

Fiscal Year 2026

**Virginia Land Conservation Foundation
Interagency Taskforce
Grant Round Recommendations
to the
Virginia Land Conservation Board of Trustees**

November 03, 2025



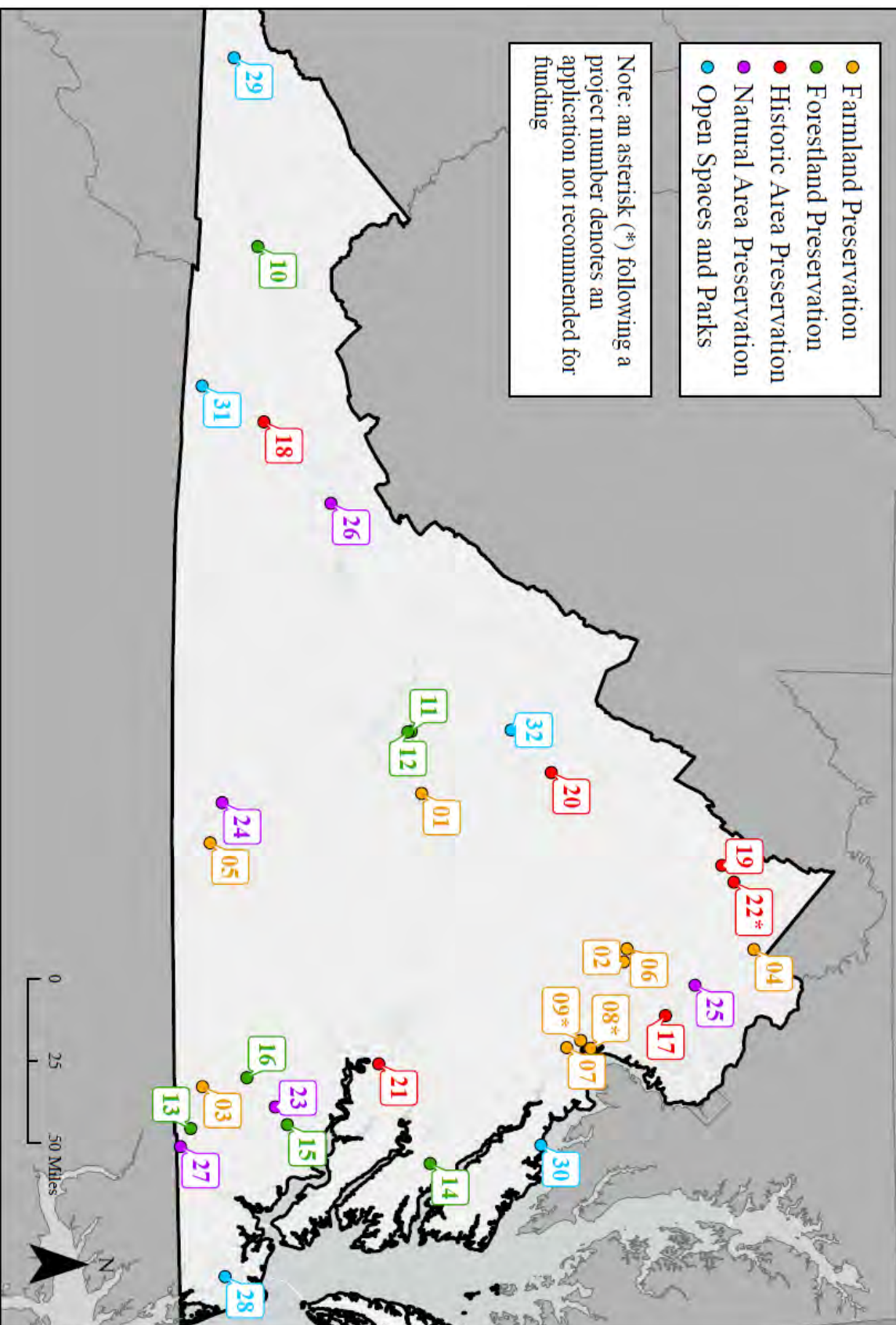
Project Number	Applicant	Project Name
1	Land Trust of Virginia	Avalon Land, LLC
2	American Battlefield Trust	Calloway Tract at Brandy Station Battlefield
3	Virginia Outdoors Foundation	Bryant Land Company
4	Clarke County	Windfield Farm
5	Virginia Outdoors Foundation	Parkland Farms
6	American Battlefield Trust	Brandy Rock Farm Tract at Brandy Station Battlefield
7	Stafford County	Stafford County – Daniel and Pamela Bell Farm
8*	Stafford County	Stafford County – Pagnotta Property
9*	Stafford County	Stafford County – Schenemann Property
10	Virginia Outdoors Foundation	Henry W. Carneal
11	The Conservation Fund	Conservation and Cultural Access in Amherst County
12	Monacan Indian Nation	Preserving Bear Mountain
13	Virginia Outdoors Foundation	Darden Farms
14	Friends of Dragon Run	Closing the Gap: Dragon Run Conservation & Wildlife Corridor
15	Virginia Department of Forestry	Threewitts Farm LLC
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17	American Battlefield Trust	Hylton Tract at Bristoe Station
18	The Archaeological Conservancy	Preservation of the Martin Indigenous Archaeological Site
19	Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation	Pappas Tract – Fisher's Hill Battlefield
20	Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation	Shiflett II Tract – Piedmont Battlefield
21	Richmond Battlefields Association, Inc.	Goodale I & Deane I Tract
22*	Cedar Creek Battlefield Foundation	Elmore Tract
23	Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation	Piney Grove Flatwoods Natural Area Preserve-Luster Tract Addition
24	Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation	Difficult Creek Natural Area Preserve – Bournes Addition
25	Virginia Outdoors Foundation	Bull Run Mountains Natural Area Preserve Addition – Highpoint Lane Parcel
26	Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation	Eastern Divide South – Hagan Tract Addition (supplemental funding)
27	Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation	South Quay Sandhills Natural Area Preserve – Phase 1 Addition (supplemental funding)
28	City of Virginia Beach	Gum Swamp Warren Property
29	Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation	Kane Gap Connectivity Project
30	The Trust for Public Land	Stratford Hall Historic Preserve
31	New River Soil and Water Conservation District	Wilson Hollow – New River Trail Expansion
32	County of Augusta	Riverheads School Complex – Adjacent Property

