

Virginia Land Conservation Foundation Grant Program

Workshop Agenda

July 10, 2019

- 1:00 PM** **Overview of VLCF Grant Application Requirements**
Suzan Bulbulkaya, Land Conservation Manager, Department of Conservation & Recreation
- 1:20 PM** **Open Space and Parks Category**
Jett Johnson, Div. of Planning and Recreation Resources, DCR
- 1:40 PM** **Historic Resources Category**
Wendy Musumeci, Department of Historic Resources
- 2:00 PM** **Farmlands and Forestry Category**
Jen Perkins, Dept. of Agriculture & Consumer Services
Mike Santucci, Department of Forestry
- 2:30 PM** **Natural Heritage Category**
Rob Evans, Division of Natural Heritage, DCR
- 2:50 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**
- Twelve grant rounds in its history
- **\$46.1 million awarded by VLCF, protecting 62,878 acres**

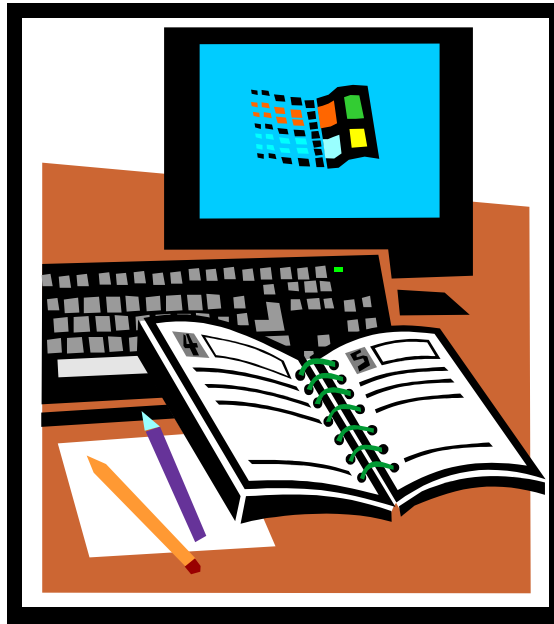
2019 VLCF Grant Round Timeline

Wednesday, June 19, 2019	VLCF Board meeting - approved grant round.
Wednesday, July 10, 2019	Grant Workshop for grant applicants.
Thursday, August 29, 2019	Deadline for application submittal - <u>One</u> paper copy plus electronic submission required.
September, 2019	Interagency taskforce meetings to score projects
Early October, 2019	SNR and Director's review of top-scoring projects.
Mid October 2019	VLCF Board meeting. Approval of grant awards.
By December 1, 2019	Grant agreements signed. Projects have two years to close.

VLCF Funding and Scoring Categories

- Funds are divided among the four primary categories:
 - (1) Farmlands and Forest Preservation (\$1,014,162);
 - (2) Historic Area Preservation (\$1,043,750);
 - (3) Natural Area Protection (\$1,723,909); and
 - (4) Open Spaces and Parks (\$1,494,303).
- At least 1/3 of the funds must be used for easements held by a public body.
- At least 1/2 of the funding must be used 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.

VLCF Grant Manual



New This Grant Round . . .

- Re-arranged and revised Grant Manual (*Read it!!*)
- Submit one paper application (50 pages maximum), plus an electronic application/letters/pics in one file in searchable PDF format
- Easy-to-use check boxes (just click) in the application
- Include a brief project description with the application (less than 250 words)
- Letters from supporters, landowner, and easement holder must be provided with the application.

New This Grant Round . . .

- To protect water quality, 35-foot permanent vegetated riparian buffers are required
- ***Additional points for projects that do more:***
 - *Include riparian buffers that are wider than 35 feet or are forested*
- ***Points are awarded for ConserveVirginia designated priority conservation areas – please address in application narrative***
- ***Additional points for threatened or endangered species or DGIF Species of Greatest Conservation Need present, or conserved habitat for these species - please address in application narrative***

Program Requirements Overview

- **Who may apply:** state agencies, localities, and registered (tax-exempt) nonprofit organizations that are “holders”.
- **Nonprofits must demonstrate that they meet “holder” requirements of Va. Code § 10.1-1009.**
- **Project must be for a specific site.**
- **Project should be completed within TWO YEARS. If circumstances warrant, a one year administrative extension may be granted.**
- **Projects undertaken by nonprofits must have an open-space easement held or co-held by a PUBLIC BODY.**

Program Match – see page 12

- **Match *can* include . . .**
 - **Cash**
 - **Due diligence costs – appraisals, legal fees, title reports, surveys, recordation fees, etc.**
 - **Bargain Sales, i.e., donation of acquisition or easement cost**
 - **Other nearby, recently-conserved property**
- **Match *cannot* include . . .**
 - **Indirect costs (i.e. staff time, overhead, maintenance, operating costs)**
 - **Work provided pro-bono**
- **A form letter (see page 32) must be provided if match is not definite at the time of application**

Due Diligence Requirements – *see page 14*

- Appraisals must meet USPAP standards.
- Surveys: ALTA/NSPS land title survey for fee acquisitions; to state boundary survey standards for easement projects.
- A Phase I Environmental Site Assessment for acquisitions (not easements).
- Title insurance is required for all projects.
- A final deed (fee or easement) with language approved by VLCF must be ready for recordation, or recorded, before grant funds can be paid.

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 Game and Inland Fisheries
- Virginia Outdoors Foundation



Grant Application Scoring, con't.

- Scoring criteria are based on the five primary 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.)
- Additional Scoring Criteria are applied to every project, up to 50 points – *see page 30*. Be sure to include information in your application narrative.
- SCORE your application! (Be sure all pertinent info is included to get points.)

Additional Scoring Criteria – see page 30

1. VOP Identified Need

Does the project provide resource conservation needs as identified in the *Virginia Outdoors Plan (VOP)* or in a local comprehensive plan.

Maximum 3 points.

- Meets a resource conservation need identified in the VOP and in a local comprehensive plan = 3 points
- Meets a resource conservation need identified in the VOP or in a local comprehensive plan = 2 points
- VOP is online at
www.dcr.virginia.gov/recreational_planning/vop.shtml

2. Scoring Criteria for Virginia Recreation Access Model Identified Need

For parcels that provide public access, does the project demonstrate a need for land or water access based on the Virginia Recreation Access Model? **Maximum 3 points.**

- Demonstrated moderate, high, or very high need for land and water access = 3 points
- Demonstrated moderate, high, or very high need for land or water access = 2 points

3. Scoring Criteria for 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?

Maximum 11 points.

- If the buffer has at least 50% forest canopy and is protected in perpetuity = 4 points, **PLUS**
- Up to 1000' of water frontage with a 50' buffer = 2 points
- 1 point for each additional 1000' of frontage with a 50' buffer = up to 3 points, **OR**
- Up to 1000' of water frontage with a 100' buffer = 3 points
- 1 point for each additional 1000' of frontage with a 100' buffer = up to 4 points

4. Scoring Criteria for Additional *ConserveVirginia* Values

Does the project protect additional *ConserveVirginia* values and protect those values in perpetuity?

Maximum 10 points.

- Agriculture and Forestry = 2 points
- Cultural and Historic Preservation = 2 points
- Floodplains and Flooding Resilience = 2 points
- Natural Habitat and Ecosystem Diversity = 2 points
- Protected Landscapes Resilience = 2 points
- Scenic Preservation = 2 points

5. Scoring Criteria for Wildlife Value

Does the project benefit wildlife, habitat, and human/wildlife interaction? **Maximum 10 points.**

- Identify wildlife presence = 1 point; If DGIF Species of Greatest Conservation Need or State or Federally listed T&E is present = additional 3 points
- Protect wildlife habitat = 1 point; If DGIF 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

6. Scoring Criteria for Public Access

Does the project provide public or visual access?

Maximum 10 points.

- Full Public Access (50% of the year or more) = 10 points
- Limited Public Access (less than 50% of the year) = 5 points
- Visual Access = 2 points

7. Scoring Criteria for Ratio of Match to Total Project Cost

Maximum 3 points.

- 80% or more of total project cost = 3 points
- 60% or more of total project cost = 2 points

Where to Find Resource Models

- *ConserveVirginia*, Recreation Access Model, and other resource models can be found in the DCR Natural Heritage Data Explorer.
- Website address: <https://vanhde.org/>
- No need to log in, just click on the MAP tab at the top of the page and then agree to a brief list of disclaimers.



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Welcome to the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation's *Natural Heritage Data Explorer*

This site provides interactive access to various map data representing Natural Heritage resources and other conservation values in Virginia.

ConserveVirginia, Virginia's statewide land conservation plan, is now available here.

The Virginia Natural Heritage Data Explorer was updated on May 20, 2019. To ensure the updates work correctly, we recommend refreshing your browser's cache. Instructions can be found here: <https://www.refreshyourcache.com/en/home/>

This site should be viewed in Firefox version 3.6 or higher, Google Chrome, or Safari version 3 or higher, or Internet Explorer 10 or higher.



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Managed Conservation Lands

☐ Managed Conservation Lands

ConserveVirginia

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- ☒ 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

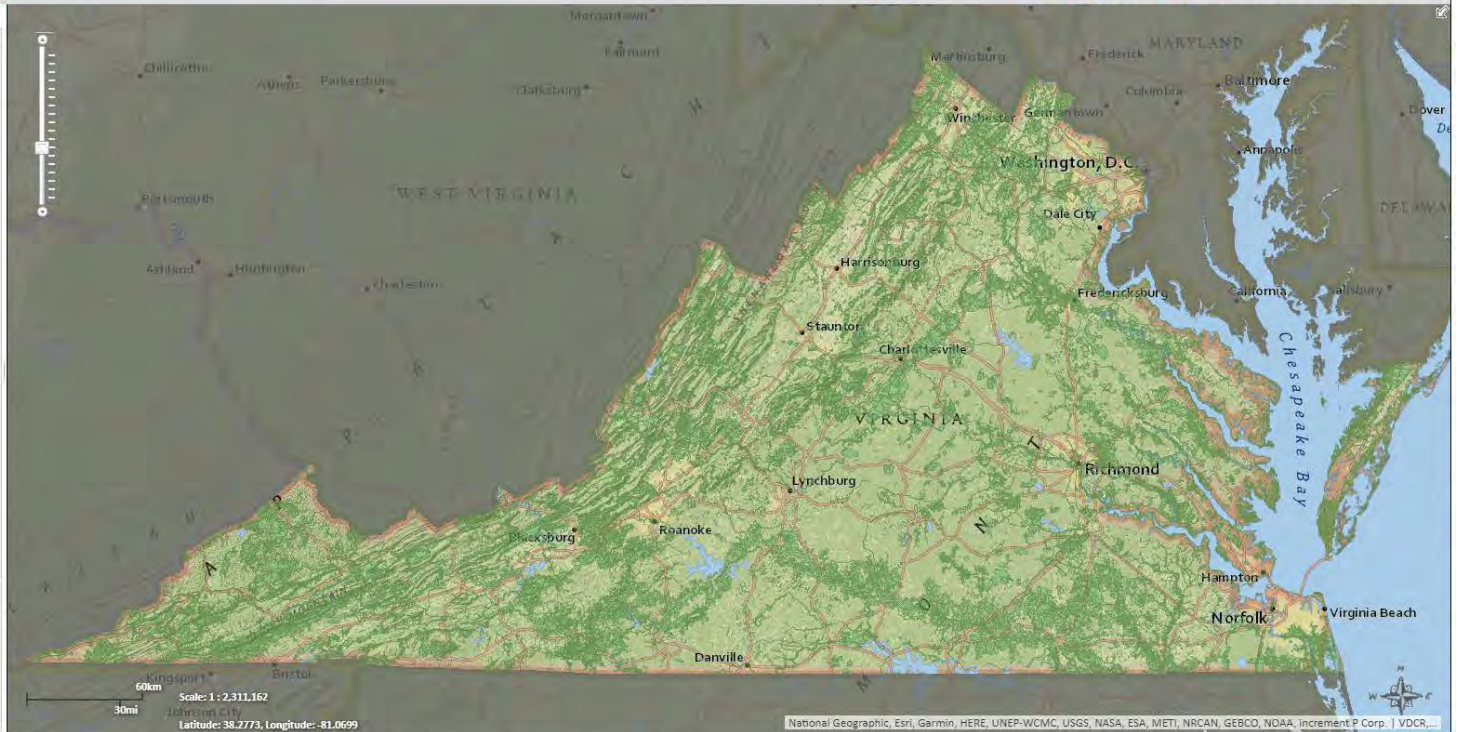
- ☐ Potential Rare Species Richness
- ☐ Ecological Cores
- ☐ Forest Conservation Values
- ☐ Watershed Model
- ☐ Recreation Access Model
- ☐ Development Vulnerability Model
- ☐ Cultural Resource Preservation Index
- ☐ Agricultural Model

Reference Layers

- ☐ 24K Grid
- ☐ National Wetlands Inventory
- ☐ Scenic Rivers
- ☐ Streams (NHD)
- ☐ Trails
- ☐ USGS Placenames
- ☐ VDOT Roads

Boundaries

☐ Counties



Using the Natural Heritage Data Explorer

- Enter the street address of your project to zoom to the vicinity of your project before turning on/off the layers.
- For *ConserveVirginia* models, click on the *ConserveVirginia* (+) to expand the list of layers
- For other resource models, click (+) to expand the layers under the Conservation Planning group.

Wildlife Resource Model

The DGIF VaFWIS (Virginia Fish & Wildlife Information Service) database has information on:

- Threatened & Endangered Species and DGIF Species of Greatest Conservation Need

<https://vafwis.dgif.virginia.gov/fwis/>

- For further information: Deb VanDuzee (804) 367-2212

Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries

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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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Application Information

- **Staples, binder clips, or soft-cover folders for paper copy. No hard binders and no hole-punched pages please!**
- **Include photographs and maps as described in the Grant Manual**
- **All pages must be 8.5" x 11"**
- **Must be received by 4 p.m. on August 29, 2019**
- **Submit to:**

Department of Conservation and Recreation

Attention: VLCF Grant Program

600 East Main Street, 24th Floor

Richmond, Virginia 23219

APPLICATION WEAKNESSES

- ❖ **No indication that the property owner is willing to conserve their property.**
- ❖ **No letter included identifying the willing easement holder.**
- ❖ **Providing an entire plan or study rather than just the excerpt from the plan that supports the grant application.**
- ❖ **Not explicitly addressing all items and all scoring criteria that apply to the project in the application.**

**VLCF Manual and other information
can be found at:**

**[https://www.dcr.virginia.gov/virginia-land-
conservation-foundation/](https://www.dcr.virginia.gov/virginia-land-conservation-foundation/)**

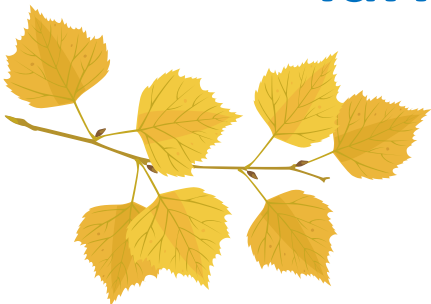
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Parks and Open Space Category



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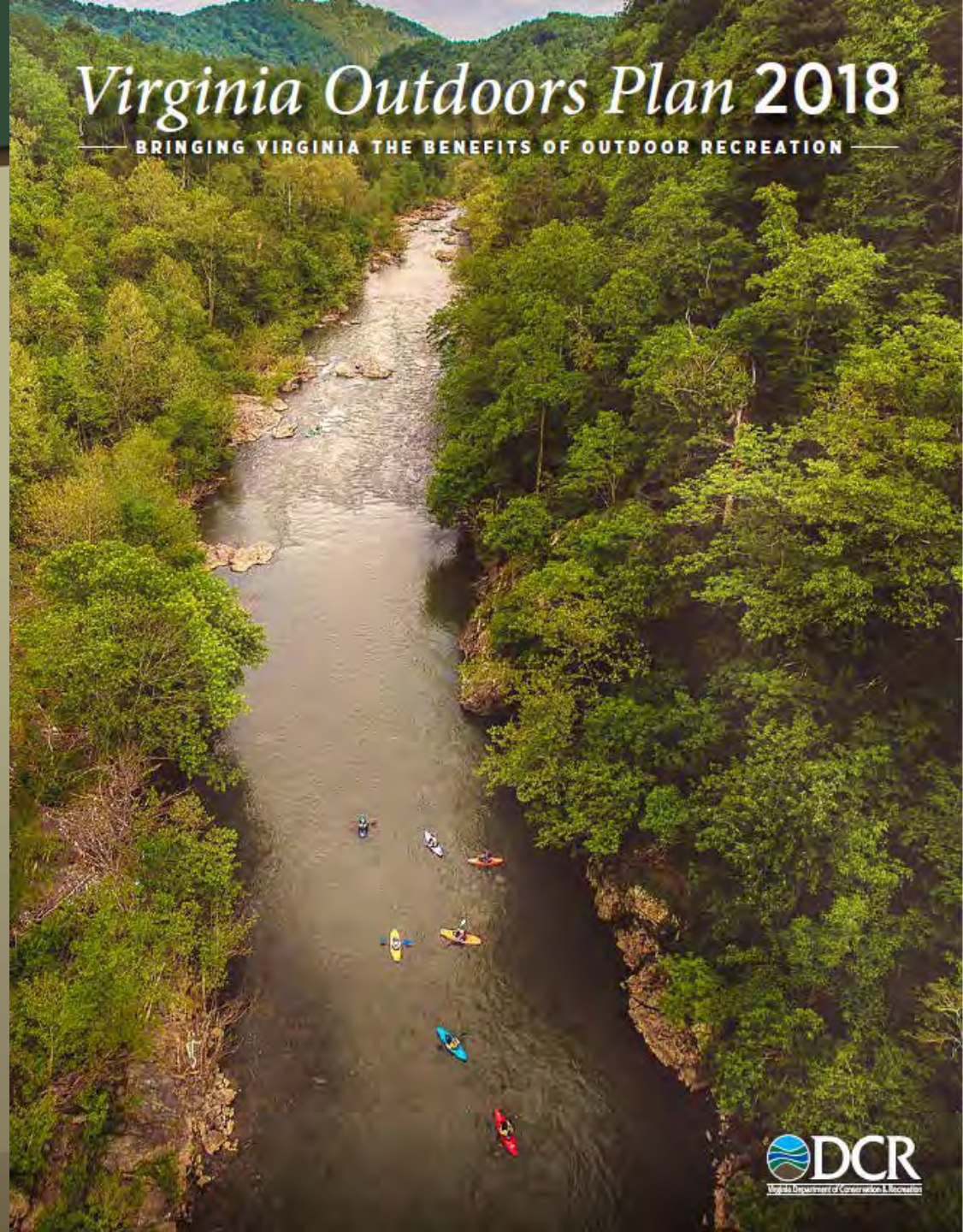
Virginia Outdoors Plan

