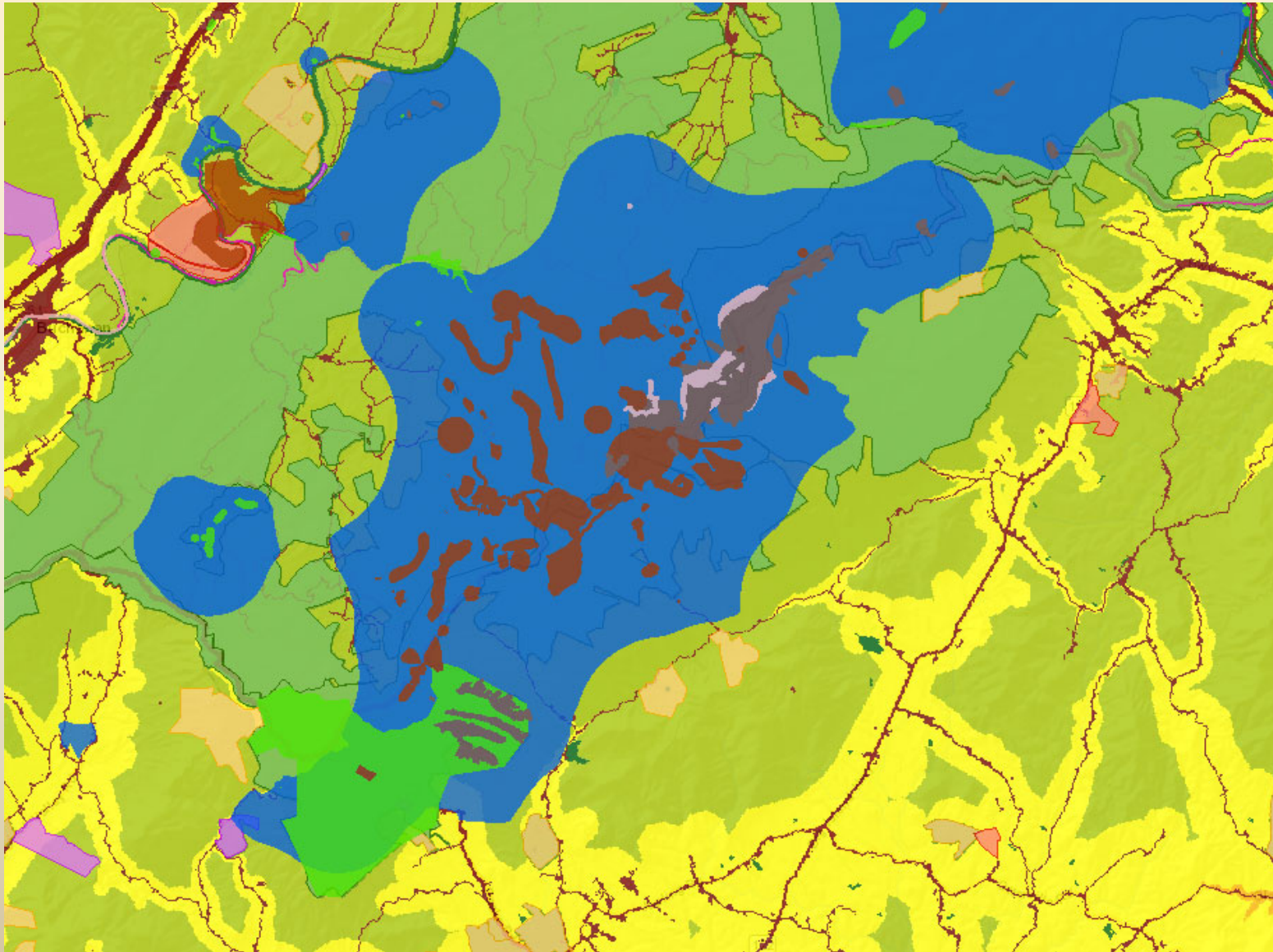
NHP staff have timely opportunity to visit the tract and discuss with landowner necessary conservation measures & implications of natural area dedication



Site visit & discussion = 5 pts,
site visit only = 3 pts,
discussion only = 2 pts,
neither = 0 pts