Note: an asterisk (*) following the project number denotes an application not recommended for funding

FY26 VLCF Applications

- Farmland Preservation
- Forestland Preservation
- Historic Area Preservation
- Natural Area Preservation
- Open Spaces and Parks

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FY26 GRANT ROUND OVERVIEW

The FY26 Grant Round was open to accept applications from June 3 through August 12, 2025.

Funding provided in state budget: \$16 million appropriation –
 \$4 million to VOF Preservation Trust Fund, per Va. Code
 \$12 million

Interest through June 1, 2025: **\$1,000,000 (-\$250,000 to VOF PTF)**

Returned grant funds: **\$3,060,418**

Total available grant funding: \$15,810,418

- Grant round announcements were emailed to localities, land trusts, interest groups, past applicants, conservation organizations and agencies.
- A virtual grant workshop was held on June 17, and presentations were posted to the VLCF webpage.
- The Interagency Taskforce met on September 8 and October 7 to discuss applications and make recommendations for each category.

Total Applications Received: 32

9 in Farmland Preservation
7 in Forestland Preservation
6 in Historic Area Preservation
5 in Natural Area Preservation
5 in Open Spaces and Parks

Total requested funding: \$17,212,352

Total requested acreage: 8,711.00

Recommended for Funding to Board: 29

7 in Farmland Preservation
7 in Forestland Preservation
5 in Historic Area Preservation
5 in Natural Area Preservation
5 in Open Spaces and Parks

Total recommended funding: \$15,460,609

Total recommended acreage: 8,650.50

ConserveVirginia: 89.7% (26/29 are within)

VLCF Grant Requirements are met:

1. The state budget requires at least 50% of funds be used for projects that provide public access; and
 2. The Code requires at least 1/3 of funds be used for projects that secure easements to be held or co-held by a public body.
- 18 of the recommended projects (64% of funds) would provide public access
 - 19 of the recommended projects (56% of funds) would have open-space easements