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

Virginia Outdoors Plan 2018

— BRINGING VIRGINIA THE BENEFITS OF OUTDOOR RECREATION —



Virginia Outdoors Survey

- First step in completing the VOP
- 2017 Survey completed under contract with the UVA Center for Survey Research
- Public polled in a series of questions about their outdoor recreation preferences



Survey Methods

- 14,000 Virginians contacted by mail
- 3,252 responded
- 23% response rate
- Margin of error 2.3%



Most popular activities

Activity	% of households	
	2011	2017
Visiting natural areas, preserves, refuges	50	71
Driving for Pleasure	-	67
Walking for pleasure	82	67
Visiting parks (local, state, national)	51	56
Swimming/ outdoor pool	43	48
Sunbathing/ relaxing on a beach	41	47
Viewing the water	-	38
Swimming—beach/ lake/ river	38	37
Visiting historic areas	64	35
Freshwater fishing	24	34

Citizens view of most needed outdoor recreation facilities

Most Needed Facilities	% of households
Natural Areas	54
Parks	49
Trails	43
Water access	43
Historic areas	39
Scenic drives (driving for pleasure)	29
Playing fields, sports and golf facilities	22



Public Opinions about Recreation

96% *Important to protect Virginia's natural and open space resources*

93% *Important to have access to outdoor recreation opportunities*

74% *Support state funding for outdoor recreation; 44% of those support an increase in funding*



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

Parks and Open Space Category

Applications for public recreational and/or 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 **adjacent to existing parks, protected conservation areas**, or other recreational resources that expand and protect public conservation or recreational interests

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

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

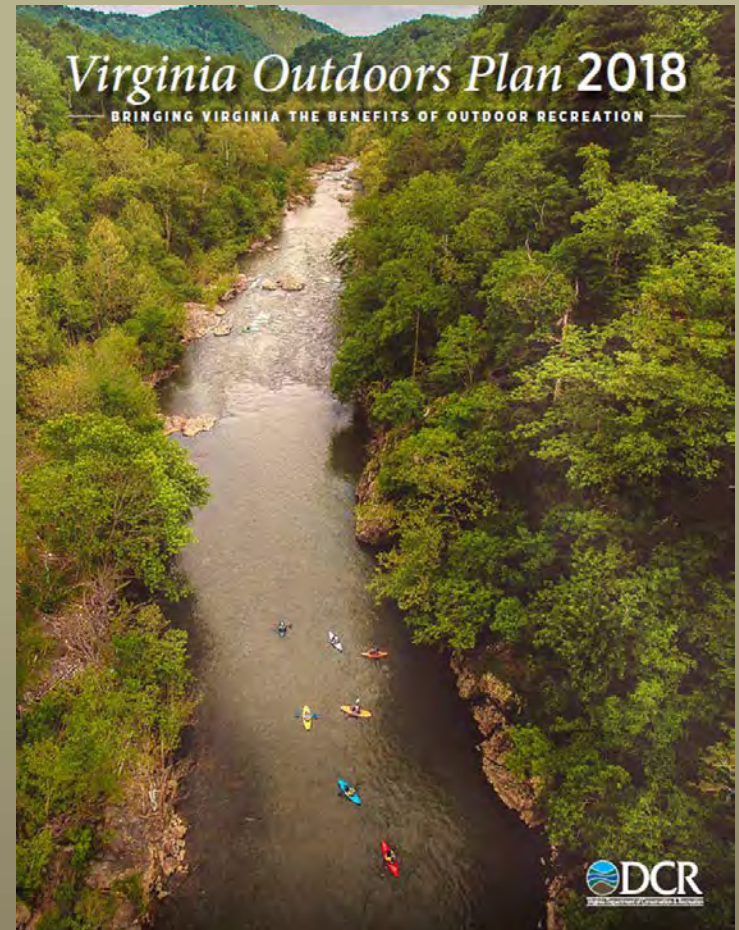


Supports local and/or regional comprehensive plans

- for parks, open space, and recreational facilities, and/or
- 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



Conserves land in a densely populated or rapidly developing area:

- Locality with population of 90,000 or more, or
- Locality that is designated by the Commonwealth as an incorporated city, regardless of size
- Rapidly developing is defined as property identified in the VCLNA Outside the Urban Fringe Vulnerability Model with a threat value of 5



Site is threatened by development

- Property is currently or recently on the market
- Is in an estate that is currently being settled, or
- Is adjacent to similar property which is on the market or sold in the past year



ConserveVirginia

- Property falls within an area with demonstrated recreation need, based on both the terrestrial and aquatic layers of the **Recreation Access Model**
- Property is included in ConserveVirginia's **Scenic or Protected Landscapes Resilience** categories





Online resources

Virginia Outdoors Plan

<https://www.dcr.virginia.gov/recreational-planning/vop>

Virginia ConservationVision

(Formerly the VA Conservation Lands Needs Assessment)

<https://www.dcr.virginia.gov/natural-heritage/vaconvision>

Recreation Access Model

<http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/natural-heritage/vaconvisrec>



Virginia Land Conservation Foundation

FY 20 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, 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 within the previous 5 calendar years; and
- Is included in the ConserveVirginia Cultural and Historic Preservation category.

Scoring Criteria For: _____	
Historic Area Preservation Category	
Criterion	Score Notes
1) Historic Significance Maximum score: 35 1. Historic Resource/Property is ○ Individually listed on VLR or is a contributing resource in a listed historic district = 25 ○ Determined by DHHR to be eligible for listing on VLR = 10 -OR- 2. Historic Resource/Property is: ○ 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. Other (more than one may apply): ○ Resources that do not meet the criteria above = 5 ○ Resources with high degree of historic integrity = 5 ○ Designated a National Historic Landmark = 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, or 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) Proximity 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 _____	



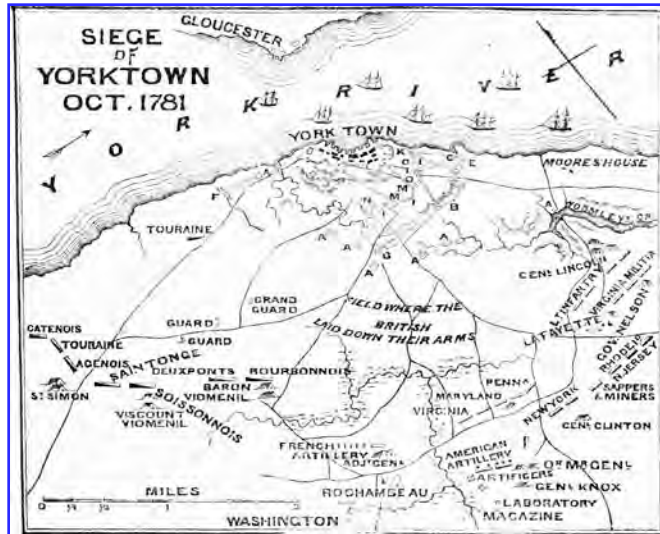
Criterion #1-Historic Significance:

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)



Criterion #1-Historic Significance:

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:

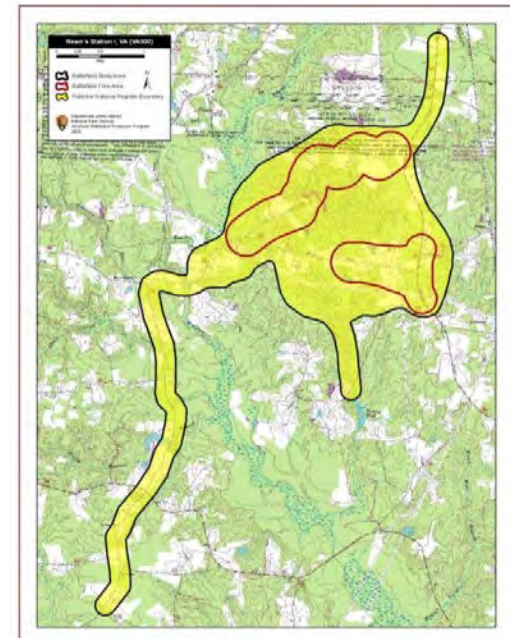
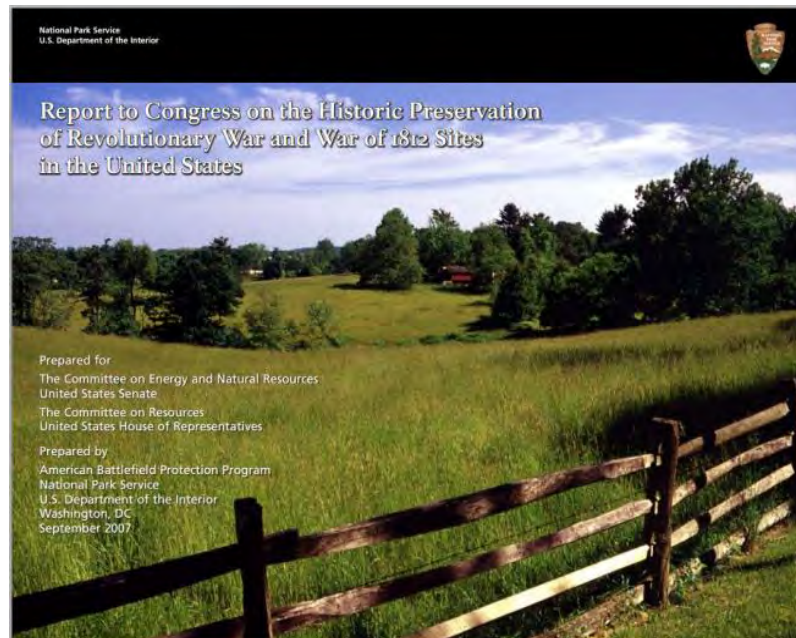
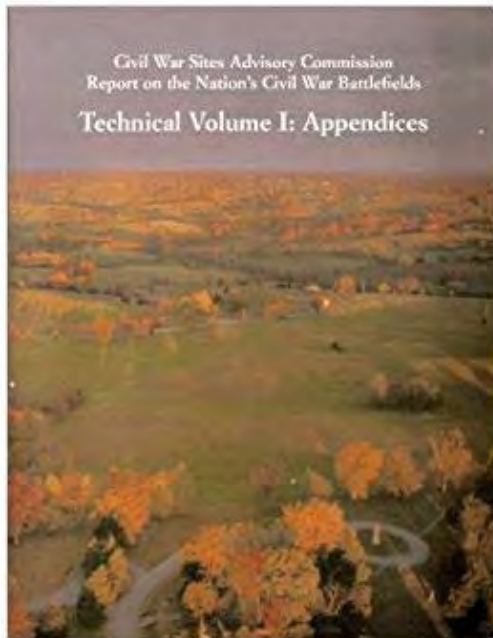
Battlefields with potential for comprehensive preservation

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 within the previous 5 calendar years *and* remains eligible in the opinion of DHR
(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](#), Allegheny Co.
 - [Hiram Clem Farm](#), Shenandoah Co.

Important Links for Register Information

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DHR Historic Trades

- 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):

- Resource is not listed on the VLR or does not meet battlefield criteria previously outlined **(5 points)**

Note: Official listing on the VLR may be required for applications for a property or resource that:

- (A). Is formally determined eligible for listing on the VLR within previous 5 calendar years; or
(B). Contributes to the integrity, enhances the setting, or provides buffer for historic property*

- Resource has a high degree of historic integrity **(5 points)**
- Resource designated a National Historic Landmark **(5 points)**

Criterion #2-Threat:

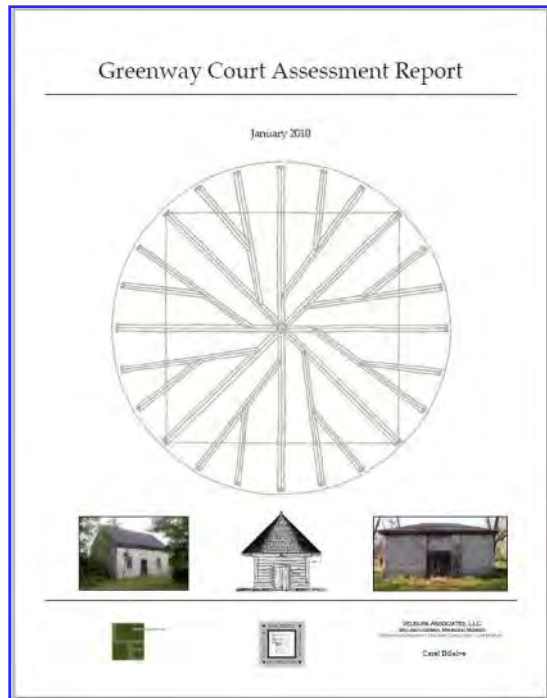
Maximum Score 15 points

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- 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 8, 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

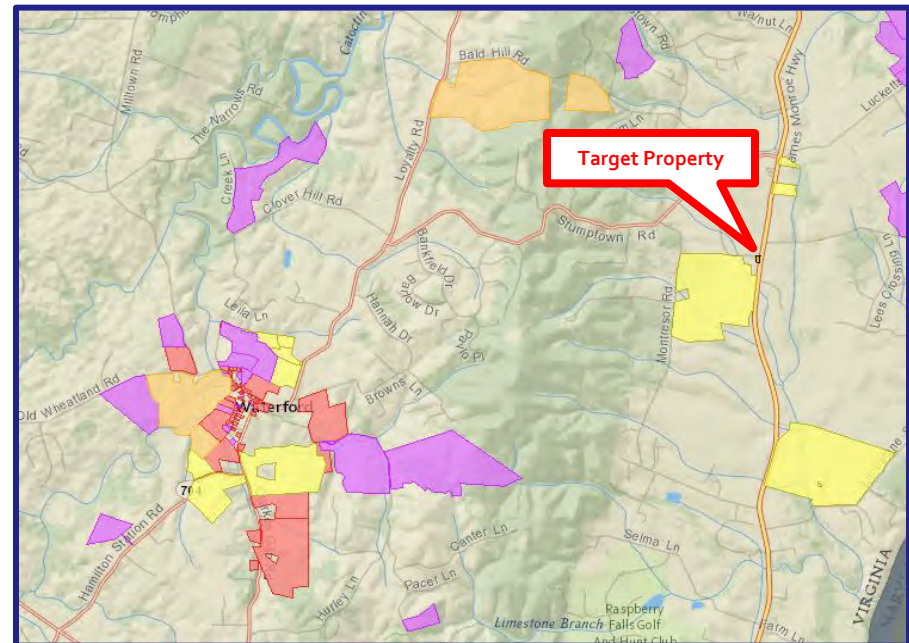
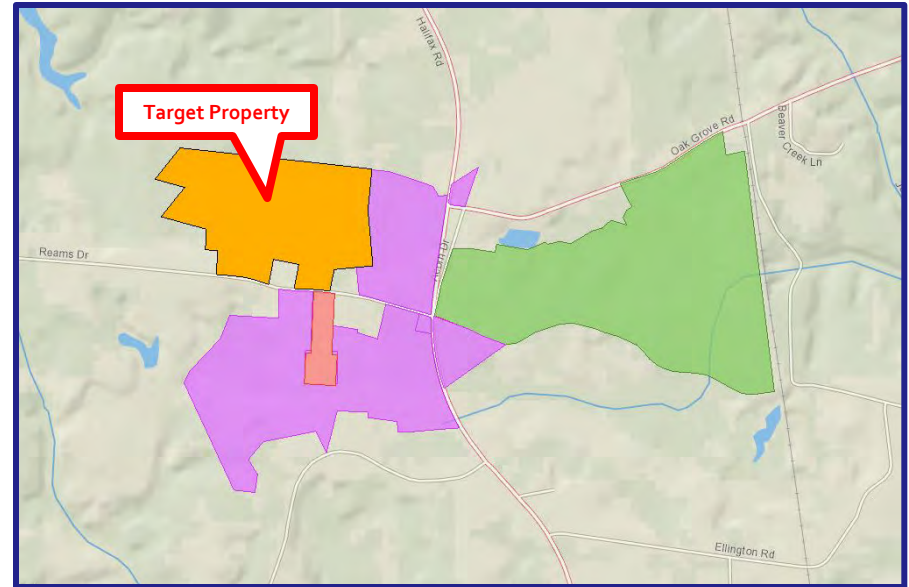
VDHR EASEMENT FILE NO. _____ ep

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-Proximity 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)**
- 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)**

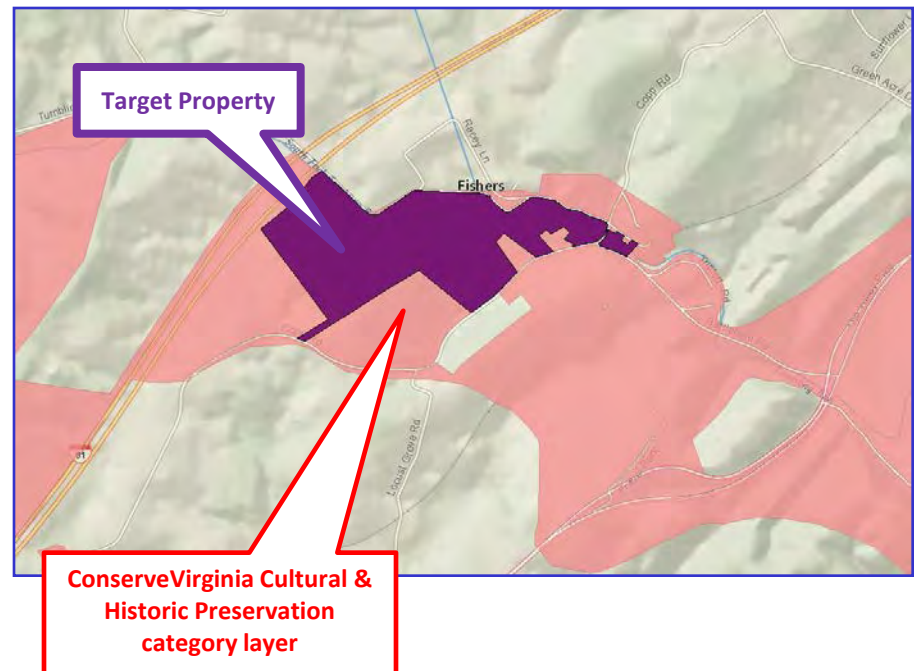
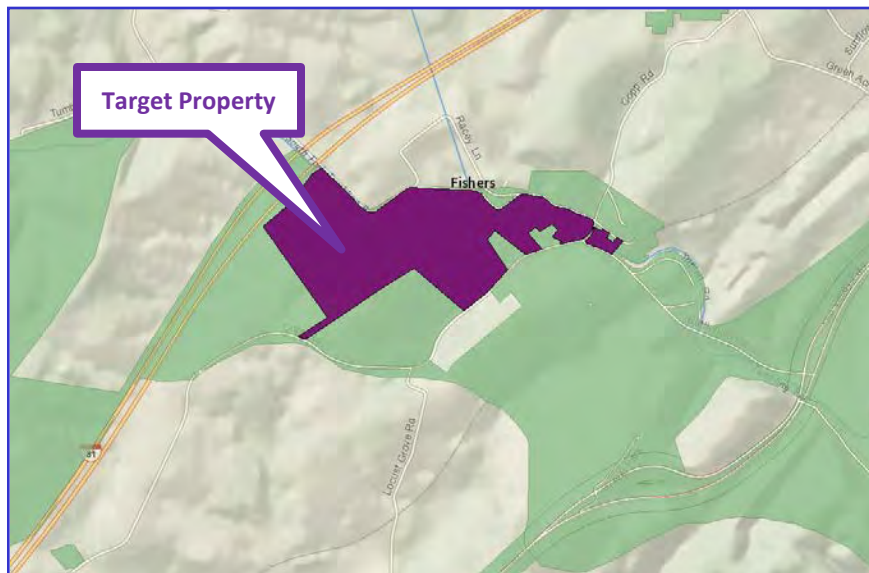


Criterion #7-Conserve Virginia:

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)**



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 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



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		
<i>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.</i>		
A-4. CONSERVATION VALUES ASSOCIATED WITH PROPERTY		
Briefly describe the property (e.g. topography, adjacent streets/roads, water bodies, adjacent development).		

