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Exchanging Ideas to Promote Land and Water Conservation - TCCSWCD Hosts 2018 Local Government Breakfast



On February 21, 2018 at the historic Belmont Estate in Stafford, TCCSWCD welcomed representatives from the Counties of Stafford, Spotsylvania, and King George and the City of Fredericksburg governments and from local, regional, state, and federal agencies. The goal of this year's meeting was to provide a forum for TCCSWCD's localities to present their initiatives in conservation and learn from the efforts of neighboring localities. Topics presented included Stafford County's work to preserve un-developed land; an innovative freshwater mussel farm to clean polluted stormwater in Spotsylvania County's; King George County's efforts to understand and effectively regulate fracking, and the City of Fredericksburg's unique approach to watershed management. Speakers highlighted an impressive array of initiatives underway right here within the District, and there was a lively exchange of ideas following each locality's presentation on their unique work. *(see more on page 2)*

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TCCSWCD Hosts 2018 Local Government Breakfast

This year's assembly of local decision-makers dealing with and solving conservation issues in our region was well-attended. The gathering included members of each locality's Board of Supervisors or City Councils as well as key staff from their Zoning, Administrative, Parks and Recreation, Stormwater, Environmental and Planning Departments. We also welcomed representatives from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Services Agency (FSA), Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, Virginia Department of Forestry, and the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality. Finally, we were pleased to see our local planning district, the George Washington Regional Commission, as well as our partners at the Friends of the Rappahannock in attendance.

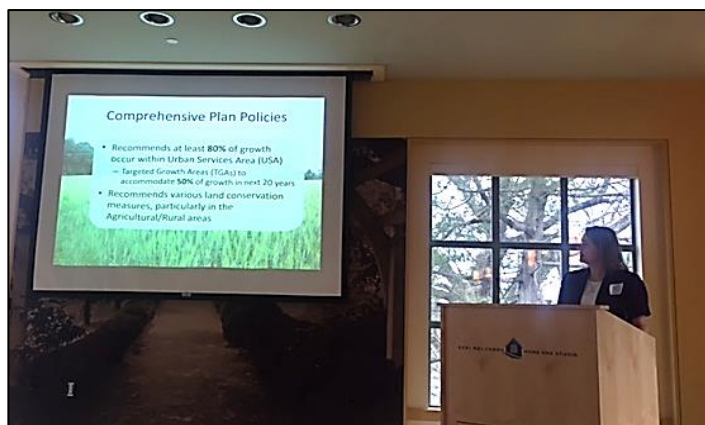
The City of Fredericksburg described its work to keep the Rappahannock riverfront safe and clean as an important local drinking water source and valuable recreational asset. Work includes the City's success removing graffiti in and around the



Troy Tignor, Spotsylvania County Director of Zoning & Environmental Codes presented the County's innovative pilot project using freshwater mussels to clean storm water.



Jane Shelhorse, City of Fredericksburg Director of Parks, Recreation and Events, and Officer Joe Young, Watershed Manager, spoke about their approach to the challenge of removing waterfront graffiti without polluting the river.



Kathy Baker, Stafford County Assistant Director of Planning & Zoning, presented the county's efforts at land conservation, including establishing a free market for the transfer of development rights.

Ruby Brabo,
Chair of the
King George County
Board of Supervisors,
spoke about researching
and regulating fracking
in King George.



Rappahannock River in an environmentally safe manner that does not inadvertently create pollution. It also includes their community-based approach to policing use of the riverfront to engage violators in cleaning up the river rather than simply citing them and sending them to the court system. *(Presented by City of Fredericksburg Director of Parks, Recreation and Events, Jane Shelhorse, and Watershed Manager, Officer Joe Young)*

The County of King George detailed the challenges of developing effective regulations when the powerful oil & gas industry—an industry with which area localities have little experience and whose work has many economic benefit but also carries high pollution and safety risks—suddenly becomes interested in investing in your locality. *(Presented by Ruby Brabo, Chair of the King George County Board of Supervisors)*

The County of Spotsylvania is working with Virginia Tech and other partners to develop a first-of-its-kind native freshwater mussel farm that will use mussels' impressive natural ability to filter water for cleaning polluted stormwater. *(Presented by Troy Tignor, Spotsylvania County Director of Zoning & Environmental Codes)*