Farmland Preservation Applications

Amount of Funding Available: \$2,604,182

1. Project: **Avalon Land, LLC**; Applicant: Land Trust of Virginia
Easement on 81.29 acres along the James River in Nelson County.
Total Project Cost: \$257,000; Grant Request: \$121,750; Recommend: \$121,750
2. Project: **Calloway Tract at Brandy Station**; Applicant: American Battlefield Trust
Easement on 475.87 acres of farmland along the Rappahannock River in Culpeper County. **Total Project Cost: \$1,758,000; Grant Request: \$879,000; Recommend: \$879,000** (\$504,578 from Farmland Preservation and \$374,422 from Historic Area Preservation)
3. Project: **Bryant Land Company**; Applicant: Virginia Outdoors Foundation
Easement on 408 acres of farmland in Southampton County.
Total Project Cost: \$940,600; Grant Request: \$225,000; Recommend: \$225,000 (\$224,114 from Farmland Preservation and \$886 from Forestland Preservation)
4. Project: **Windfield Farm**; Applicant: Clarke County
Easement on 126 acres of farm and forestland on the Shenandoah River in Clarke County.
Total Project Cost: \$510,500; Grant Request: \$200,000; Recommend: \$200,000
5. Project: **Parkland Farms**; Applicant: Virginia Outdoors Foundation
Easement on 949.67 acres of active farmland in Mecklenburg County.
Total Project Cost: \$2,727,000; Grant Request: \$1,402,000; Recommend: \$751,753
6. Project: **Brandy Rock Farm at Brandy Station**; Applicant: American Battlefield Trust
Easement on 225.8-acres of farmland in Culpeper County.
Total Project Cost: \$2,473,910; Grant Request: \$636,405; Recommend: \$636,405
7. Project: **Daniel & Pamela Bell Farm**; Applicant: Stafford County
Easement on 20 acres of pastureland in Stafford County.
Total Project Cost: \$222,800; Grant Request: \$111,400; Recommend: \$111,400
8. Project: **Pagnotta Property**; Applicant: Stafford County
Easement on 35.40 acres of forested land in Stafford County.
Total Project Cost: \$308,000; Grant Request: \$154,000; Recommend: \$0
9. Project: **Schenemann Property**; Applicant: Stafford County
Easement on 20 acres of forested land in Stafford County.
Total Project Cost: \$241,000; Grant Request: \$120,950; Recommend: \$0

Farmland Preservation Totals:

Acres: 2,336.66

Project Costs: \$9,439,710

Requested: \$3,850,505

Recommended: \$2,925,308

1. Avalon Land, LLC (Land Trust of Virginia)

Located in Nelson County along the James River, the Avalon Land, LLC property encompasses 81 acres of productive farmland. Situated directly across the river from James River State Park, the property features 3,213 feet of river frontage and will implement 100-foot forested buffers protecting water quality, habitat and the riverbank from future erosion. The property is characterized by exceptional soil quality, with 99.36% of the acreage is classified as prime farmland, according to the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service's Web Soil Survey. Furthermore, the entire property falls within the Cultural & Historic Preservation category of ConserveVirginia, highlighting the property's significant cultural and heritage value.