Contact Information:

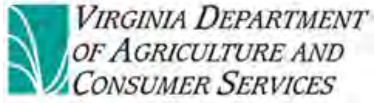
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Easement Program Coordinator
Wendy.musumeci@dhr.virginia.gov
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Elizabeth Tune
Director, Division of Preservation Incentives
Elizabeth.tune@dhr.virginia.gov
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Resources:

- Virginia Department of Historic Resources
www.dhr.virginia.gov
- List of properties on the VLR:
<https://www.dhr.virginia.gov/historic-registers/>
- List of Civil War battlefields with priority ratings:
<https://www.nps.gov/abpp/battles/bystate.htm>
- Report on Revolutionary War/War of 1812:
https://www.nps.gov/abpp/Rev1812_Final_Report.pdf





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

VLCF Grants Workshop
Charlottesville, VA
July 10, 2019

Farmlands Criteria

Total of 100 points

Category I: Land Evaluation – 40 points

Category II: Land Use – 40 points

Category III: ConserveVirginia – 20 points

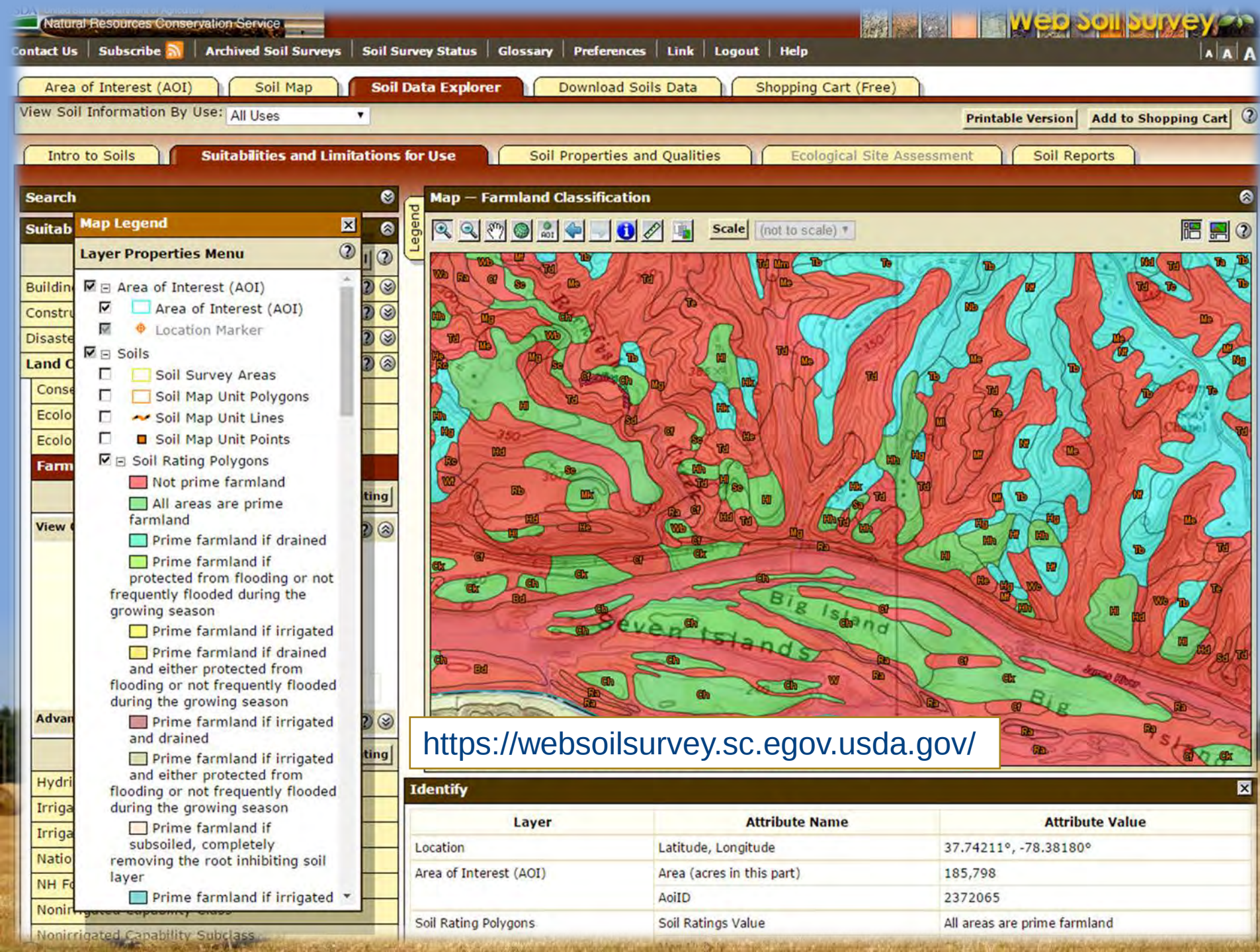


Land Evaluation

Soils (25 pts)

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





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	Aleghany
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	162,781	30,857
..... 2012	8,302,444	77,389	168,877	36,963
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	114,886
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	4,308	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	38
\$200,000 to \$499,999	14,682	66	187	68
\$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.

Contact

Jennifer Perkins
Coordinator, Office of Farmland Preservation
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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

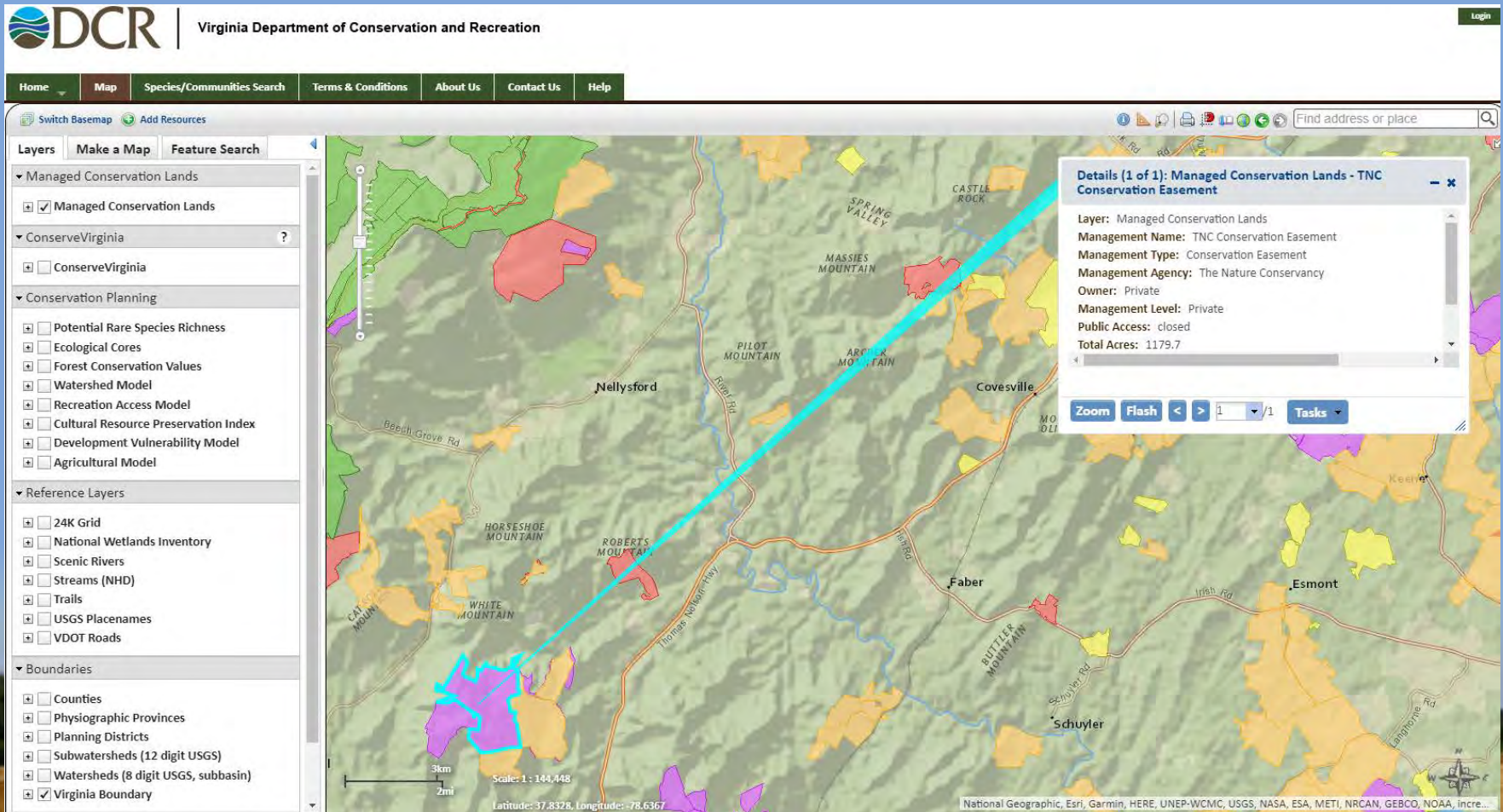
1. Is the land currently being farmed?

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)

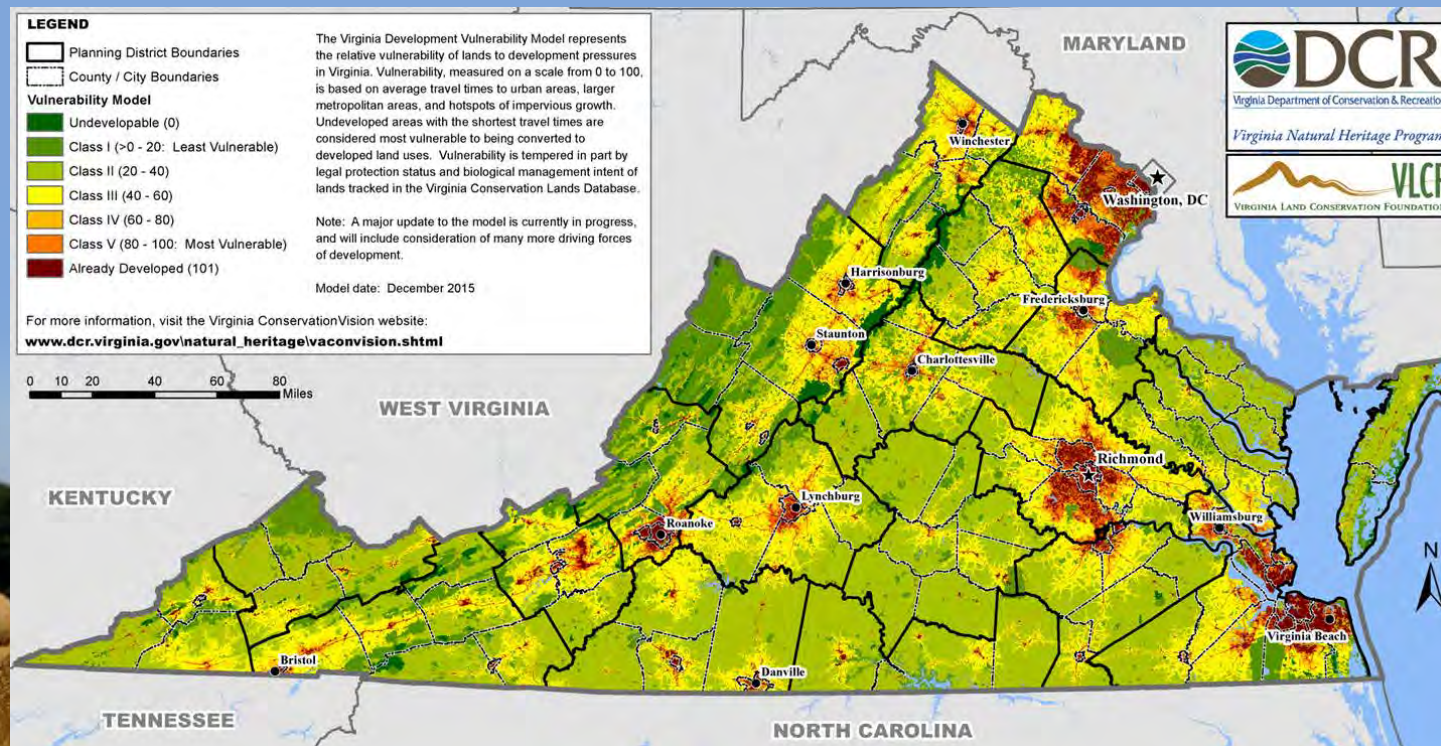


<https://vanhde.org/content/map>

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



<https://vanhde.org/content/map>

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.



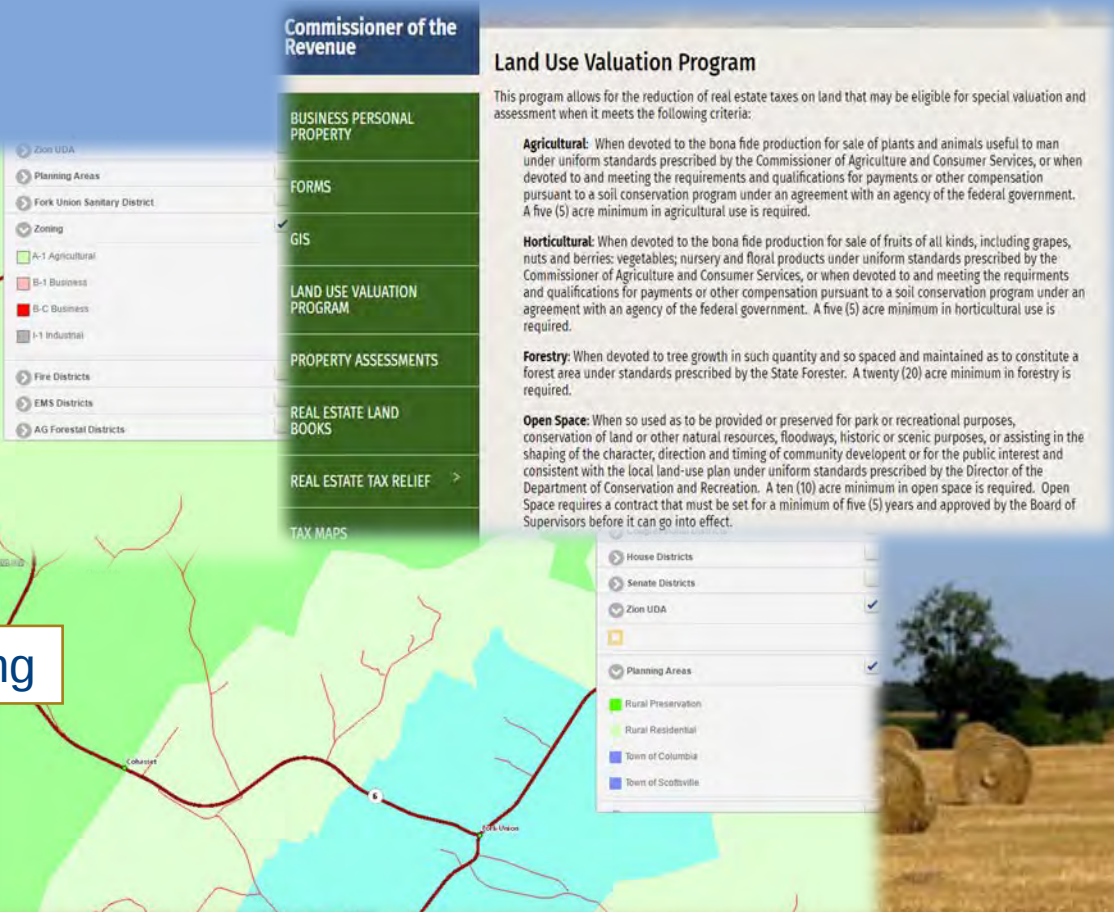
Land Use

Supported by local policies (4 pts)