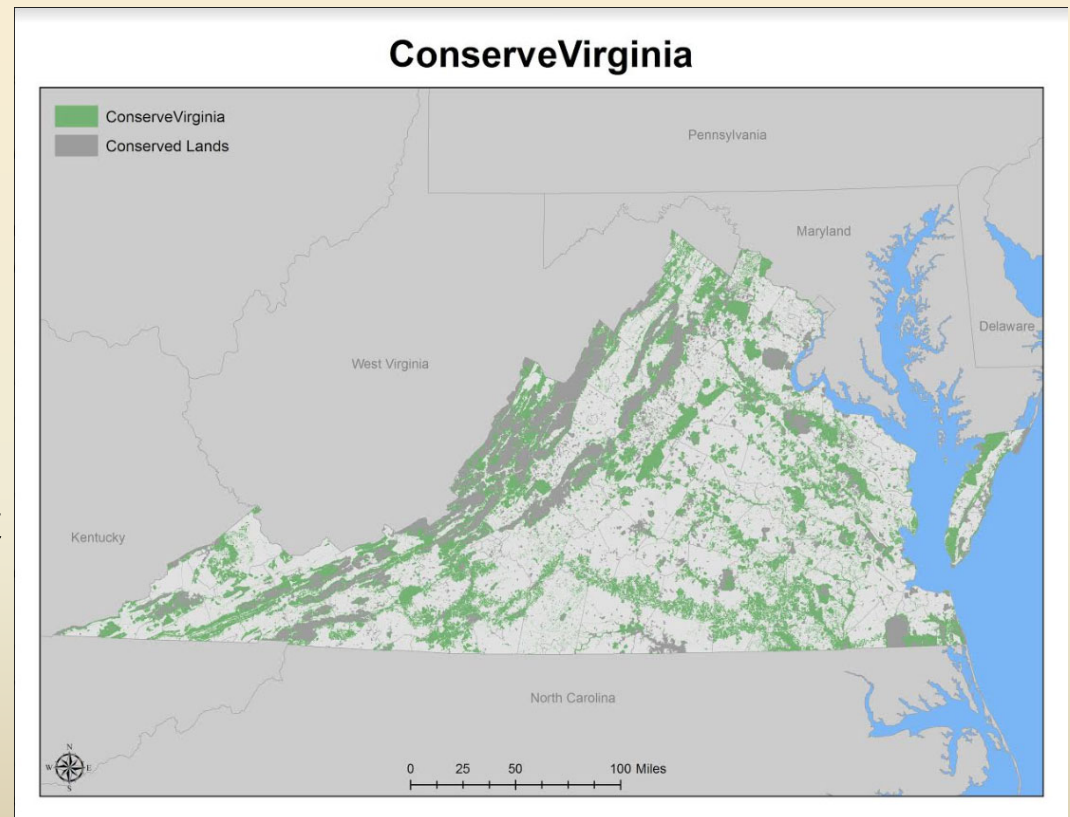
3.d. Threats (Development Vulnerability)