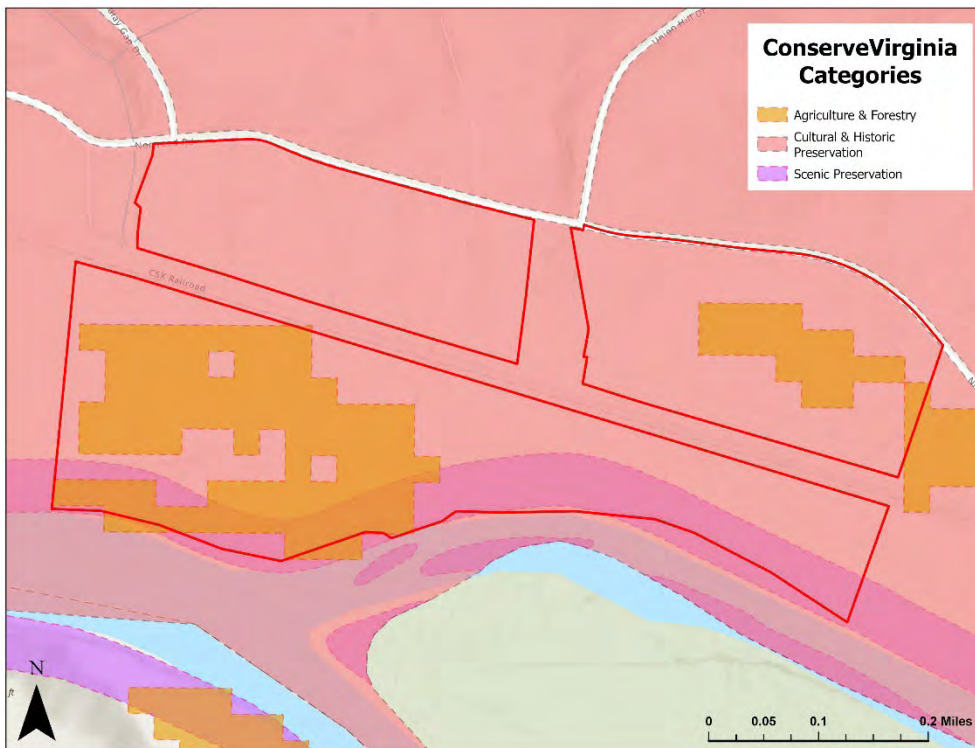
Total Project Cost: \$257,000; **Grant Request:** \$121,750; **Match:** \$135,250 Landowner donation;
Recommend: \$121,750