The County of Stafford is using a number of voluntary and market-driven strategies to preserve open space, including a Transfer of Development Rights program or TDR. Stafford is one of only two Virginia counties implementing this market-driven program, which shifts development to areas where infrastructure already exists while preserving rural areas that would be costly to the County to develop due to the limited infrastructure. *(Presented by Kathy Baker, Stafford County Assistant Director of Planning & Zoning)*

Special Announcement

Attention all Cotton and Soybean Producers:

If you use Dicamba or any Dicamba product as part of your weed suppression management rotation, you are required to attend a specialized Dicamba training and become certified to use it for 2018. This is a NEW Federal requirement this year. Many trainings have been made available for local producers (usually presented by BASF personnel). Please see our “Upcoming Producer Events” for an already scheduled Dicamba training to be held on March 6, 2018 in Warsaw, VA or call your local VCE office for other training dates and locations.



DON'T Postpone Any Longer!
by Etta Lucas, TCCSWCD Conservation Specialist

February passed quickly, and March is already here! It's time to start thinking about what you need to do to prepare for this year's crop/planting season. It will soon be time to fertilize your small grains.

WAIT!

Before you fertilize, ask yourself:

- Do you have your fertilizer recommendations from your Nutrient Management Planner?
- Have you meant to call the District Office or your private Planner to get your fertilizer recommendations but haven't gotten around to it?
- Do you have current soil samples (less than three years old)? If not, you will need to supply your planner with new soil test results.



If your Nutrient Management Plan needs to be updated, now is the time to sit down with your planner and review.

The small grain cover crops (barley, rye or wheat) you planted this fall have fended off weeds and other unwelcomed plant growth, reduced soil erosion from rain and runoff, and helped to reduce the nonpoint source pollution which is caused when sediments, nutrients, and chemicals leave the crop fields. It has done its job to protect the soil and trapped residual nitrogen from the previous crop. The cover crops you planted this fall may be destroyed after *March 14th*.

If you were approved this year for cost-share reimbursement for planting a small grain cover crop, you will need a Nutrient Management Plan prepared and on file in the District Office before payment can be made. If you were approved to develop a plan, please contact your planner to make any revisions and be sure the planner sends the District a copy of your plan by **April 1st** so that we can issue payment.

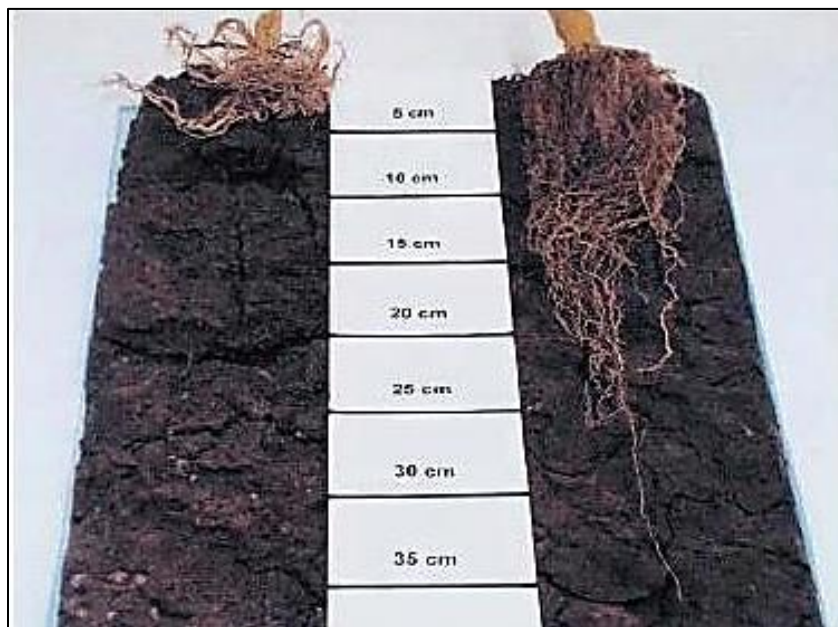
If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call Etta Lucas, Conservation Specialist, at (540) 656-2402 or visit the District office.