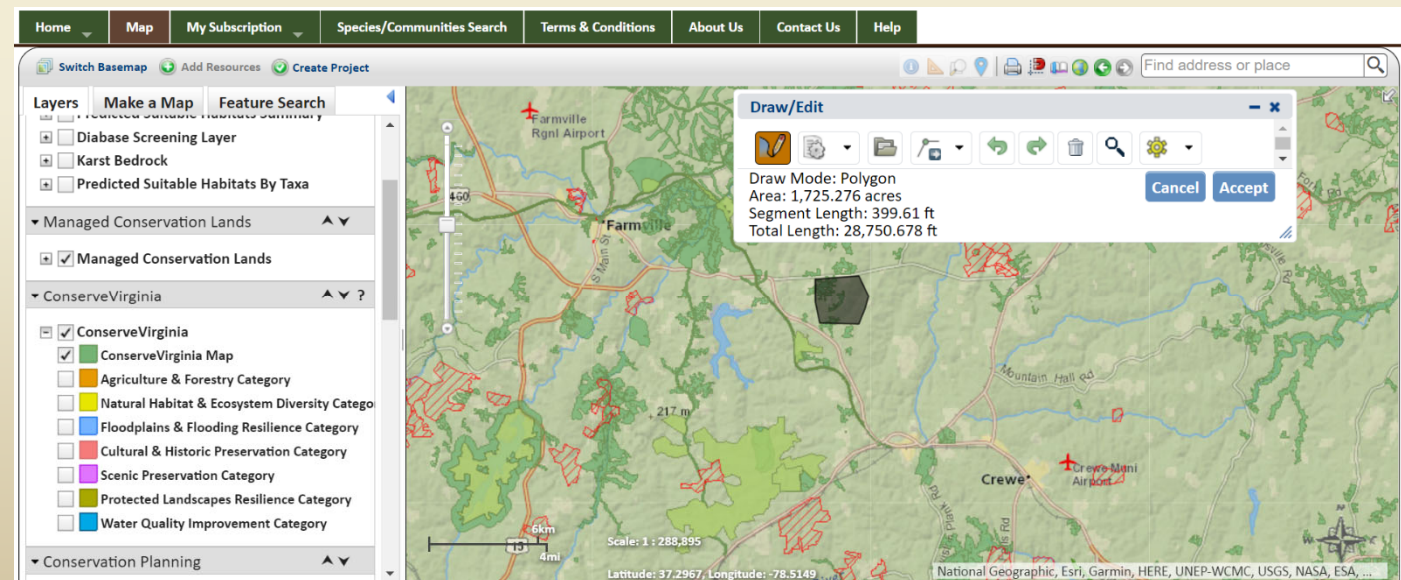
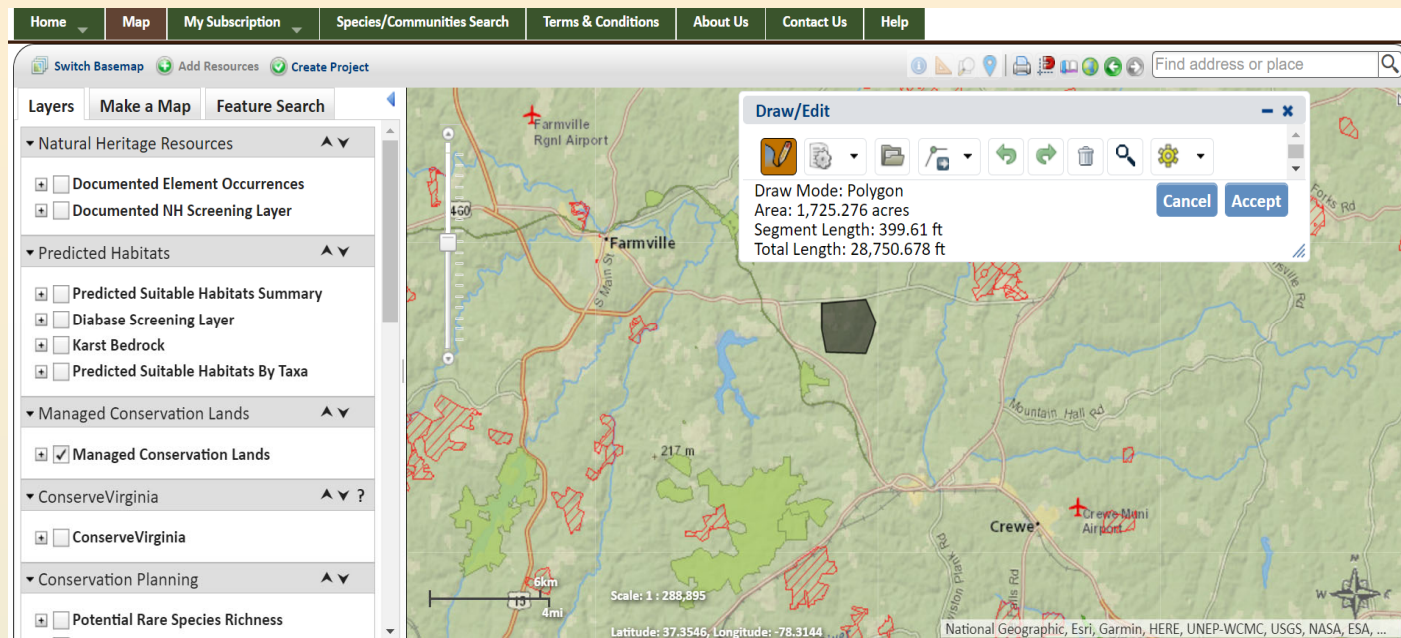
4. *ConserveVirginia*

50 to 100% of the project is included in “Natural Habitat and Biological Diversity Category” = 20 points

1 to 49% of the project is included in “Natural Habitat and Biological Diversity Category” = 10 points