Avalon Land, LLC Aerial Map



Avalon Land, LLC ConserveVirginia Map

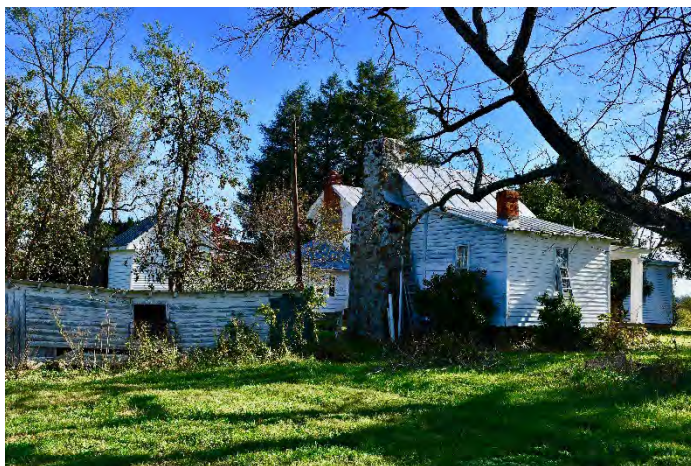


2. Calloway Tract at Brandy Station Battlefield (The American Battlefield Trust)

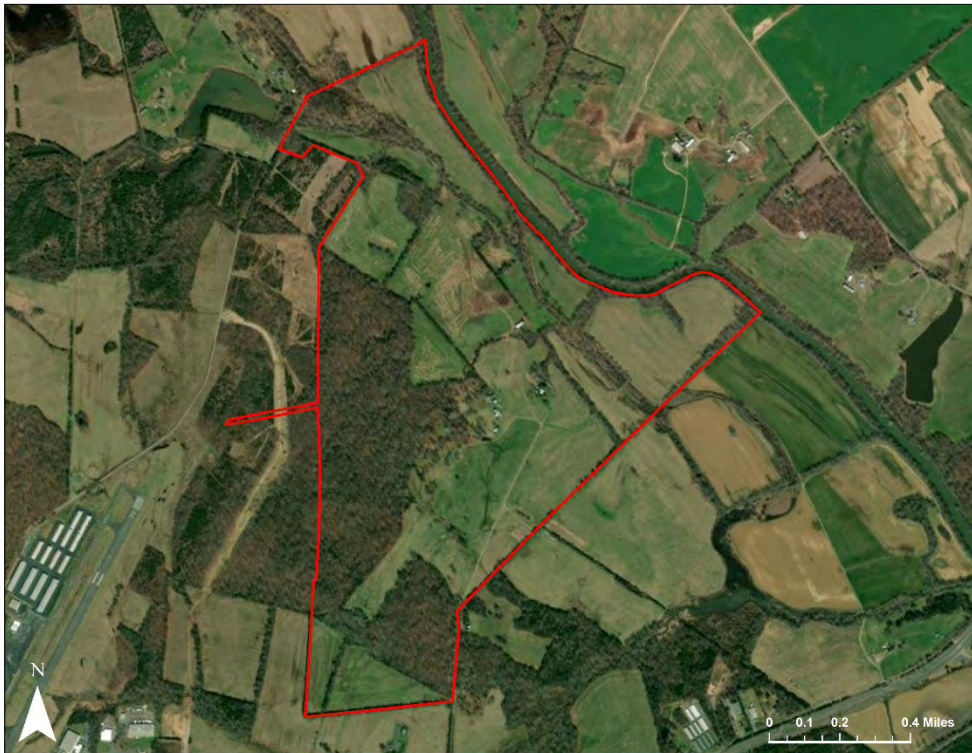
The American Battlefield Trust seeks to preserve the 476-acre Calloway Tract in Culpeper County through the purchase and recordation of an open-space easement to be held by the Virginia Board of Historic Resources. The property is part of a working farm zoned for agriculture with a main house, four guest houses, a stable, garage, silo dairy storage, sheds, barns, and other minor structures. The property lies within the core and study areas of the Brandy Station Battlefield, identified as a Priority I.3 (Class B) site in the Civil War Sites Advisory Commission Report. The property has extensive frontage on the Rappahannock River, which will be protected with 35-foot vegetated buffers. The easement will protect the farm's productivity, conserve natural and historic resources, and preserve scenic viewsheds of the Brandy Station Battlefield and nearby Culpeper Battlefields State Park.

Total Project Cost: \$1,758,000; **Grant Request:** \$879,000; **Match:** American Battlefield Protection Program, ABT; **Recommend:** \$879,000 (\$504,578 from Farmland Preservation and \$374,422 from Historic Area Preservation)