NRCS CORNER

by Lucee Kossler, NRCS District Conservationist

We are finally coming out of the winter season which means everyone is getting their tractors and equipment ready for planting season. I understand the pull to get out on a crisp spring day and smell the distinct aroma of freshly turned earth and plant something that will nourish and grow. I really do. But remember that every time this is done to a piece of soil, we significantly reduce our organic matter and increase compaction (see the picture below). Done repeatedly, this will increase the need for costly inputs and significantly decrease yields in our crops. Many of our producers in the area have already converted to no-till or reduced-till practices on their operations, but if you're still riding the fence, stop by the office or give me a shout on the phone. I won't try to guilt trip anyone into converting, but I will share some pretty eye-opening information that shows the production benefits and we can discuss financial incentives as well.



Corn roots in compacted clay soil (left) versus corn roots in non-compacted clay soil (right). Roots were not able to penetrate the compacted layer, so growth was stunted.

Cover crops will be killed or harvested soon. For maximum benefit, don't kill them any more than 30 days prior to your next crop being planted. If you have any cover crops that NRCS is

providing incentive payments for, please call us a week prior to killing so we can make sure we get out to take a look at the fields and certify for payments.

Practice reminder letters will be going out soon to everyone with whom we hold active contracts. If you receive a letter and have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me or Matt at the office. We want to make sure that we keep everyone on schedule!

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(NRCS CORNER continued)

We had a great FY18 application season and got some excellent contracts funded. If anyone is interested in applying for a FY19 contract, it's never too early to sign an application. We can discuss your goals for your farm and how NRCS and TCCSWCD can possibly assist you with achieving those goals!

Safe planting and I hope everyone has a wonderful spring!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Water/Ways Fredericksburg Area Museum Exhibit

Water/Ways, part of the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service Museum on Main Street (MoMS), is at the Fredericksburg Area Museum January 27 – March 11, 2018. Visitors are also invited for the Museum's free, hands-on Second Saturday program, including conducting water- and soil-based science experiments and discussion of the Fredericksburg watershed and how our community affects the river we are built around.

When & Where

At the Fredericksburg Area Museum in Downtown Fredericksburg

Exhibit: Daily through March 11, 2018

Second Saturday: March 10, 2018 11am-12pm

8th Annual Wild & Scenic Film Festival

Friends of the Rappahannock will be holding their 8th Annual Wild & Scenic Film Festival again this year. The event will screen 12 nationally acclaimed films celebrating the outdoors. School and college students receive free admission. For tickets, visit: riverfriends.org/events.

When and Where

March 24, 2018, 2:30-5:30pm – Rappahannock High School, Warsaw

March 31, 2018, 5:30-9:00pm – Mary Washington's Dodd Auditorium

On-The-Ground Conservation Addressing Real-Life Problems: The Virginia Conservation Assistance Program (VCAP)

Are you dealing with problems with ponding or erosion when it rains? Interested in what you can actually do to help keep our rivers from looking like chocolate milk after it rains? Slowing down, spreading out, and sinking stormwater can help protect your property and increase its value, provide a free source of water for irrigation, beautify your landscape, keep local streams and rivers clean, conserve costly treated drinking water, promote groundwater recharge - and much more! TCCSWCD invites you to come learn about the many potential benefits you can reap from innovative strategies, such as rain gardens, landscaping, and even green roofs, to manage that stormwater – and how you might be able to get funding from VCAP to help you do it. Open to all.

When & Where

- March 19, 2018, 7pm – Salem Church Library
- April 30, 2018, 7pm – Porter Library
- May 2018 – dates TBA – Fredericksburg Dorothy Hart Community Center

UPCOMING PRODUCER EVENTS

Dicamba Training

This training, presented by BASF will satisfy the new federal requirement for legal use of any Dicamba product in cotton and soybeans in 2018. Topics covered will include:

- Why does dicamba require additional precautions
- Label requirements for approved dicamba formulations
- Understanding temperature inversions
- Spray system hygiene
- Record keeping
- Using dicamba in a weed management system

Please call the Northumberland Extension office (580-5694) by March 4th to register for this free event.

When: March 6, 2018, 3:00 pm

Where: Cobham Park Baptist Church, 3829 Historyland Hwy, Warsaw, VA

Eastern Virginia Forage & Grazing Conference

Topics: Maximizing annual forage production, forage for livestock that increases wildlife, converting pastures to summer perennials, renovating pastures with annuals, & controlling weeds. Registration must be received by March 6, 2018. For more information and registration visit <https://hanover.ext.vt.edu/> or contact Laura Maxey-Nay at Virginia Cooperative Extension Office-Hanover, VA at 804-752-4310 or email: lmmaxey-nay@vt.edu.