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



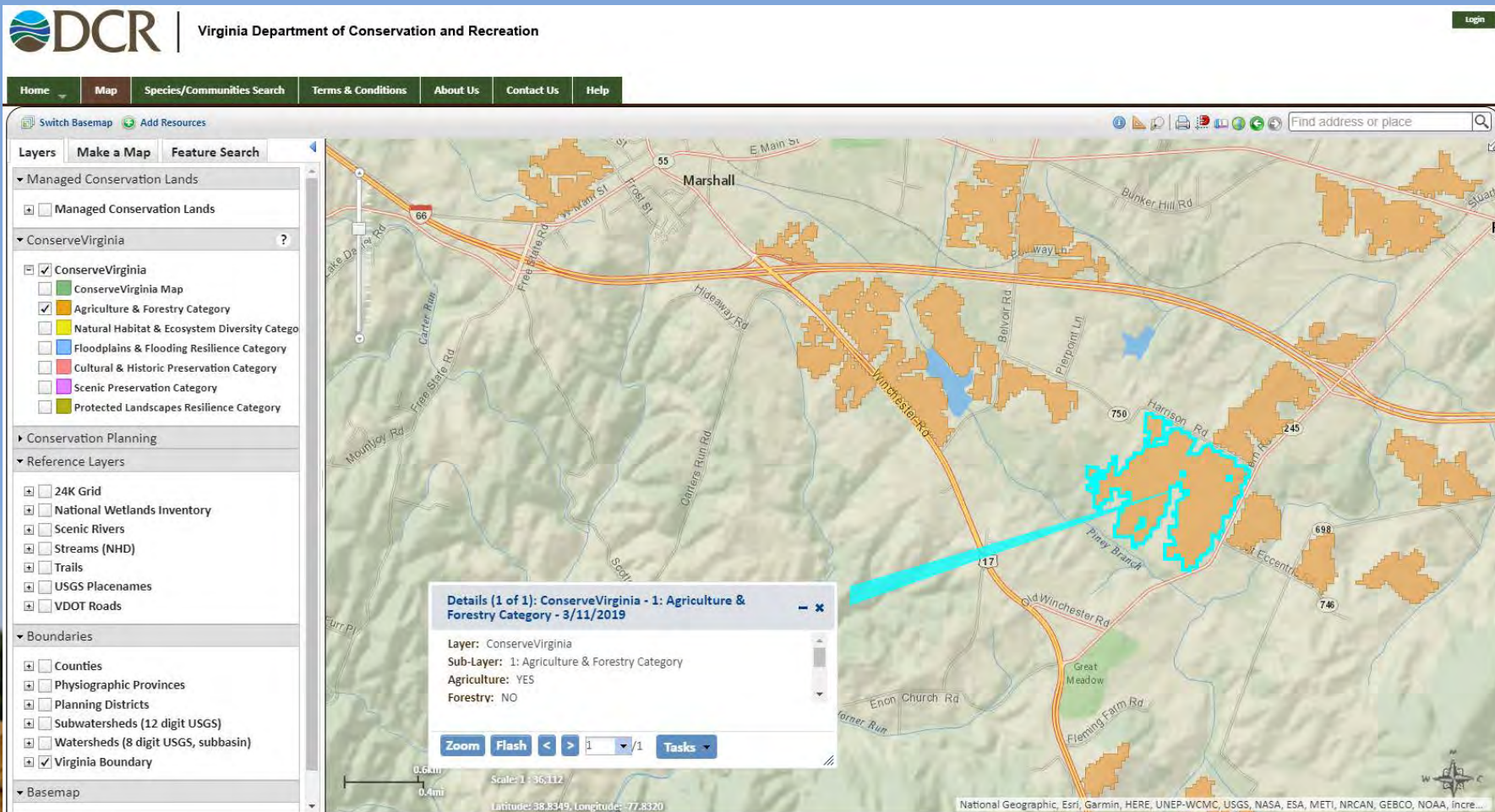
Zoning Map: Agricultural Zoning



Future Land Use Map: Rural Preservation

ConserveVirginia

Agriculture Layer (20 pts)



Questions?

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Va. Dept. of Agriculture & Consumer Services**

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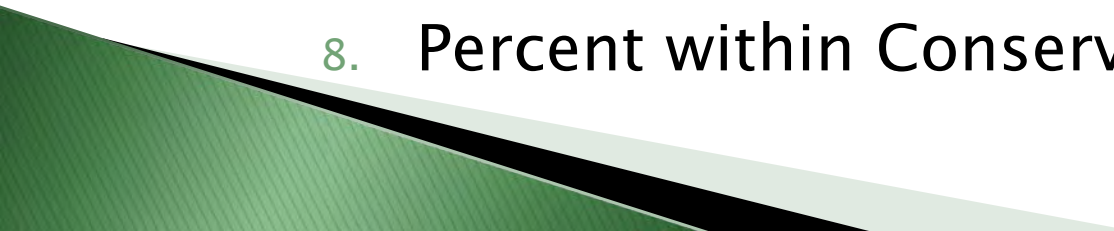
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Forest Lands Category



Virginia Land Conservation Foundation
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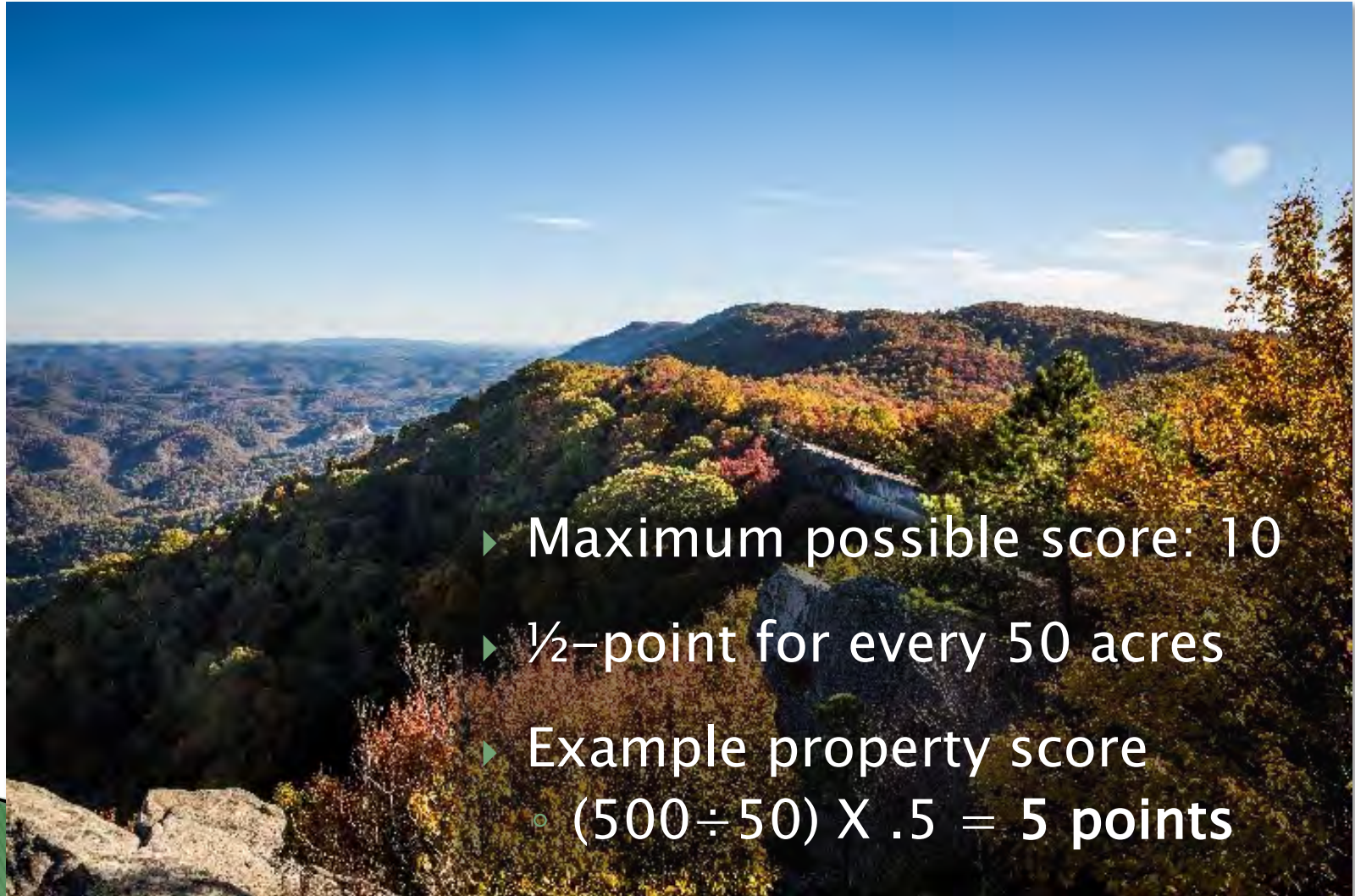
Forest Lands Criteria

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
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Example Property

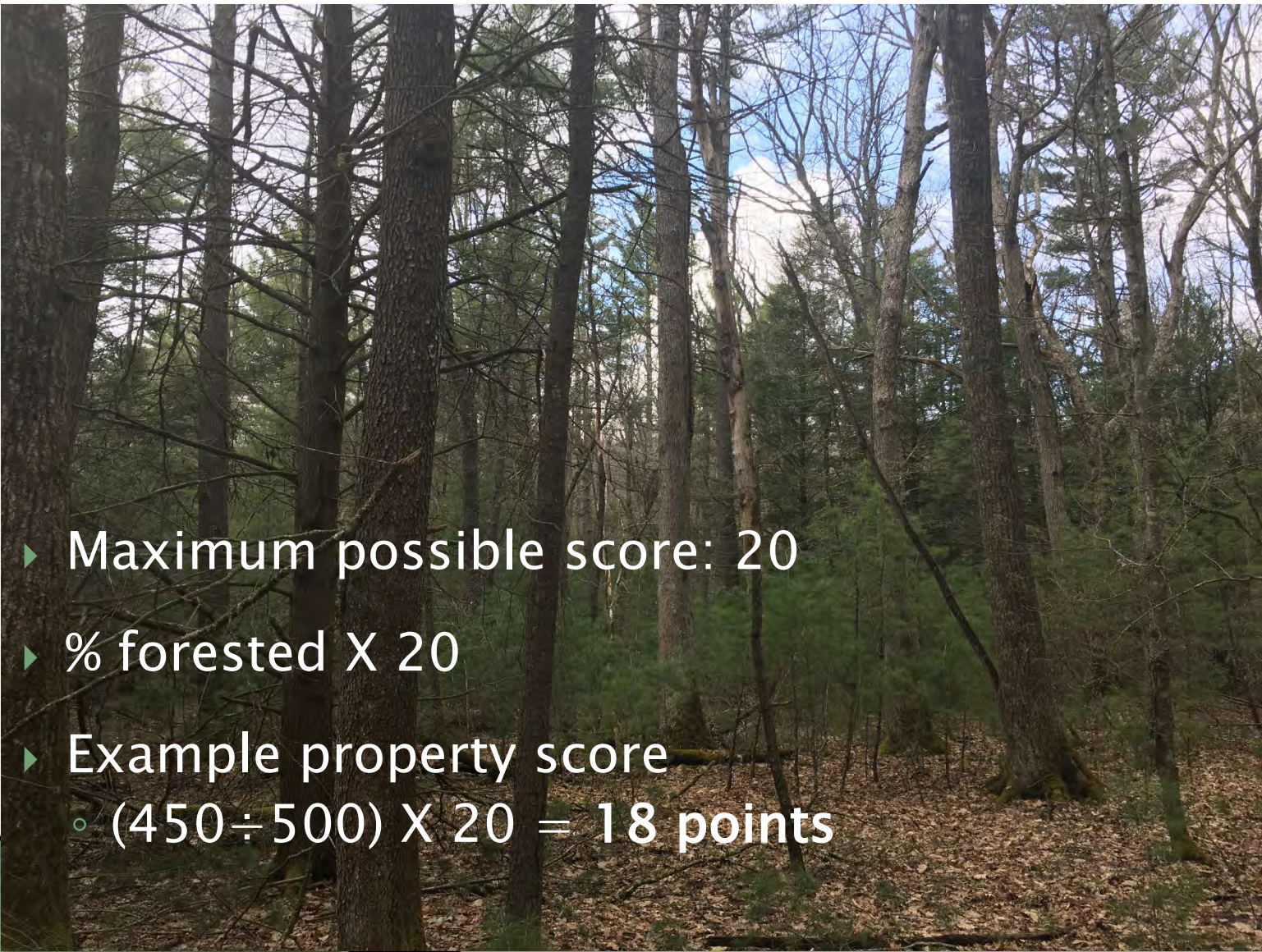
- 500-acre property
 - 450 acres forested, 400 acres high FCV
 - 63% of acreage in ConserveVirginia
- 6250' of watercourses
- Adjacent to Wildlife Management Area and within 2 miles of eased property
- Forest Stewardship Management Plan and demonstrated implementation
- Applicant willing to permanently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

1. Property Acreage



- ▶ Maximum possible score: 10
- ▶ ½-point for every 50 acres
- ▶ Example property score
 - $(500 \div 50) \times .5 = 5$ points

2. Percent Forested

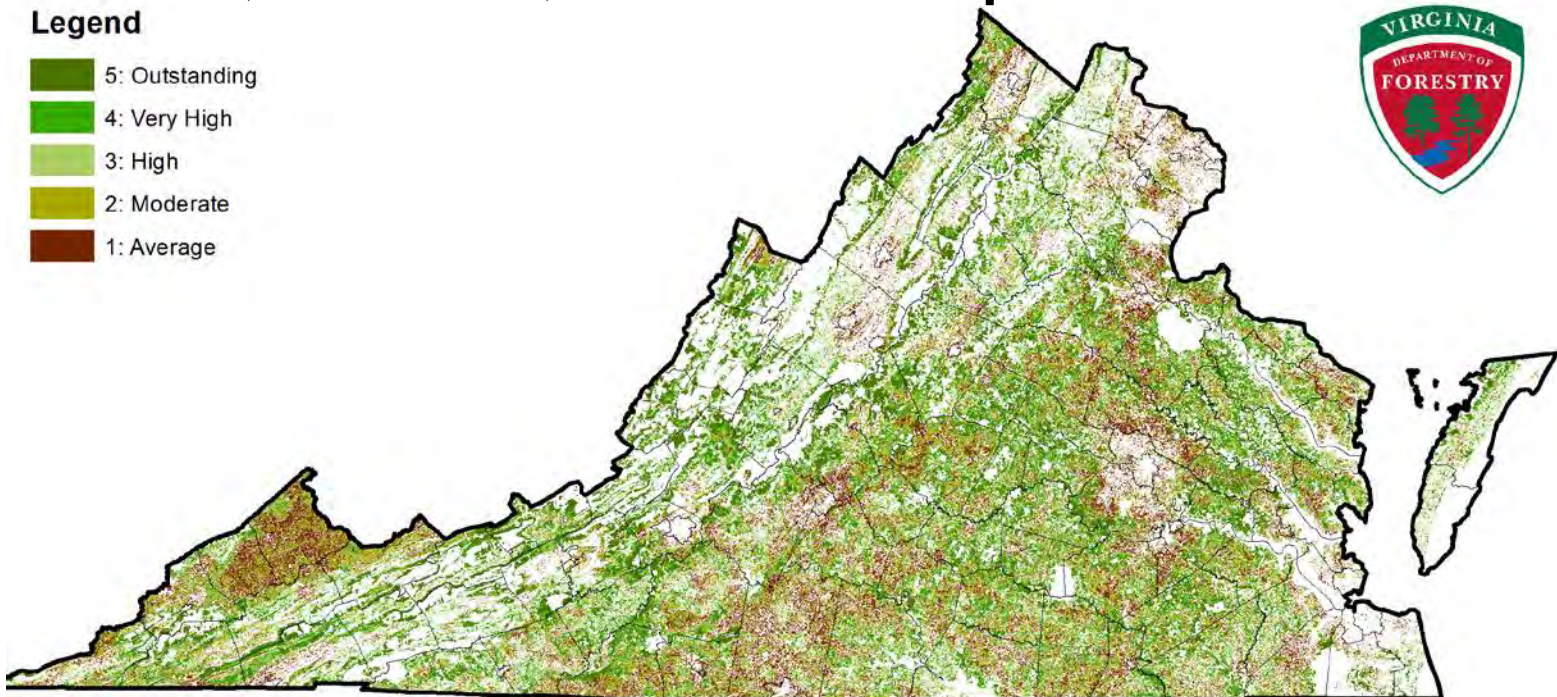
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- ▶ Maximum possible score: 20
 - ▶ % forested X 20
 - ▶ Example property score
 - $(450 \div 500) \times 20 = 18$ points