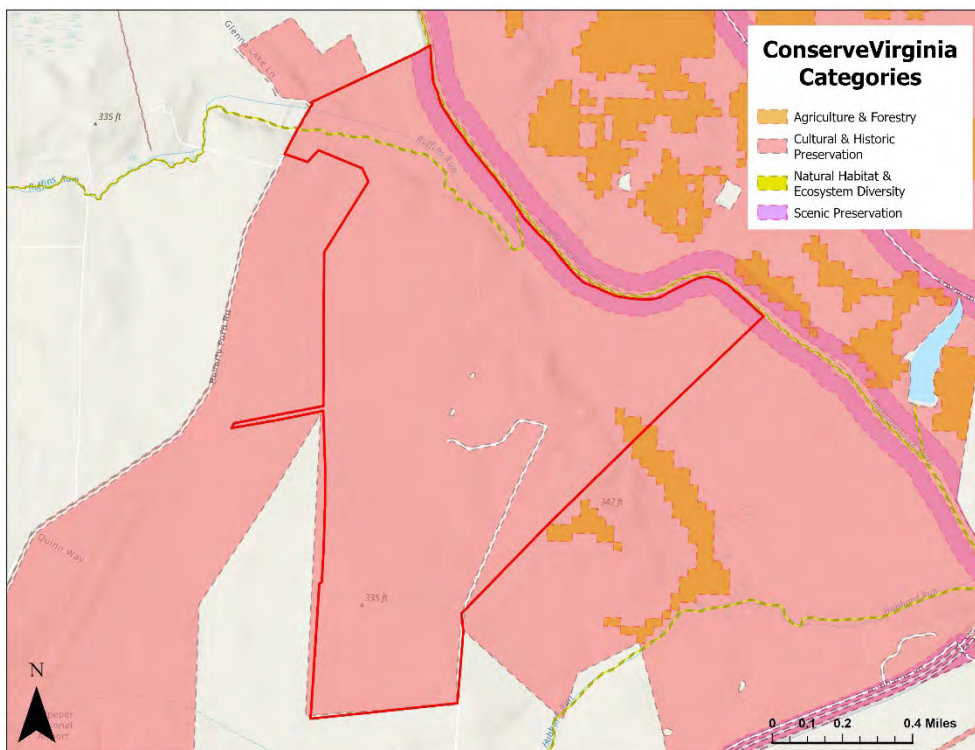
Photo of a gun pit



Calloway Tract at Brandy Station Battlefield Aerial Map



Calloway Tract at Brandy Station Battlefield ConserveVirginia Map



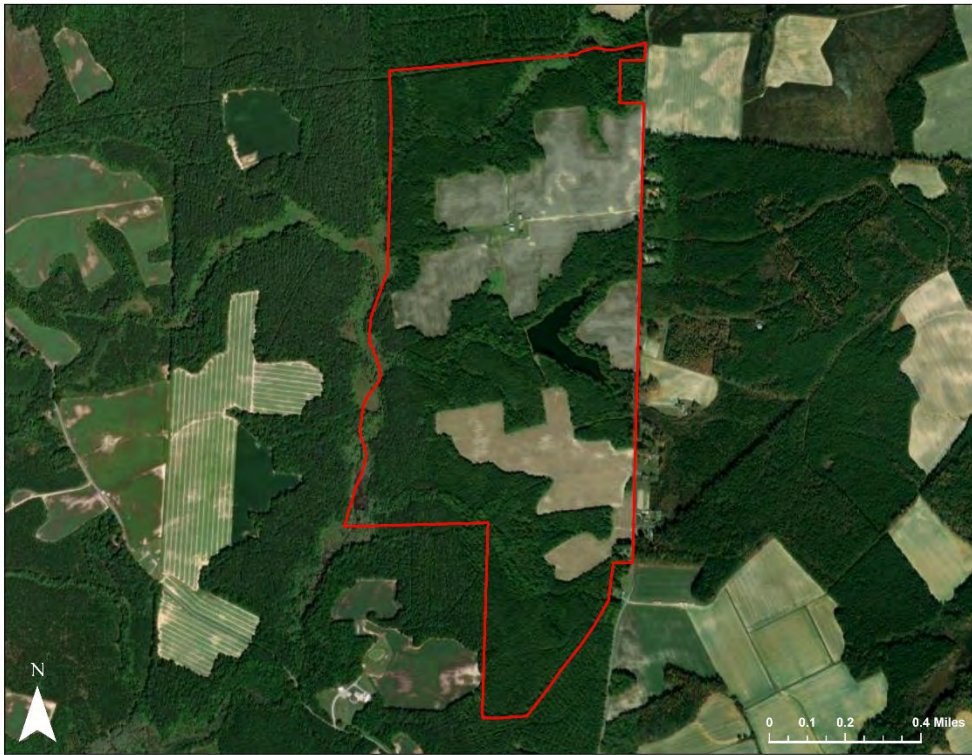
3. Bryant Land Company (Virginia Outdoors Foundation)

Bryant Land Company is a multi-generational family-owned business operating a 408-acre farm in Southampton County. The family grows soybeans, peanuts, and cotton in a rotational mix. Their farm includes over one mile of road frontage, leaving it vulnerable to future development. The owners wish to protect the property and the unique wetlands and water features, including frontage on Sweat Swamp with an open-space easement held by the Virginia Outdoors Foundation. The easement will ensure the continued use of agricultural activities and protect the old growth Cypress wetlands found in Sweat Swamp together with the permanent establishment of 100-foot forested riparian buffers. The family intends to keep the farm in crop production for the foreseeable future.