When: March 9, 2018

Where: Doswell Ruritan Hall, 16433 North Washington Highway, Doswell, Virginia 23047

2018 Grazing School

Hosted by Virginia Forage and Grassland Council, Virginia Cooperative Extension and Natural Resources Conservation Service, this intensive, 2-day grazing school is designed with beginning and experienced producers in mind to teach you everything you need to know to better manage grazing on your farm. Includes hands-on opportunities to work with grazing tools, try out fencing materials, and practice allocating pasture to livestock. Sign up now! Class size is limited, priority given to the first 25 producers. For more info and to register: <https://vaforages.org/events/>

When: April 24 & 25, 2018

Where: Shenandoah Valley Agricultural Research & Extension Center at McCormick Farm in Raphine, VA

Novel Tall Fescue Renovation Workshop

Toxic tall fescue reduces livestock weight gains and lowers reproductive performance. This one-day workshop will give you the tools and information needed to remove the toxic tall fescue and replace it with novel tall fescue varieties. Speakers include local producers, company representatives, and researchers from across the country. For more information and to register: <https://vaforages.org/events/>

When: March 15, 2018

Where: Raphine Volunteer Fire Company, 2130 Raphine Rd., Raphine, VA 24472

2018 Virginia Fencing School

The Virginia Forage and Grassland Council, in conjunction with Virginia Cooperative Extension, will again hold Fencing Schools across Virginia this spring. These schools, taught by industry professionals, are equally beneficial to novice and experienced fence builders. Participants learn about different fence types (electric and non-electric) and materials, proper brace and fence construction, the basics of electric fencing and electric fence trouble-shooting. The schools are limited to 30 participants and fill up quickly. For more information and to register visit:

<https://vaforages.org/events/> or email makenny@vt.edu.

When and Where:

- March 28, 2018 – Page County (Stanley)
- April 4, 2018 – Louisa County
- April 12, 2018 – Loudoun County (Middleburg)

The Small Farm Outreach Program

The following events and workshops are available through Virginia Cooperative Extension and Virginia State University College of Agriculture’s “Small Farm Outreach Program.” The program provides a wide range of outreach and assistance activities in production management, financial management, marketing, available USDA farm programs, and other areas to increase farm profitability and promote sustainability.

For more information please visit: <https://www.ext.vsu.edu/small-farm-outreach-program/> or <https://www.ext.vsu.edu/events/>.

When and Where:

- March 8, 2018 - 10th Annual Berry Production & Marketing Conference (Petersburg, VA)
- March 12, 2018 - Farmers Market Vendor Training (Danville, VA)
- March 15, 2018 - Basics of Apple Orchard Establishment (Petersburg, VA)
- March 16, 2018 - Agribusiness Production & Financial Management (Danville, VA)
- March 27, 2018 - How to Enhance and Interpret Drone Images (Blackstone, VA)
- March 31, 2018 – Small Engine Storage, Maintenance & Repair (Middleburg, VA)
- July 26, 2018 - Industrial Hemp Field Day (Petersburg)

Homeowner Highlights by Giannina D. Frantz

Stormwater Runoff and Soil Erosion

Rainwater falling on your roof is usually directed away from our houses and typically moves down the nearest slope or the curb into the street. In many instances, this excess water is redirected to gutters and storm drains. As the rainwater travels, it collects sediment and pollutants that eventually make their way to our local streams and rivers. Soil erosion is a common problem in residential areas especially near gutter downspouts and steep grades. A few signs of erosion include:

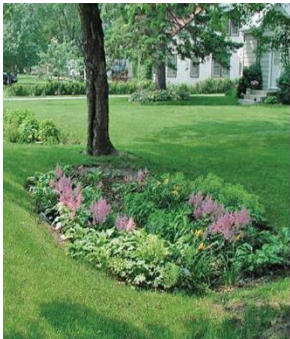
- ♦ Small channels in your yard;
- ♦ Sediment collecting in low areas or on driveways;
- ♦ Soil splashes on windows and exterior walls; and
- ♦ Exposed tree roots or stones.

Erosion can have a very negative impact on your property and derail attempts to improve your "curb appeal." The good news is that erosion can be controlled with proper techniques to reduce the volume and velocity of rainwater.