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

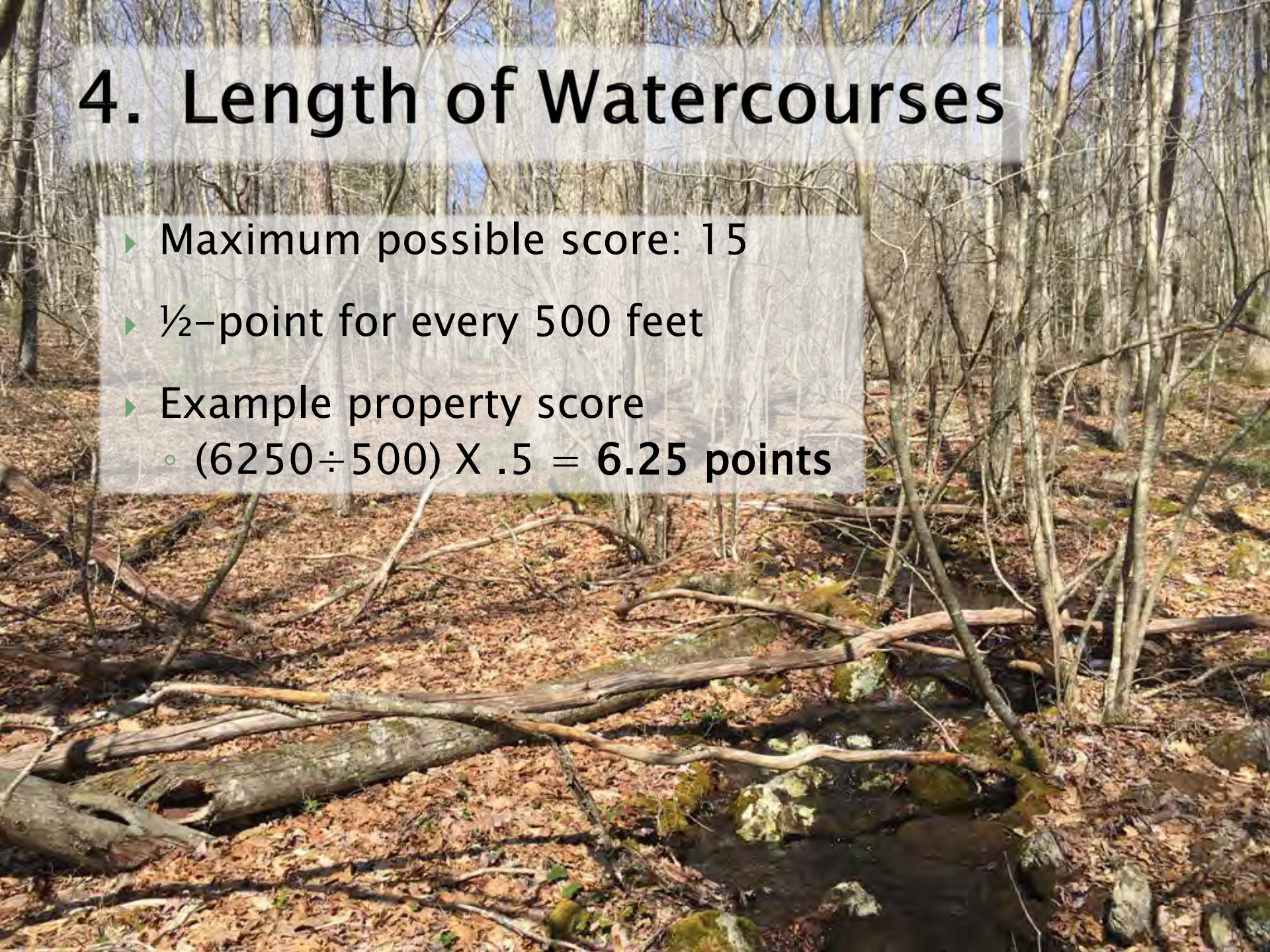
Legend

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



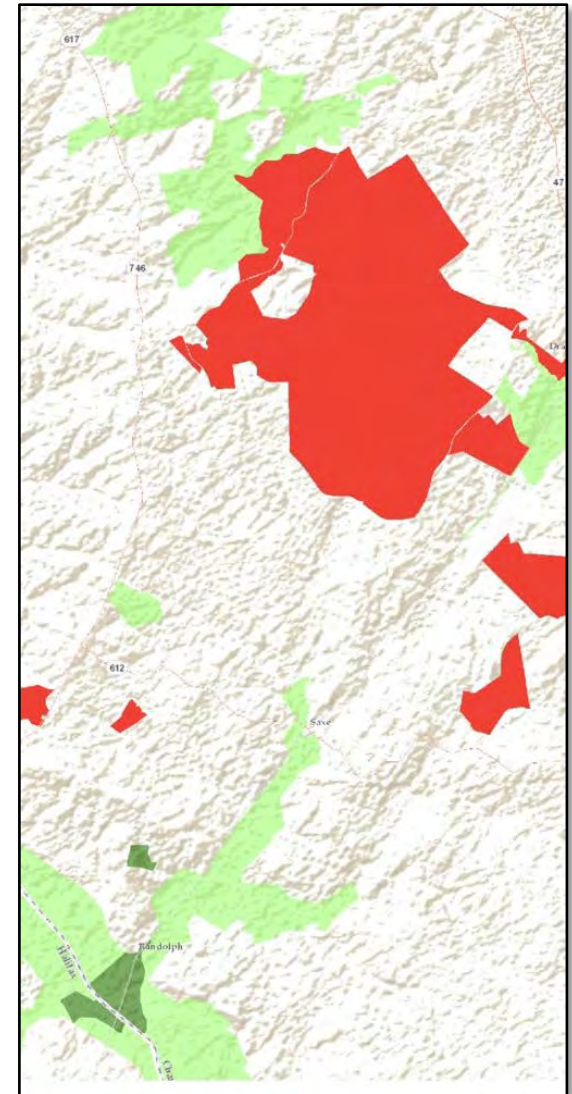
4. Length of Watercourses

- ▶ 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



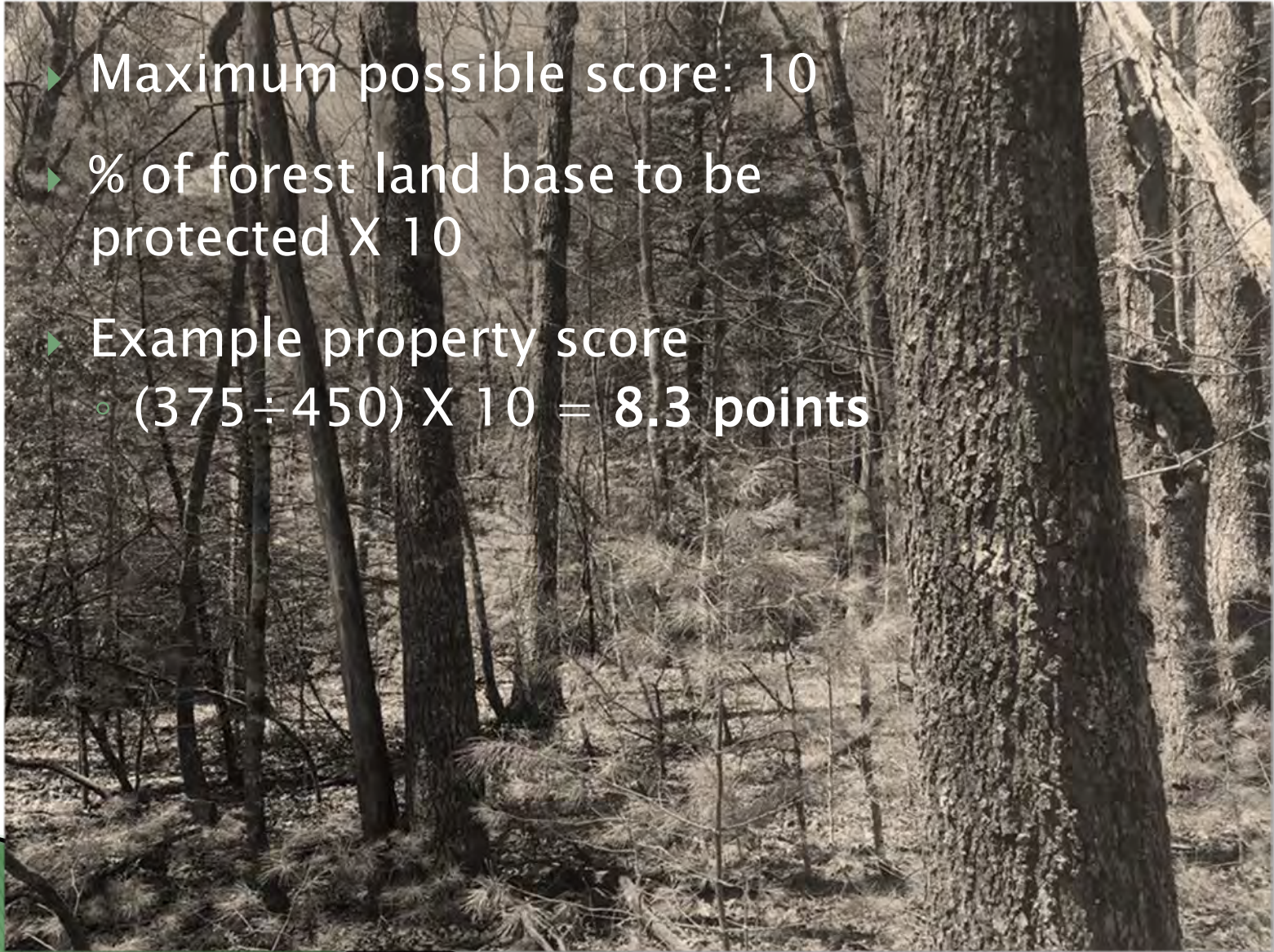
6. Management

- ▶ 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**

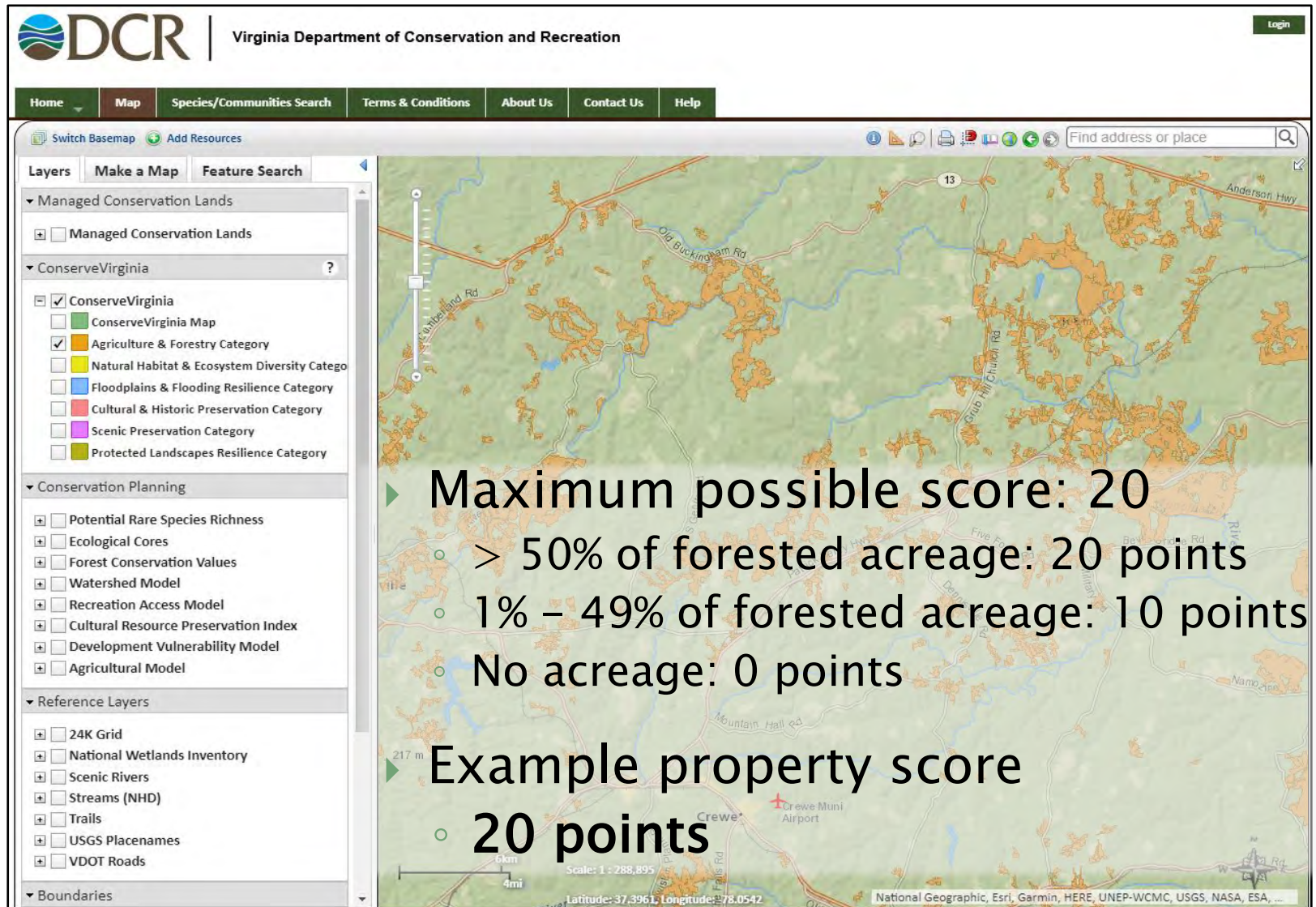


7. Forest Land Base Preservation

- ▶ 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 and the text "Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation". Below this is a menu with links: Home, Map, Species/Communities Search, Terms & Conditions, About Us, Contact Us, and Help. The main content area 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 property score of 20 points, indicated by a green circle. The score is based on the following criteria:

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

The example property score is 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



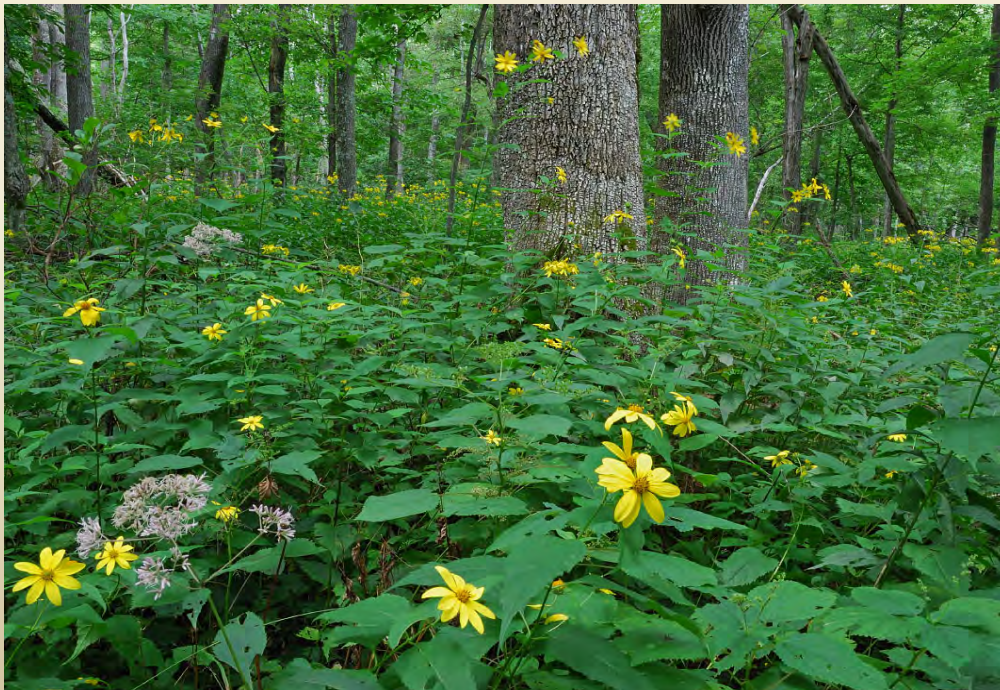
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Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation Division of Natural Heritage



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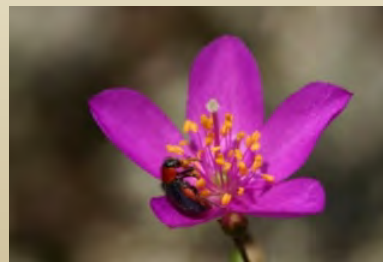
Science-based, systematic approaches to identify & protect biological diversity