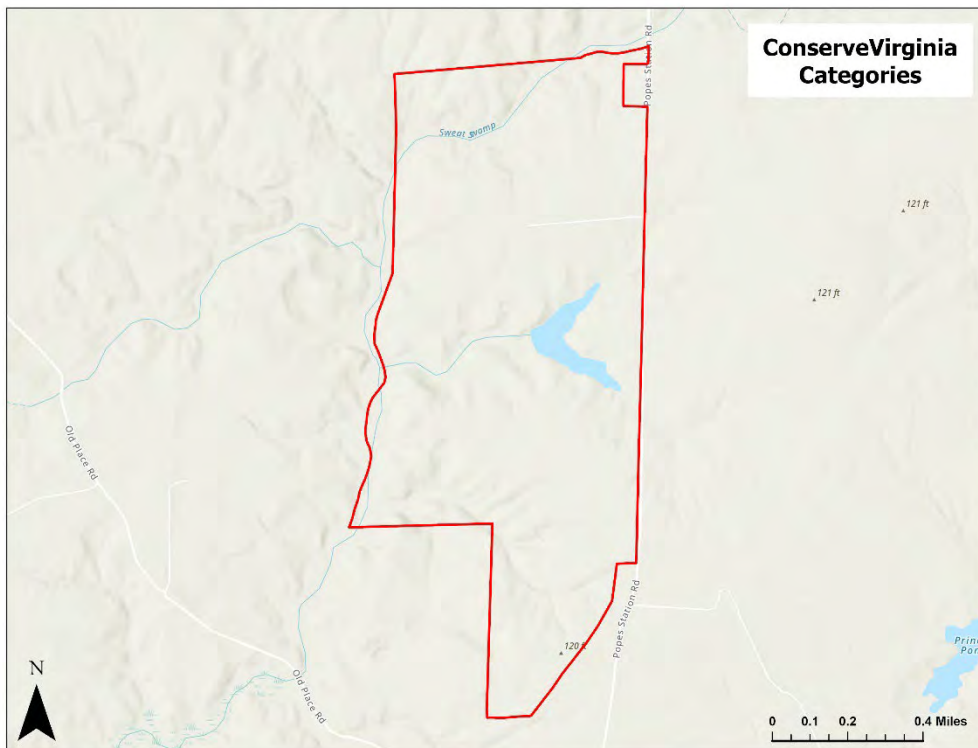
Total Project Cost: \$940,600; **Grant Request:** \$225,000; **Match:** Landowner donation and VOF PTF Funds; **Recommend:** \$225,000 (\$224,114 from Farmland Preservation and \$886 from Forestland Preservation)



Bryant Land Company Aerial Map



Bryant Land Company ConserveVirginia Map



4. Windfield Farm (Clarke County)

Windfield Farm in Clarke County has been owned by the same family for more than 44 years. The 127 acres of farm and forestland are currently managed under a forest management plan, and an Agricultural Conservation Plan is under development with the local Soil and Water District. Almost half of the soils on the property are prime or important farmland with 60 acres in forestal use. The property contains 10 acres of wetlands from an oxbow and ½-mile of frontage along the Shenandoah River, a designated state scenic river. The Department of Historic Resources has an established Native American archaeological site on file for this property and the Division of Natural Heritage identified potential habitat for a rare isopod and plant, as well as the Department of Wildlife Resources showing potential habitat for the rare Northern Long-eared bat and the Wood Turtle. Protection of this property is supported by the County Comprehensive Plan for protection of karst terrain, steep slopes, and areas along the Shenandoah River.

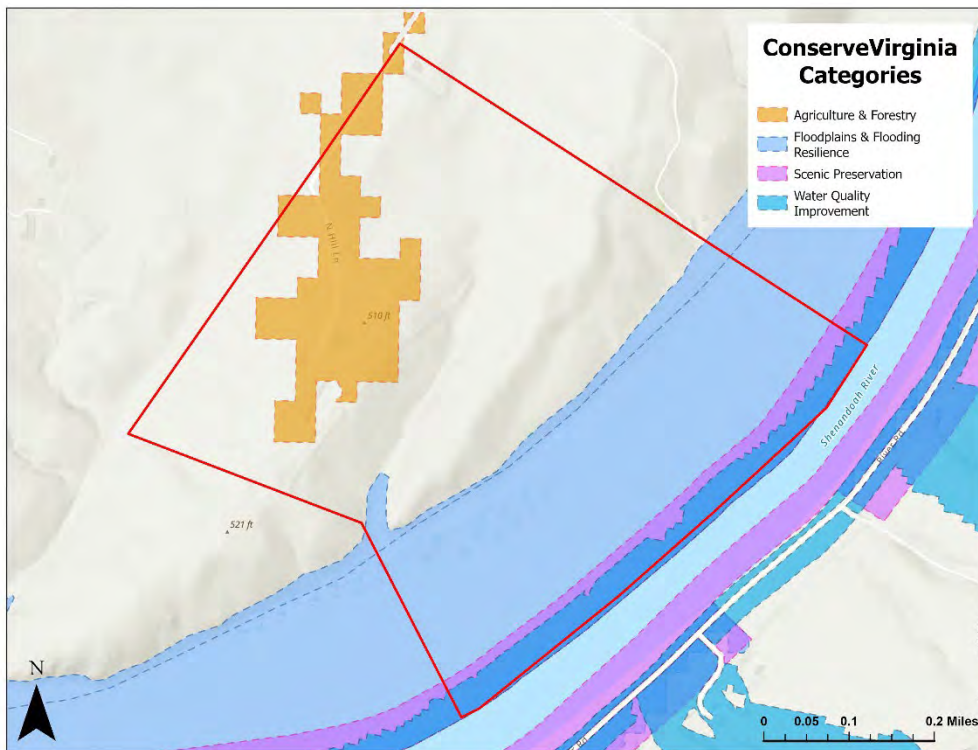
Total Project Cost: \$510,500; **Grant Request:** \$200,000; **Match:** Landowner donation, Clarke County Easement Authority, DOF, Piedmont Environmental Council; **Recommend:** \$200,000