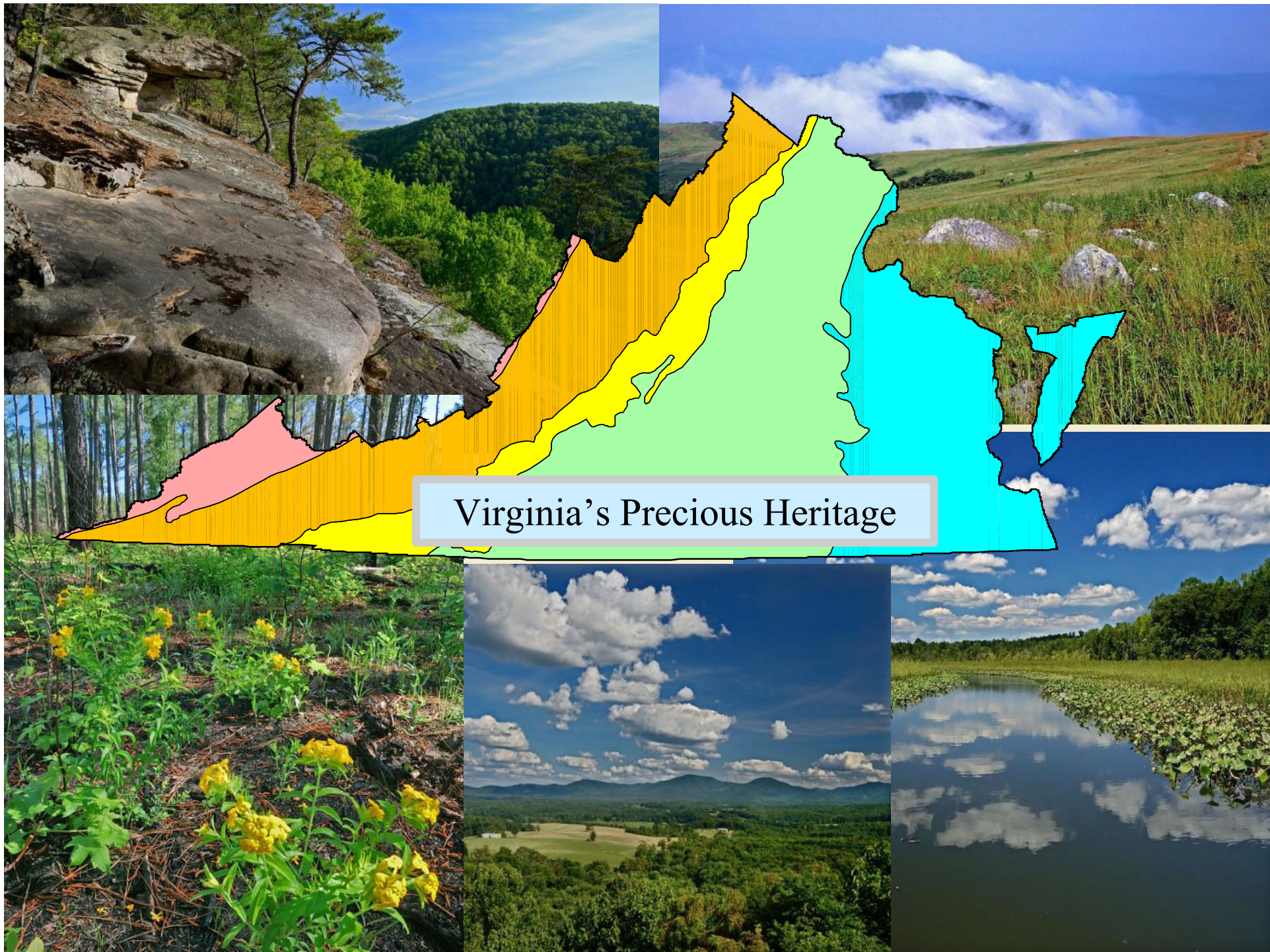
Natural Heritage Data Explorer (NHDE)



Funded tracts must be “dedicated”

- Per 10.1-1022.1 D. “All property for which a matching grant is made pursuant to this section shall be dedicated as a natural area preserve...”





Virginia's Precious Heritage

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Questions?