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

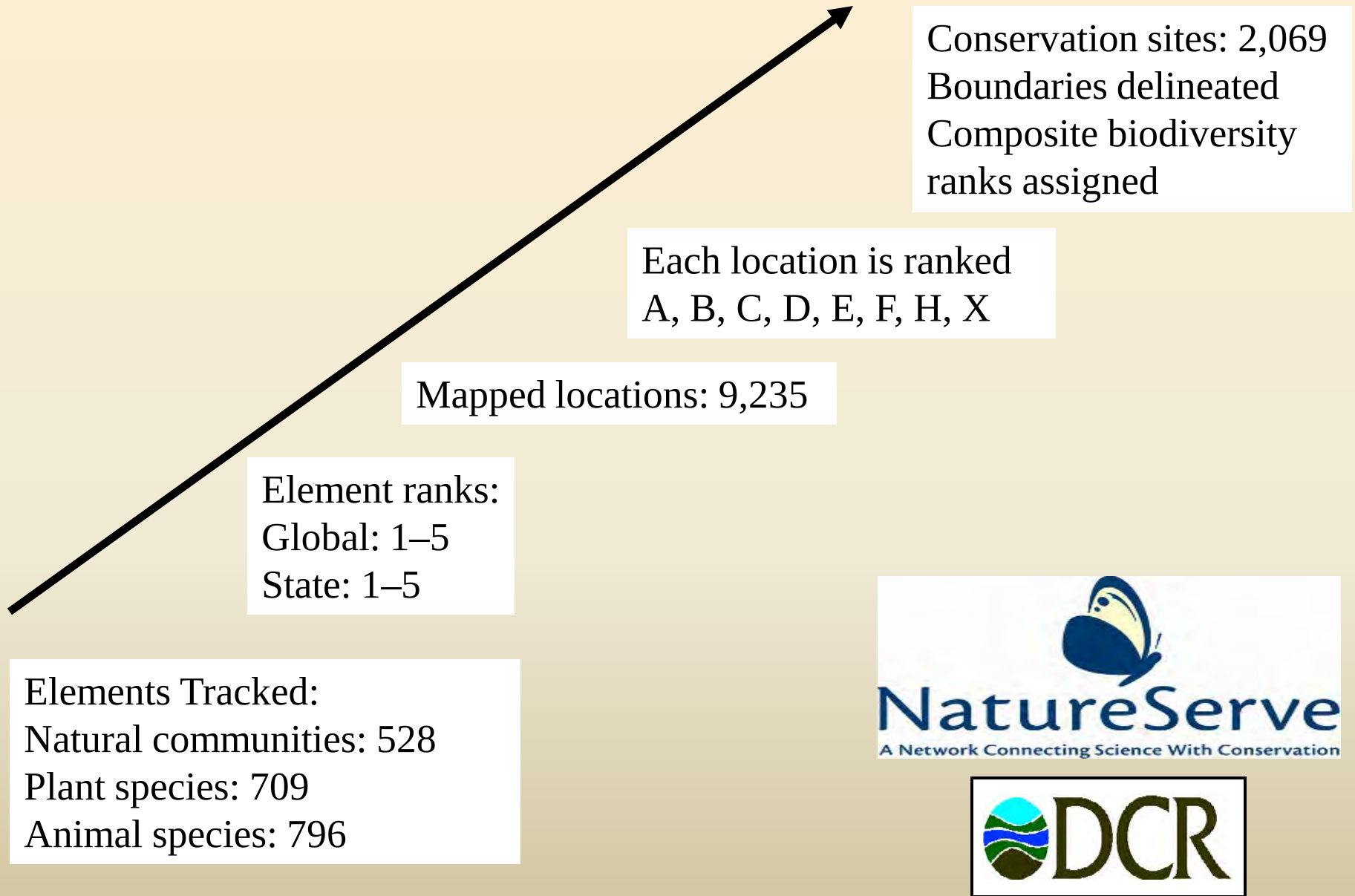


Conserving Virginia's biodiversity through inventory, protection, & stewardship

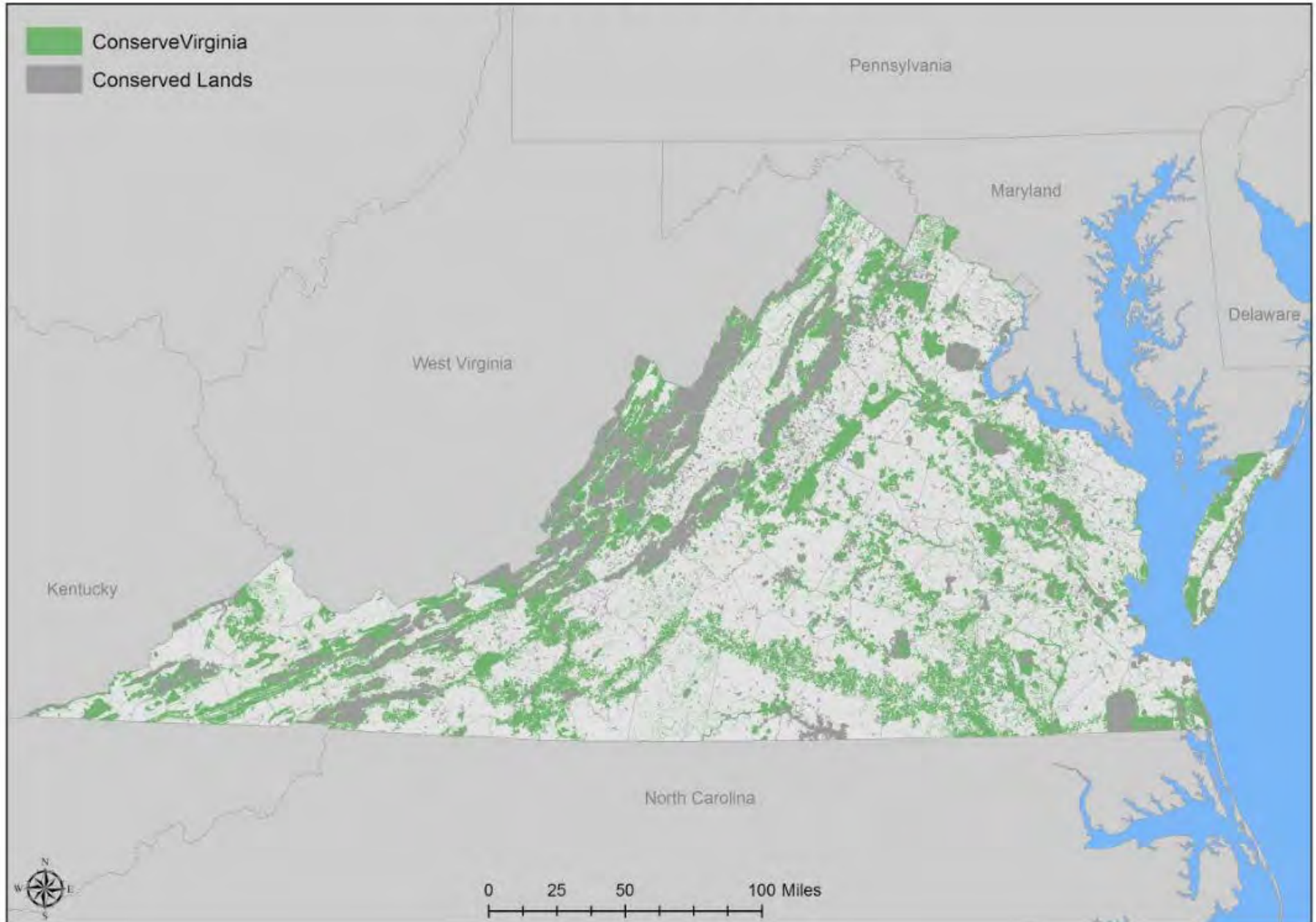
- Biological expertise
(discovered 30 species
new to science and 300
species new to Virginia)
- Data mgt tools &
standards
- Innovative stewardship



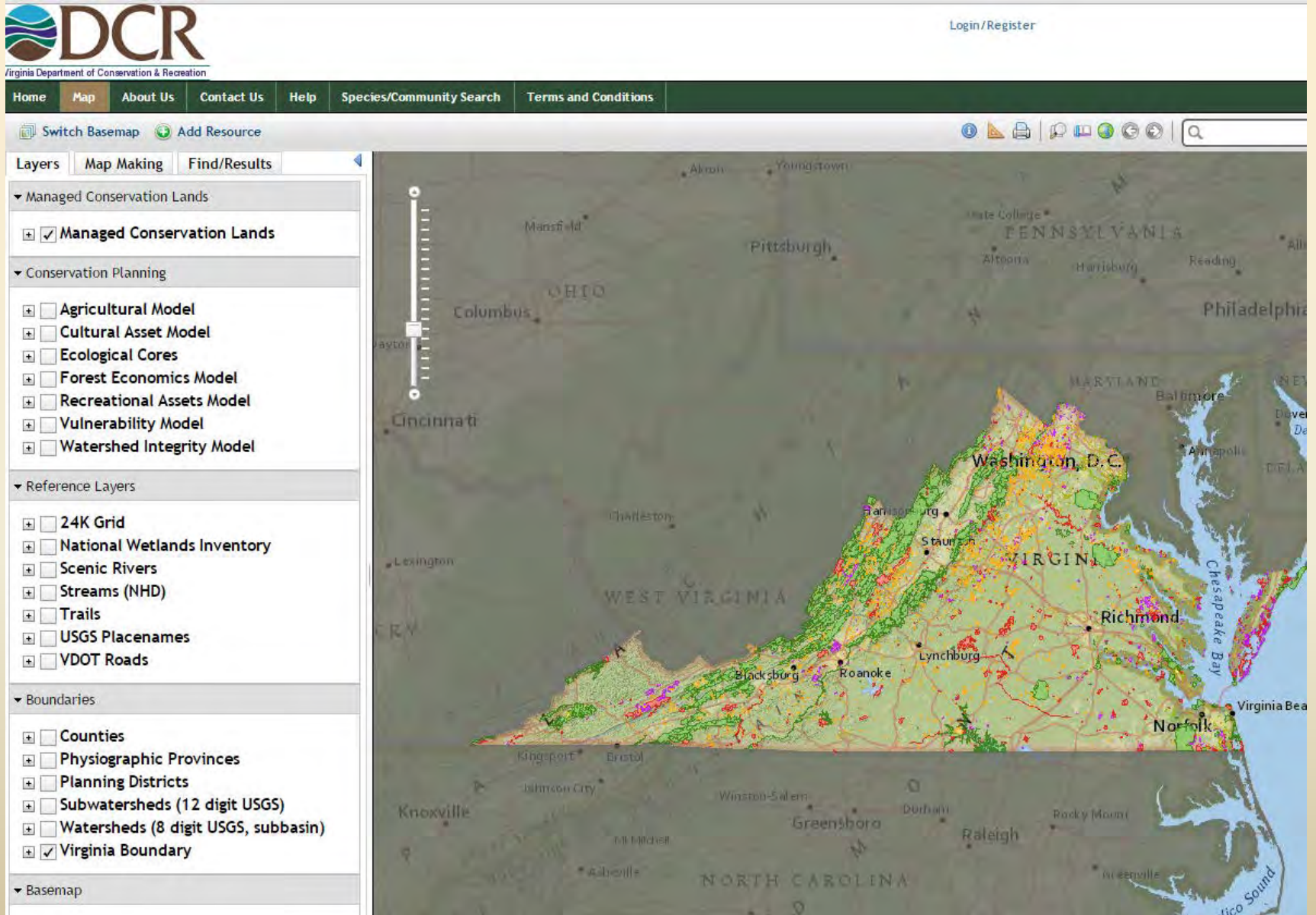
Natural Heritage Methodology



ConserveVirginia



Natural Heritage Data Explorer (NHDE)

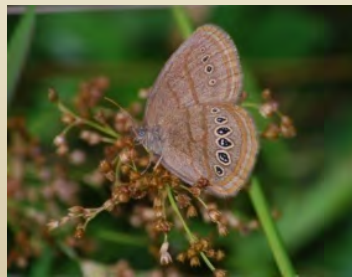
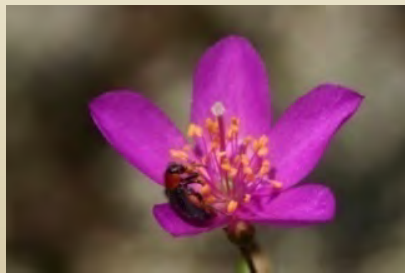


Virginia Natural Area Preserves Act (1989)

The Department shall...

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

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



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The Department shall...

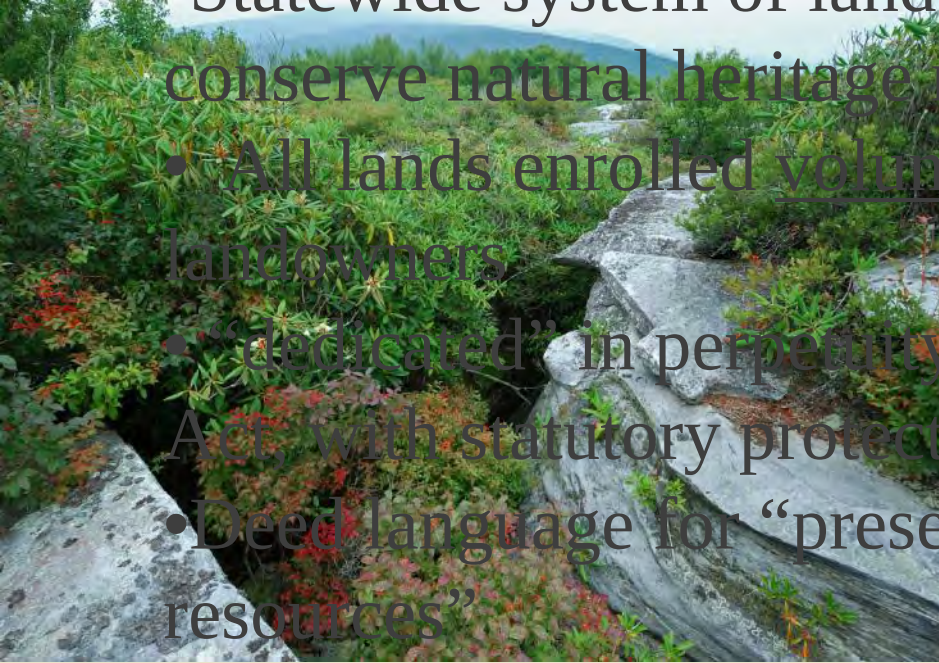
“Preserve the natural diversity of biological resources of the Commonwealth”

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.

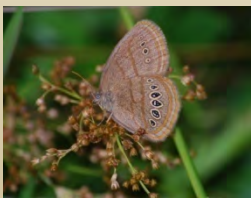
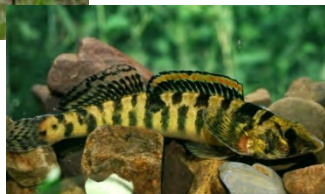
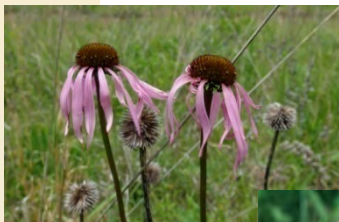
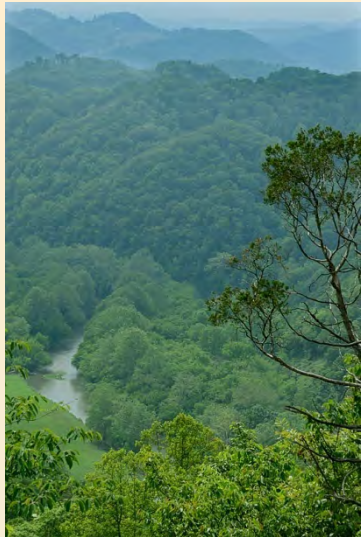
What are Natural Area Preserves?

- Statewide system of lands designed to protect & conserve natural heritage resources
- All lands enrolled voluntarily in partnership with landowners
- “dedicated” in perpetuity under Open Space Lands Act, with statutory protection against condemnation
- Deed language for “preservation of natural heritage resources”



• ~~Southern Appalachian Shrub Bald @~~
The Channels State Natural Area Preserve
Spencer Mountain, Russell Co.
the specific mission & intent

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



Natural Area Preserve System

**Locations strongly informed
by science**

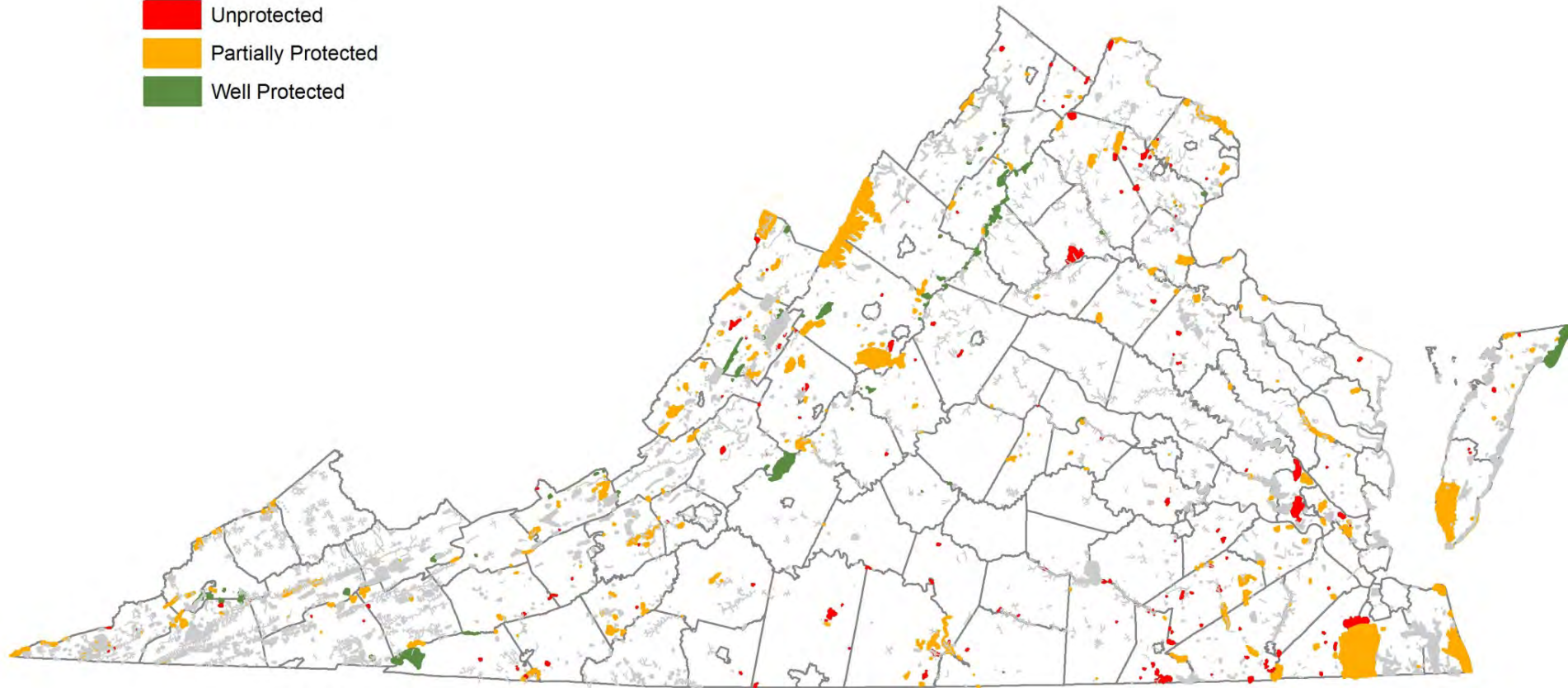
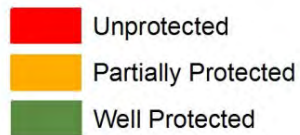
**Overall goal is to be efficient
& comprehensive**

**MOST SITES DO NOT
QUALIFY**

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



Virginia's Precious Heritage

Virginia Land Conservation Foundation

- Critical support for Natural Area Protection



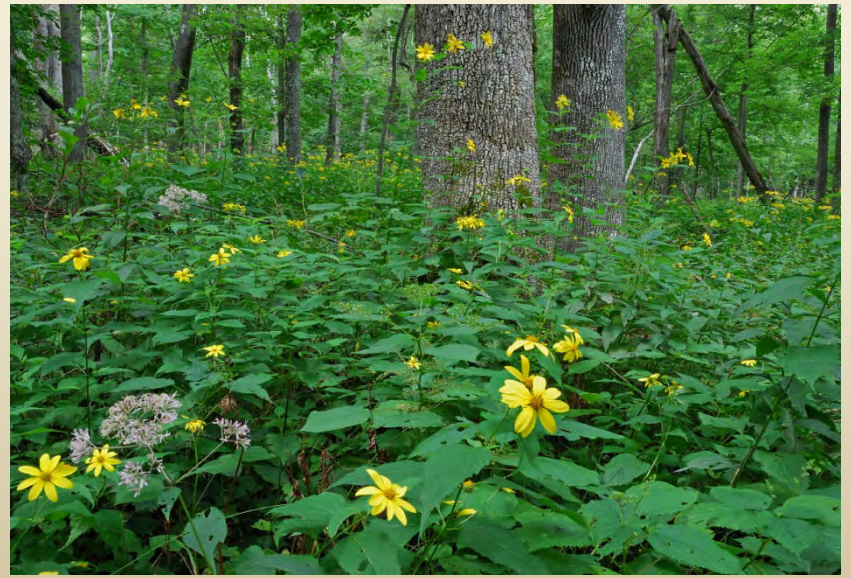
Identifying the best available Natural Areas