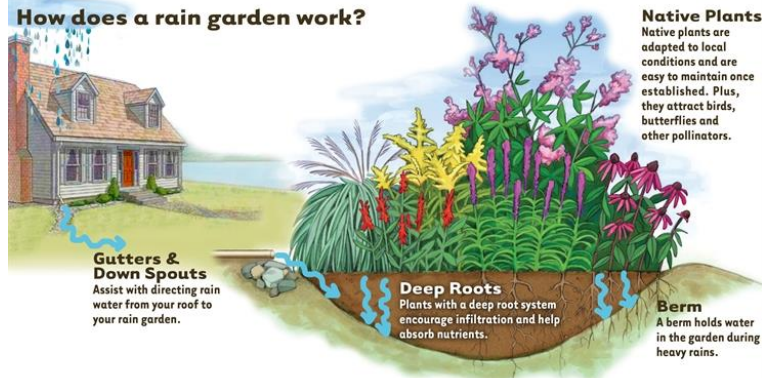


Creating a Rain Garden

Rain gardens are a great solution to prevent soil erosion in your yard. A carefully placed rain garden diverts excessive drainage from roofs, gutters and pavement capturing water and reducing erosion of your property. By planting flood and drought tolerant vegetation (preferably native to Virginia) in a slight depression; rainwater is collected and soaked up by the vegetation absorbing water and pollutants such as pesticides and fertilizers which impair water quality, reducing the flow of water, holding the soil in place while absorbing valuable water and nutrients.



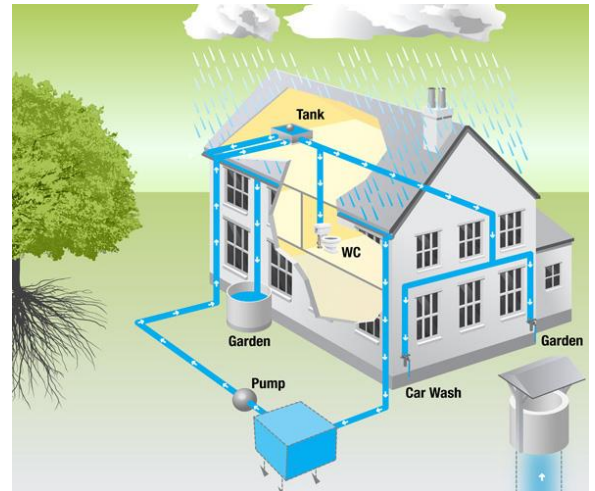
How does a rain garden work?



Rain gardens create a beautiful habitat for butterflies, small birds, and bees improving the attractiveness of our yards!

Rain Harvesting and Rain Barrels

Rain harvesting and rain barrels are another excellent way to prevent soil erosion, conserve water and save money! Rain barrels are containers that are connected to your downspouts to capture runoff from the roof. The water collected can provide plants and gardens with water, reduce flooding in your yard, and help protect the Chesapeake Bay. Rain harvesting is a great way to have a reliable supply of clean **FREE** water to use outside especially during dry periods. Water collecting during rain events can be used for many different purposes including gardening and washing your car or exterior windows!



Some larger rain harvesting containers are enclosed or buried under the surface, but smaller rain barrels are stored above ground.

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The installation of Rain Gardens and Rainwater Harvesting systems may be covered under VCAP through TCCSWCD. Please contact our office for more information on participating in this urban cost-share program.

TCCSWCD Environmental Education and Outreach Programs

2018 Youth Conservation Camp



We are currently accepting applications for the 2018 Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts' (VASWCD) Youth Conservation Camp to be held on July 8-14, 2018 at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) in Blacksburg, Virginia. For the past 42 years, VASWCD has sponsored a week-long summer conservation camp for Virginia high school students on Virginia Tech's campus and surrounding areas.

The program brings together about 70 interested students for a week of learning about Virginia's natural resources from conservation professionals and faculty from Virginia Tech. Most of the instruction is hands-on and outdoors. Youth Conservation Camp is a scholarship-based educational opportunity for students specifically interested in natural resources, environmental science, and natural resource conservation. To be awarded camp attendance students must be in grades 9-12, during the 2017-2018 academic school year.