Open Space and Parks Category





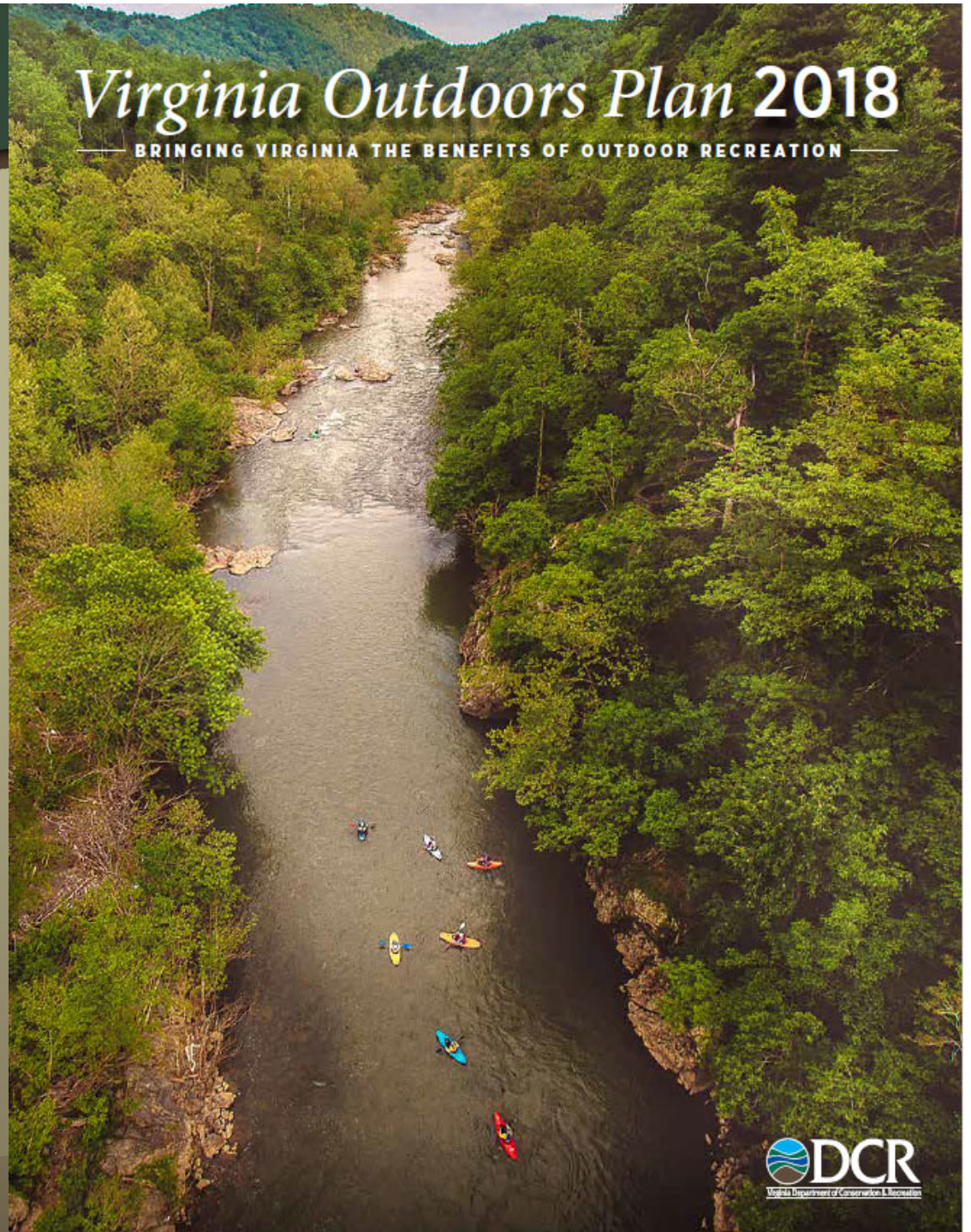
2018 *Virginia Outdoors Plan*

Virginia's 11th Statewide
Comprehensive Outdoor
Recreation Plan

- VA's official Outdoor Recreation and Land Conservation plan
- Produced approx. every 5 years since 1966
- Totally digital
- Features interactive map
- Beginning process for 2023 update

Virginia Outdoors Plan 2018

BRINGING VIRGINIA THE BENEFITS OF OUTDOOR RECREATION





Survey Summary

- Natural areas, parks, trails, and access to waterways remain among the top recreational needs in Virginia
- Increased participation in freshwater fishing and paddle sports
- Increased visitation to natural areas and preserves
- Strong support (74%) for public funding for outdoor recreation
- Importance of scenic resources in travel planning