VLCF Scoring Criteria:

Biodiversity Significance	(35 pts)
Ecological Integrity	(20 pts)
Management Needs, Likelihood of Success, & Threat	(25 pts)
<i>ConserveVirginia</i>	(20 pts)

1. Biodiversity Significance (Max 35 pts)

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



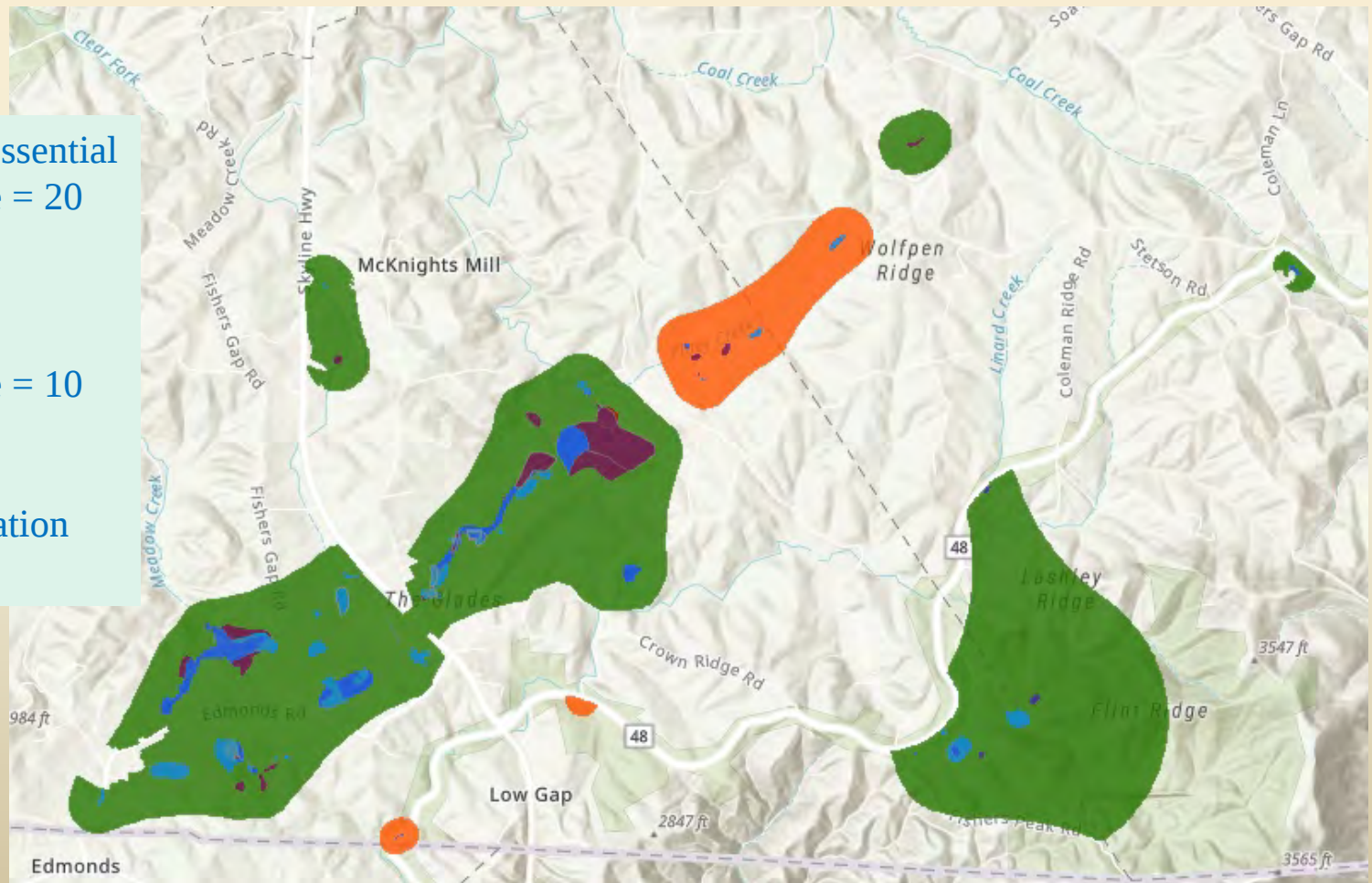
1.a Conservation Site Significance (Max 20 pts)

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

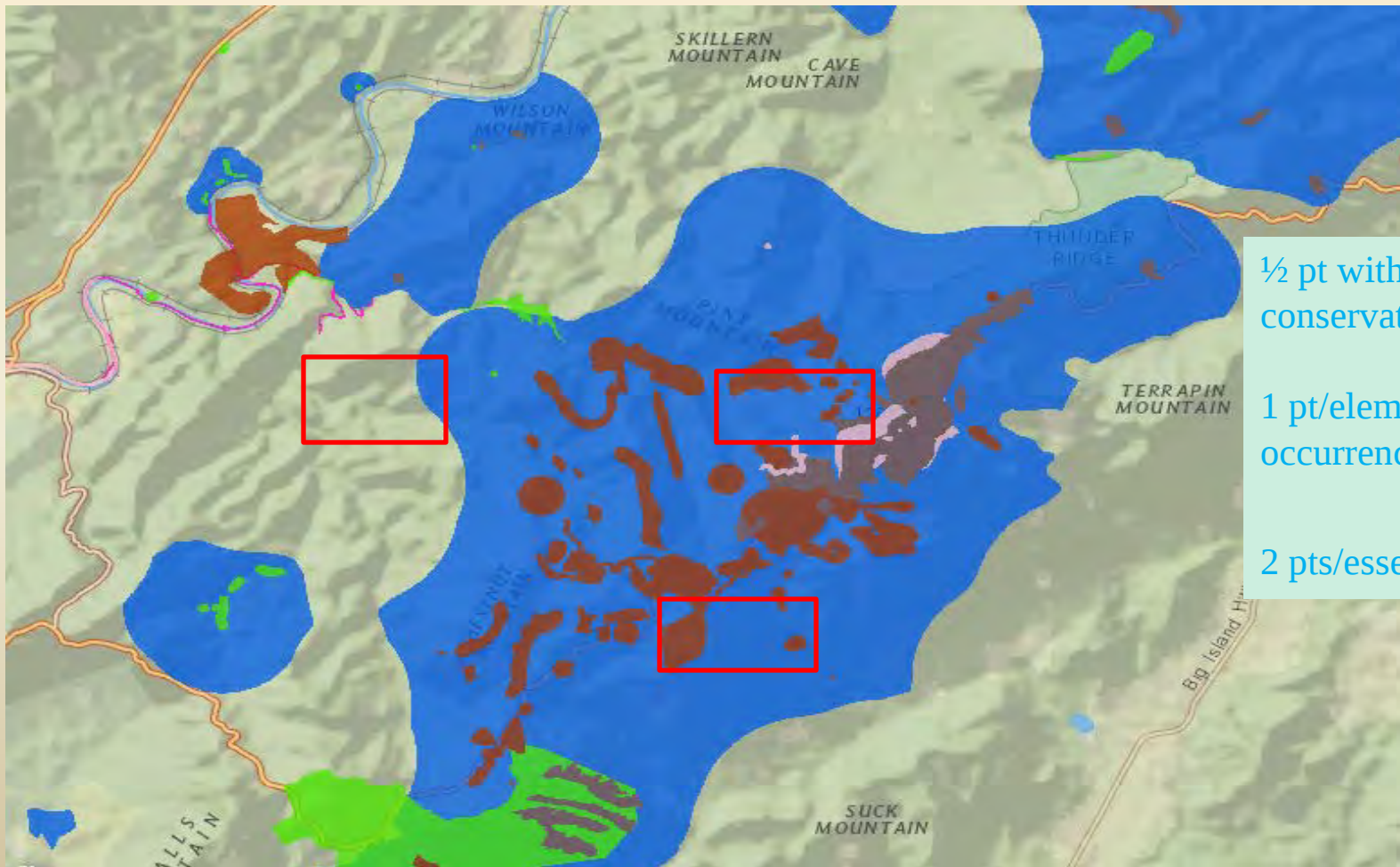
Located within
conservation site = 10
pts

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?



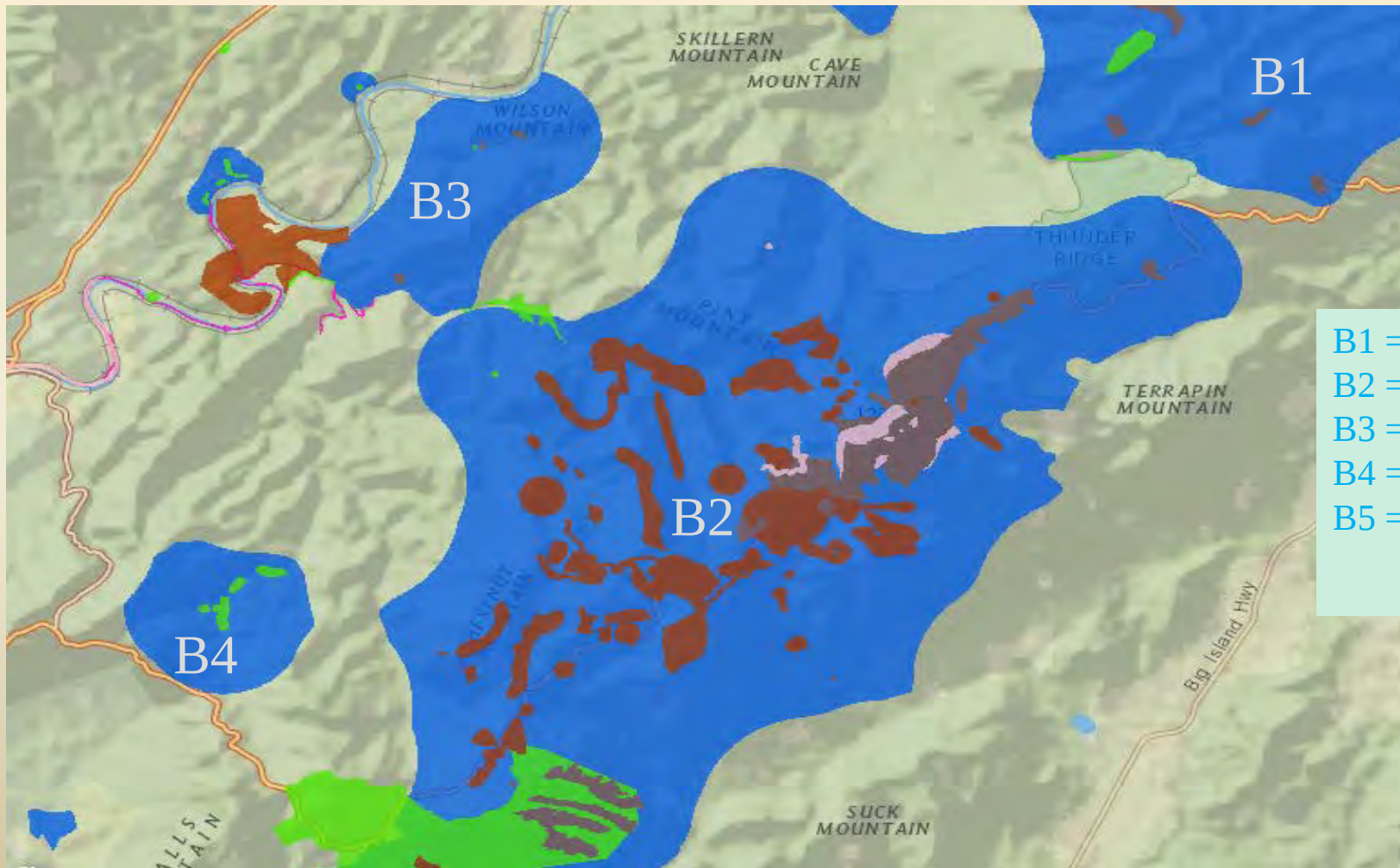
½ pt within
conservation site

1 pt/element
occurrence

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)

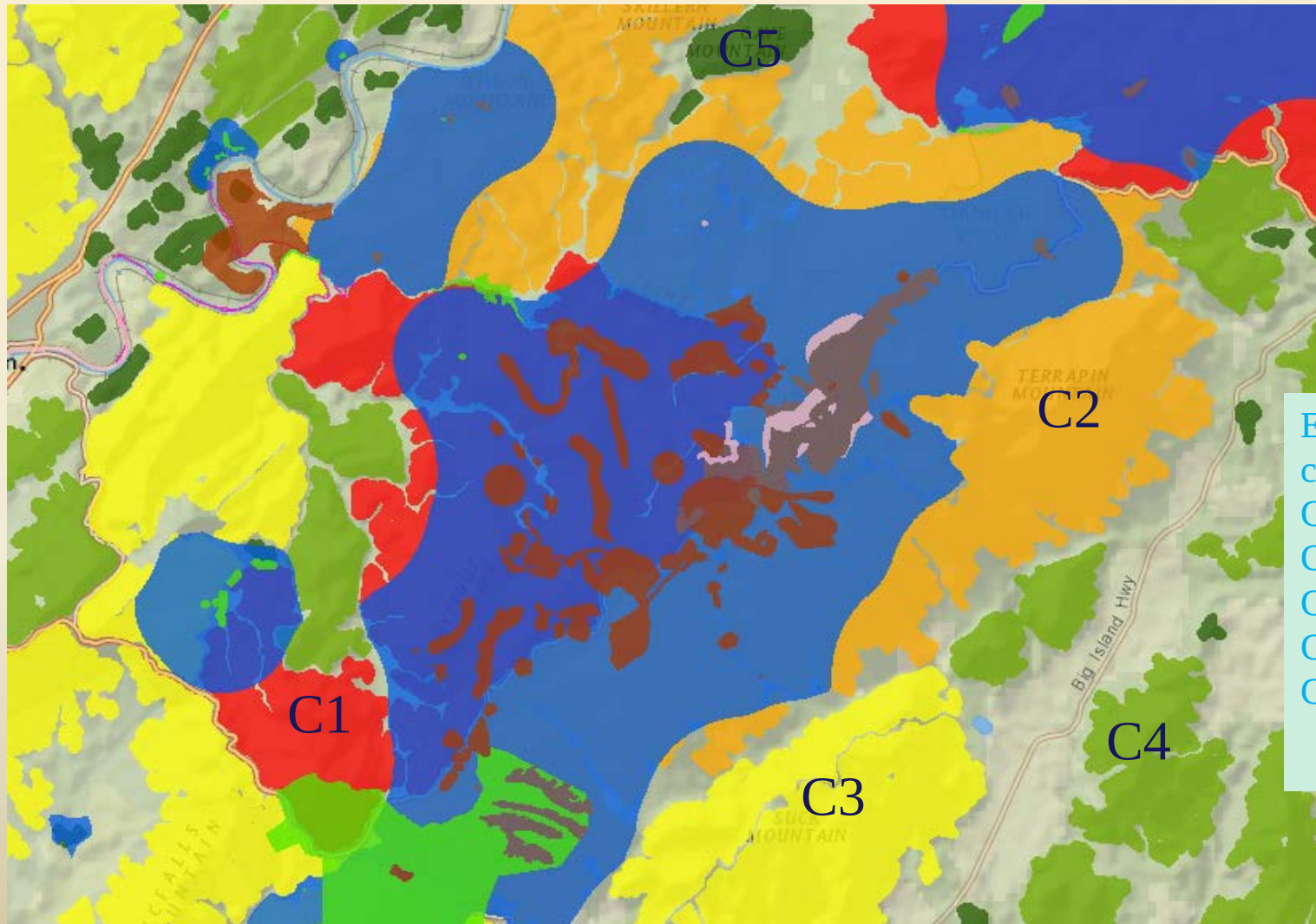
Landscape Integrity (10 pts)

Parcel Integrity (5 pts)

Connectivity (5 pts)