Tri-County/City SWCD covers the majority of the camp costs including meals, lodging, activities, and transportation while at camp. If selected, eligible applicants will be responsible only for a non-refundable \$75.00 fee and their own transportation to and from camp. We encourage all Fredericksburg, King George, Stafford, and Spotsylvania high school students to apply for this wonderful opportunity to attend Youth Conservation Camp.

Applications are available on the TCCSWCD website <http://tccswcd.org> and must be submitted via mail/email before April 9th, 2018.

For more information please contact Izabela Sikora, TCCSWCD Education Coordinator at 540-656-2402 or email: Izabela.sikora@tccswcd.org.



TCCSWCD 2018 Seedling & Rain Barrel Sale: *Have You Placed Your Order Yet?*

Can I still place an order? As of this writing, yes, limited quantities of each species are still available. We will take orders while supplies last, so please place your order now! You can mail or email us the order form (see next page or online at tccswcd.org) or just give us a call at 540-656-2401.

Why does Tri-County/City SWCD have a sale? Any funds generated by the sale go to support the TCCSWCD's many educational activities. Although the sale is not necessarily a big fundraiser, it is a popular activity for the community. We are proud to provide the valuable service of making affordable, quality plants more locally available.

When do I pick up my seedlings? Pick up for seedlings will be at the Tri-County/City SWCD office on Friday April 13th from 12 – 4pm and at the Fredericksburg Farmers in Hurkamp Park on Saturday, April 14th from 9am – 12pm.

Are there extras? Can I just show up at pickup? We often do have extra packages or individual seedlings for sale on the pickup days, but we can't guarantee the selection.

What should I bring with me for pickup? The seedling roots will be moist and wrapped in plastic bags. Bring a small bucket, a sturdy paper bag, or large trash bag to carry your new seedlings. Plan so you don't have to leave them in a hot car after pick up.

How do I care for them? How do I plant them? Keep the roots moist and cool until planted. With no soil to protect it, bare-root seedlings are vulnerable to drying out. Another key is to be prepared to plant your seedlings as soon as possible. We provide specific planting information when you pick up your seedlings. We recommend watering throughout the summer for the first year, especially if your tree or shrub is in direct sunlight. Fertilizer is not needed. A light top-dressing of leaf mulch is optional.

How fast will they grow? The seedlings typically start out in a dormant state, but when cared for properly, they can grow into lovely landscape specimens faster than you think. Each species has a different growing speed. Since it can be difficult to protect a small first-year seedling from mowers, deer, rabbits and – occasionally – human feet, we include two of every species in the packages.



Photo: Thomas Landis, USDA, 2010



Tree Seedling & Rain Barrel Sale

PLACE ORDERS UNTIL APRIL 10TH!
while supplies last



Fringetree (*Chionanthus virginicus*)
Grows to 12-20 ft. height. Creamy white blooms in May to June. Easily grown in moist to wet, well-drained soils in full sun to part shade. Attracts birds and is deer-resistant.

Trees benefit us and our environment by controlling erosion, reducing toxins, converting carbon dioxide to oxygen, and enhancing wildlife habitat.

Proceeds are used for TCCSWCD conservation education programs.



Eastern Redbud (*Cercis canadensis*)
Grows to 20-30 ft. height. Beautiful showy "red buds" in spring. Grows in moist, well-drained soil in full sun to part shade. Deer-resistant.



American Beautyberry (*Callicarpa americana*)
Grows to 3-6 ft. height. Loosely branched. Tiny lilac flowers in spring give way to vivid purple berries in the fall enjoyed by wildlife. Grows in moist to dry soils in full sun to part shade. Not deer-resistant.



Hazelnut (*Corylus americana*)
Grows to 10-16 ft. height and 8-13 ft. width. Low maintenance. Grown in moist to dry, well-drained soil in part shade. Produces excellent nuts. Not deer-resistant.



Lilac (*Syringa vulgaris*)
Grows to 8-15 ft. height. Sweet-smelling flowers in Spring. Prefers moist to dry, fertile, well-drained soils in full sun to light shade. Attracts butterflies and is deer resistant.



Flowering Dogwood (*Cornus florida*)
Grows to 15-30 ft. height. Prefers moist, well-drained soils and full or part sun. Useful for wildlife habitat, slope stabilization, and as an ornamental. Deer-resistant.