Land & Water Conservation Fund

National Park Service – 50/50 Match Reimbursement

- **GRANT ROUND IS LIVE** for *Acquisition* Projects!
 - September 15th – December 15th, 2020
 - **\$8 million available in LWCF Funding**
- **Eligible Applicants:** Counties, Cities, Towns, Park & Recreation Authorities, Tribal Governments, State Agencies
- Properties must be for **Public Outdoor Recreation** in Perpetuity (w/plans for public access within 3 years)
- NEPA Reviews and Appraisals required
- <https://www.dcr.virginia.gov/recreational-planning/lwcf>
- Email recreationgrants@dcr.Virginia.gov

Open Space and Parks Category

Applications for public recreational and open space projects will be evaluated based on the following criteria...

Acquires land or a conservation easement that provides increased **public access to state waters** offering recreational potential.





**Acquires lands or easements
creating new outdoor recreational
opportunities for underserved
communities or expanding existing
parks, protected conservation
areas.**



Protects scenic viewsheds or land important to the protection of designated **scenic resources**:

- Federally designated Wild and Scenic Rivers
- American Heritage Rivers
- Virginia's Scenic Rivers
- Scenic Roads and Byways
- Recreational trails, including greenways or blueways

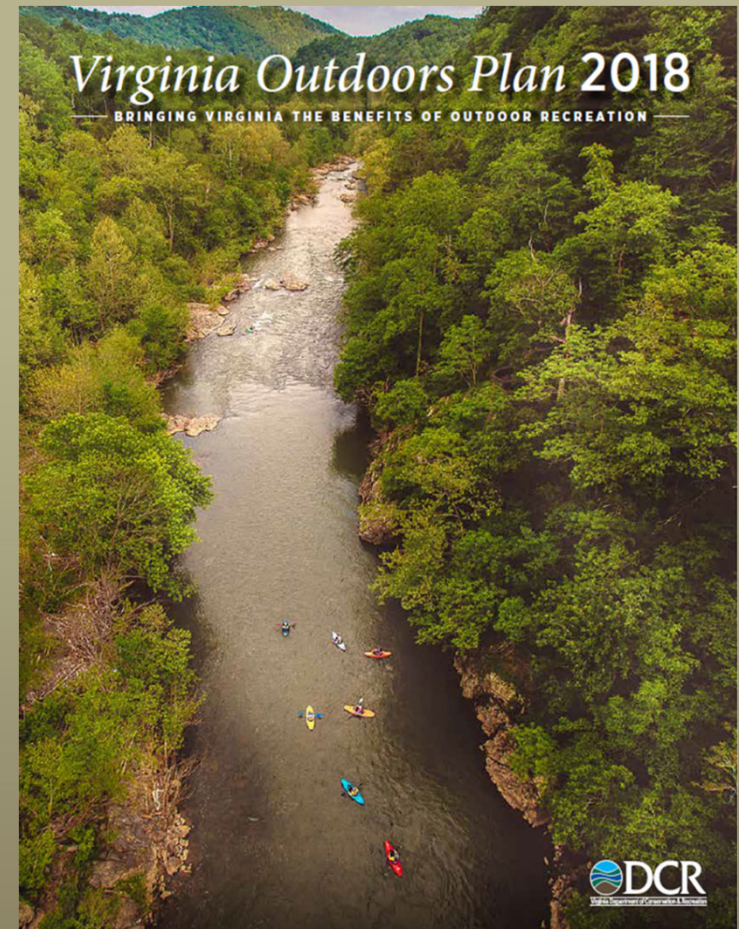


Supports local or regional comprehensive plans

- for parks, open space, and recreational facilities
- contributes to protection of a state, regionally, or locally identified conservation corridor

Addresses a need identified in the Virginia Outdoors Plan

(In both cases name and page number of plan must be cited)



Availability of land for public use including, but not limited to hunting, fishing, or wildlife watching



- **Provides an outdoor recreational resource to an underserved community.** The Social Vulnerability Index created by VIMS may be used to identify underserved areas: http://cmap2.vims.edu/SocialVulnerability/SocioVul_SS.html.
- Data from other sources may also be considered for this criterion if applicant provides the source reference.



ConserveVirginia

- Property is in an area with demonstrated recreation need, based on the terrestrial and aquatic layers of the **Recreation Access Model**.
- Property is in any category of ConserveVirginia and open to the public on a daily basis.