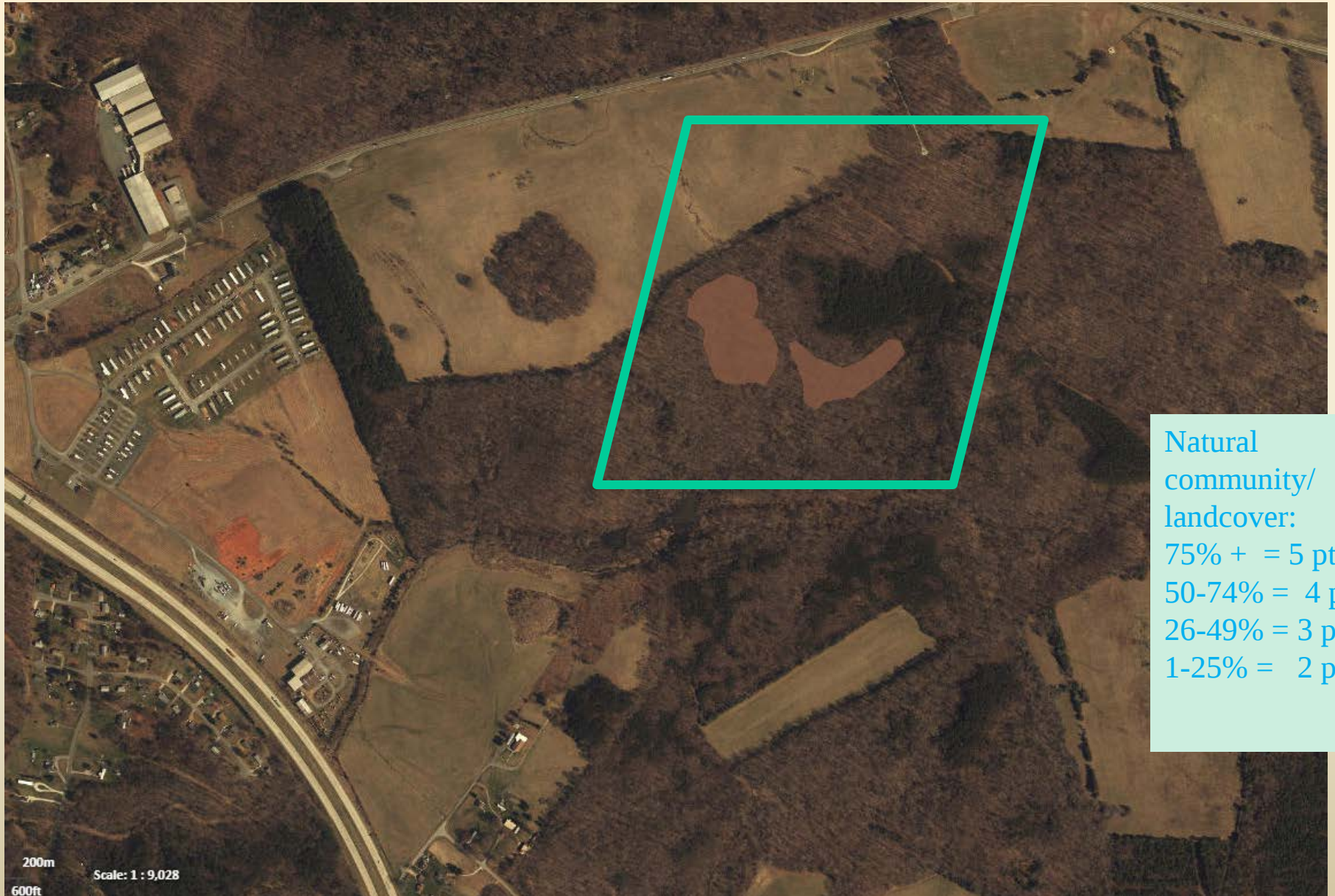


2.a Landscape Integrity (Max 10 pts)



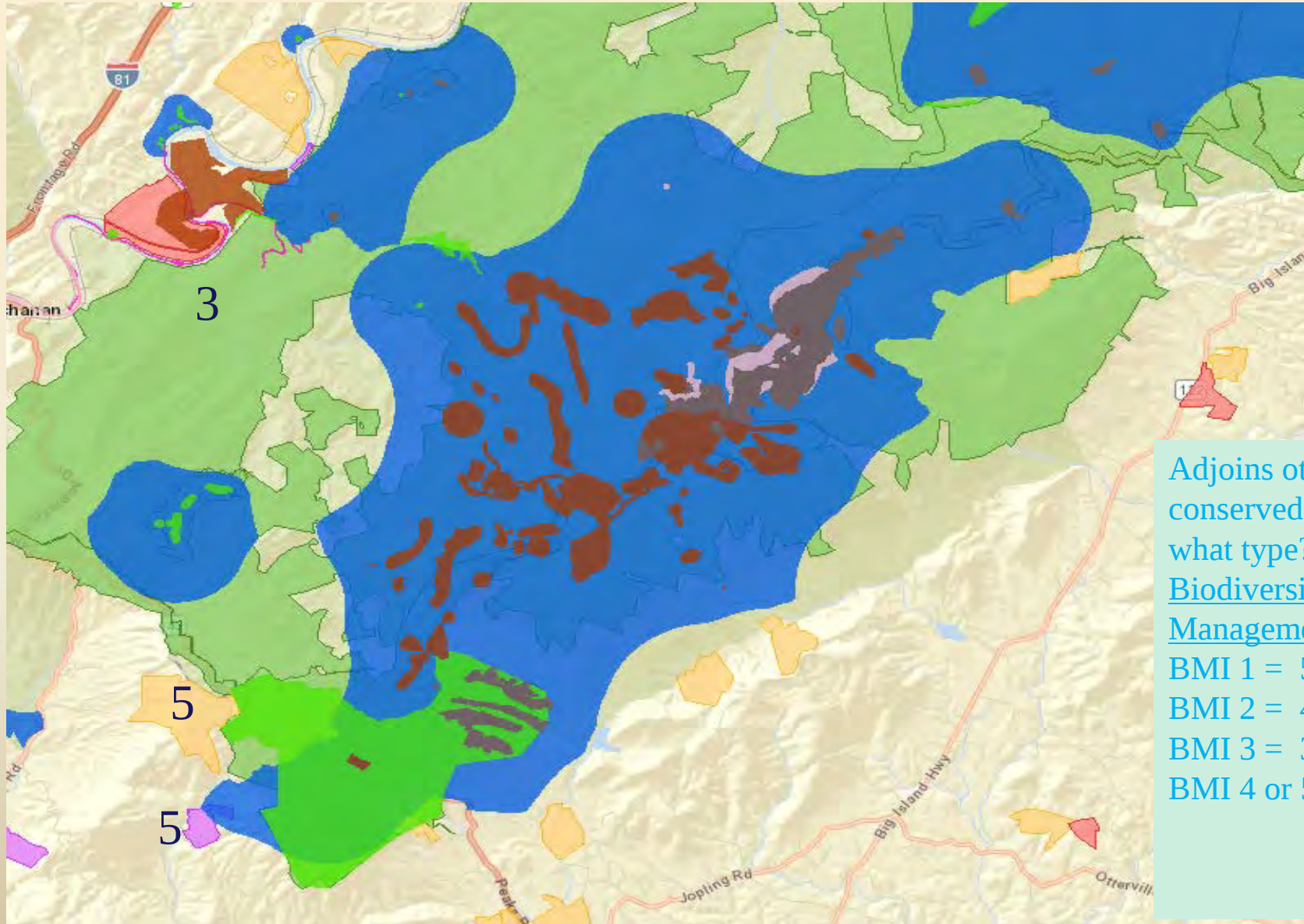
Ecological
cores:
C1 = 10 pts
C2 = 8 pts
C3 = 6 pts
C4 = 3 pts
C5 = 1 pt

2.B Parcel Integrity (Max 5 pts)



Natural
community/
landcover:
75% + = 5 pts
50-74% = 4 pts
26-49% = 3 pts
1-25% = 2 pts

2.c Connectivity (Max 5 pts)



Adjoins other conserved lands?, what type?

Biodiversity

Management Intent

BMI 1 = 5 pts

BMI 2 = 4 pts

BMI 3 = 3 pts

BMI 4 or 5 = 2 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

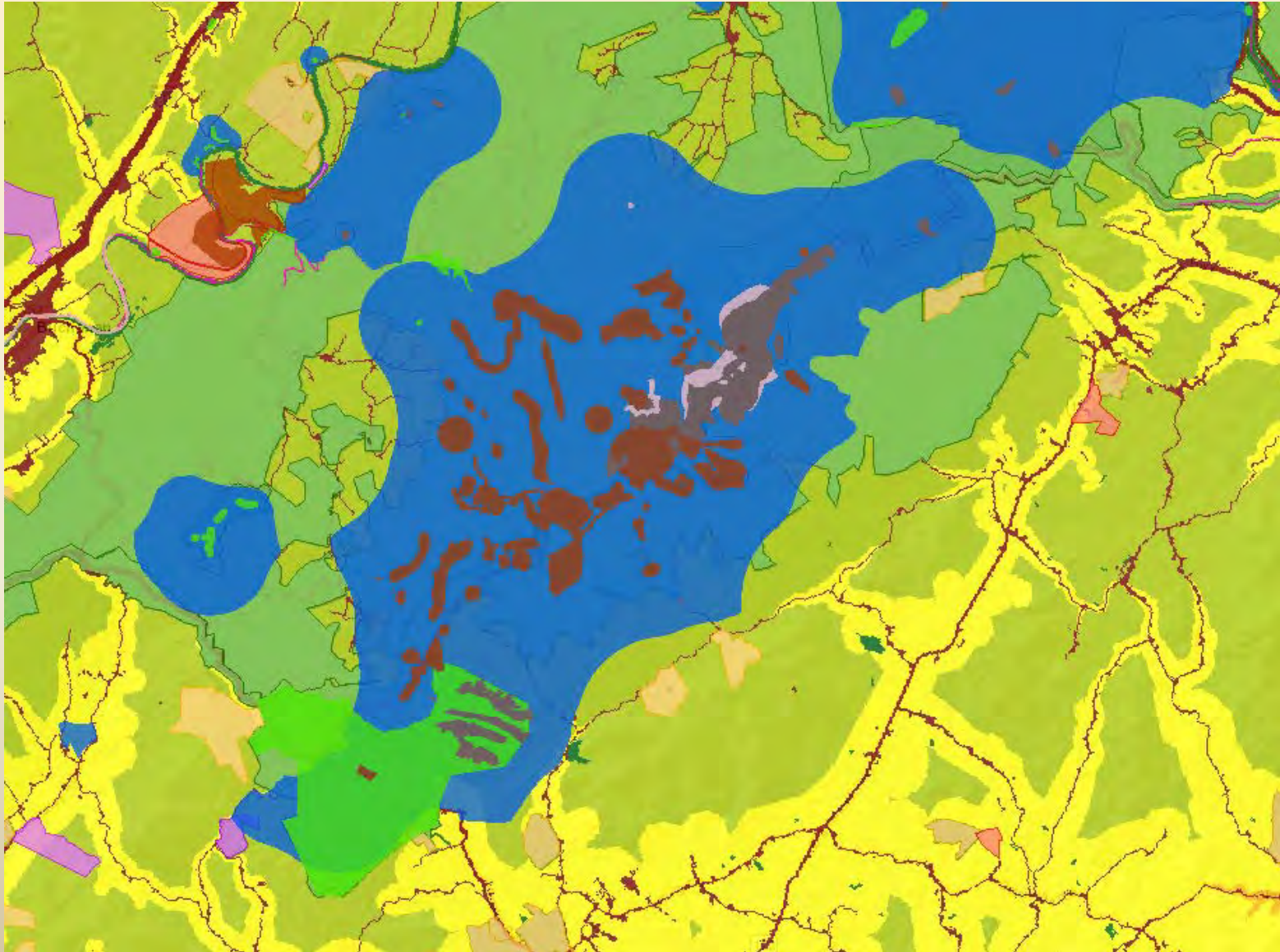
NHP staff have timely opportunity to visit the tract and discuss with landowner necessary conservation measures & implications of natural area dedication



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



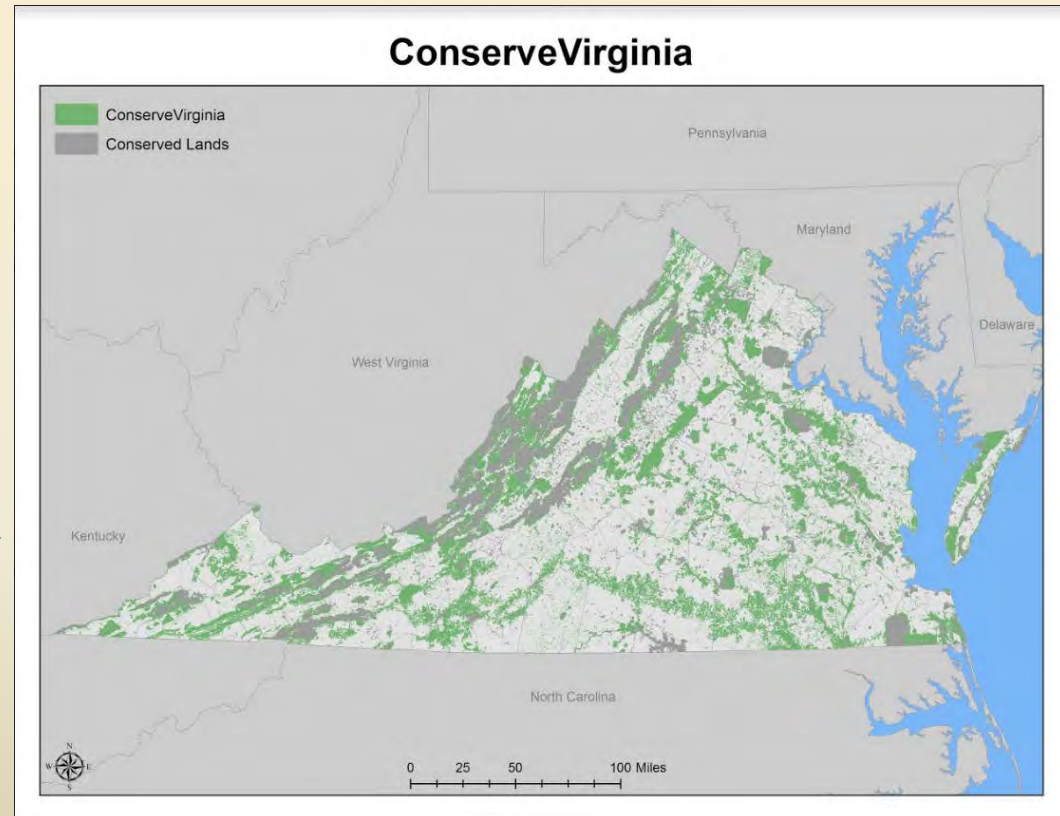
3.d. Threats (Development Vulnerability)

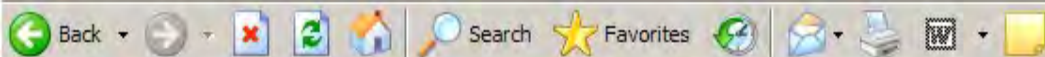


4. *ConserveVirginia*

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



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Layers Legend

- ☐ Trails
- ☐ VDOT Roads
- ☐ NHD Streams
- ☒ Managed Conservation Lands
- ☐ NWI Wetlands

Boundaries

- ☐ Subhydrologic Units
- ☐ 8-Digit USGS Watersheds
- ☐ Physiographic Provinces
- ☐ Planning Districts (PDC)
- ☒ Counties
- ☒ States

Base Layers

- ☒ VBMP Imagery
- ☒ 24k TOPO
- ☒ 100k TOPO
- ☒ Elevation

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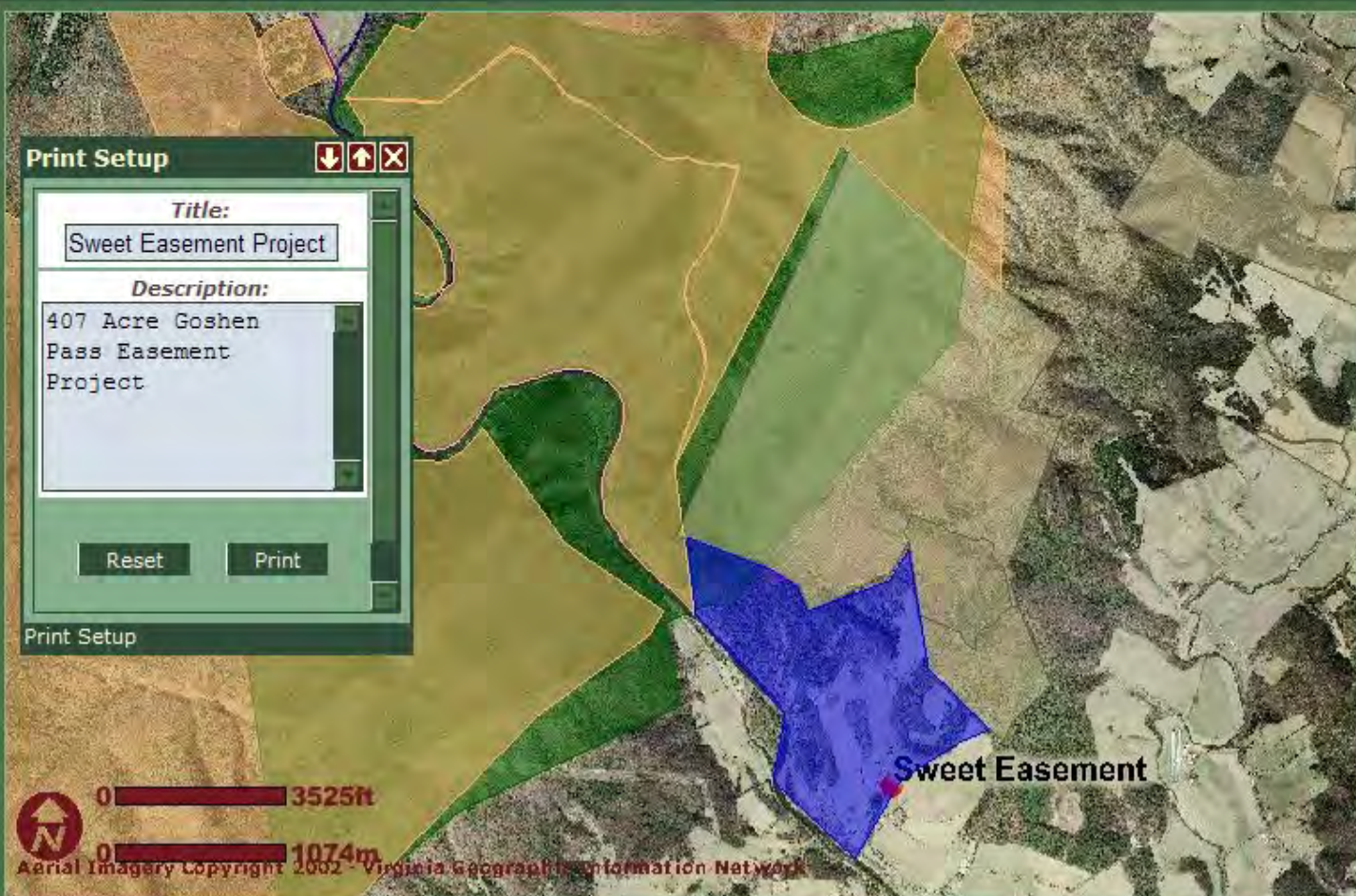
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Project

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Print Setup



Sweet Easement

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NH Screening Layer

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Zoom To Latitude/Longitude

Lat (Easting):

Long (Northing):

GO

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...”



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