American Elderberry (*Sambucus canadensis*)
Grows to 5-12 ft. height. Prefers moist, well-drained soils in full sun. White blooms with edible fruit. Attracts birds and butterflies. Not deer-resistant.



Rain Barrel – Collect and store rain water runoff from your rooftop via rain gutters. Great way to water your landscape and garden and save money. The rain barrels are made of recycled plastic bottles. Kit includes all hardware for complete installation and directions. Also available year-round at Tri-County/City SWCD office.

Directions: Fill out form. Check LOCATION you will pick up your seedlings. Pre-payment preferred. Fax: (540) 656-2403; Mail: TCCSWCD, 4811 Carr Drive, Fredericksburg VA 22408; Email: tricitycity@tccswcd.org; or Phone: (540) 656-2401 by April 10th 2018.

I WILL PICK UP MY SEEDLINGS HERE:

☐ Friday, April 13, 2018 12-4pm
Tri-County/City SWCD Office
4811 Carr Drive
Fredericksburg, VA 22408

☐ Saturday, April 14, 2018 9am-12pm
Fredericksburg Farmers Market
Hurkamp Park
George & Prince Edward Street
NOTE permit parking only signs

**Cash or check only.
Sorry, no credit
debit cards.**

NAME _____ PHONE _____
COUNTY/CITY _____ HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT SALE? _____
EMAIL* _____ **Email reminders will be sent in the spring.*

SEEDLING SPECIES	SIZE	#/PACK	\$/PACK	# PACK(S)	TOTAL	SEEDLING SPECIES	SIZE	#/PACK	\$/PACK	# PACK(S)	TOTAL
Fringetree	12-18"	2	\$4		\$	Hazelnut	8-18"	2	\$4		\$
Eastern Redbud	8-16"	2	\$4		\$	Elderberry	10-18"	2	\$4		\$
American Beautyberry	12-18"	2	\$4		\$	Lilac	12"	2	\$4		\$
Flowering Dogwood	10-18"	2	\$4		\$	Rain Barrel	50 gal	1	\$75		\$
						TOTAL AMOUNT DUE					\$

We Have Rain Barrels!

Installation of a rain barrel is an excellent way to prevent soil erosion, conserve water, and save money. Rain barrels are containers that are connected to your downspouts to capture runoff from the roof. The water collected can provide plants and gardens with water, reduce flooding in your yard, and help protect the Chesapeake Bay.

TCCSWCD sells 50-gallon rain barrels for \$75 year-round. Each rain barrel comes with complete instructions and installation kit. Contact the District today to reserve yours!

The EarthMinded™ RainStation™ Rain Barrel connects to your downspout and automatically collects runoff water from your home's roof.

Product features:

- ***A reversible "Planter Top" lid that can be used to grow annuals or herbs on top of the barrel making it both functional and decorative.***
- ***Flexifit™ Diverter automatically passes excess water through the downspout to prevent flooding***
- ***Hole saw included, installs in minutes***
- ***A large opening lid with locking feature for safety***
- ***Sealed system keeps out mosquitoes, pests and sunlight***
- ***Works with standard rectangular downspouts (2 x 3" and 3 x 4")***

<http://www.earthmindedconsumerproducts.com/index.html>



Did you know?

A single 1" rain storm on a 1,000 square foot roof results in 600+ gallons of runoff.

TRI-COUNTY/CITY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT DIRECTORY



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TCCSWCD maintains a working relationship with each of the following agencies and organizations to reach common conservation goals:

City of Fredericksburg
 King George County
 Spotsylvania County
 Stafford County
 USDA – Natural Resources Conservation Service
 USDA – Farm Services Agency
 VA Department of Conservation & Recreation
 VA Cooperative Extension
 Friends of the Rappahannock
 VA State Parks
 VA Native Plant Society
 Tree Fredericksburg
 George Washington Regional Council
 Potomac River Watershed Roundtable
 Rappahannock River Basin Commission
 York River & Small Coastal Basins Roundtable
 VA Department of Environmental Quality
 VA Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services
 VA Department of Forestry
 VA Department of Game & Inland Fisheries
 VA Outdoors Foundation
 U.S. Army Corp of Engineers
 U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
 VA Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts

All programs and services of the Tri-County/City Soil and Water Conservation District are available without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, veteran status, age, marital status, disability, gender, gender identity, political affiliation or any other basis protected by law.