Windfield Farm Aerial Map



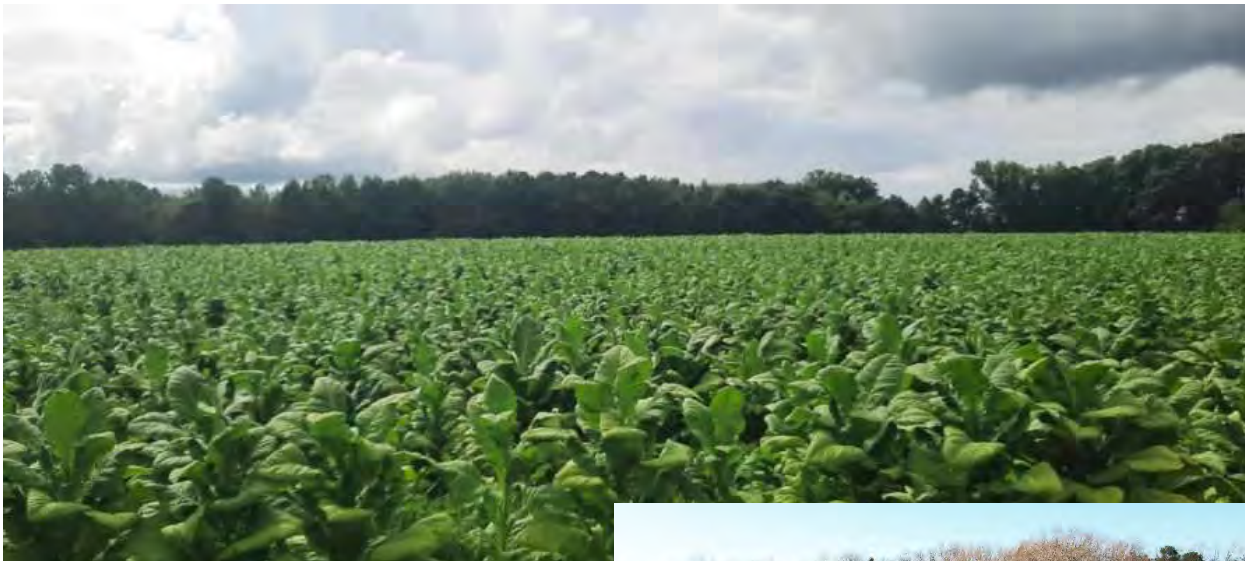
Windfield Farm ConserveVirginia Map



5. Parkland Farms (Virginia Outdoors Foundation)

Parkland Farms is a large 950-acre Century Farm in Mecklenburg County that adjoins an existing 686-acre VOF easement. Successful conservation of this property will result in 1,600 contiguous acres of conserved land. The property is in active agricultural production, currently cultivating organic tobacco, corn, and beans, as well as maintaining cattle pastureland. With 509 acres of prime soils, designated by USDA, and 600 acres categorized by American Farmland Trust as either “exceptional” or “significant,” preservation of the property will ensure its availability for the future production of agricultural products. The property contains various water resources including streams and wetlands, which will be protected with forested riparian buffers.

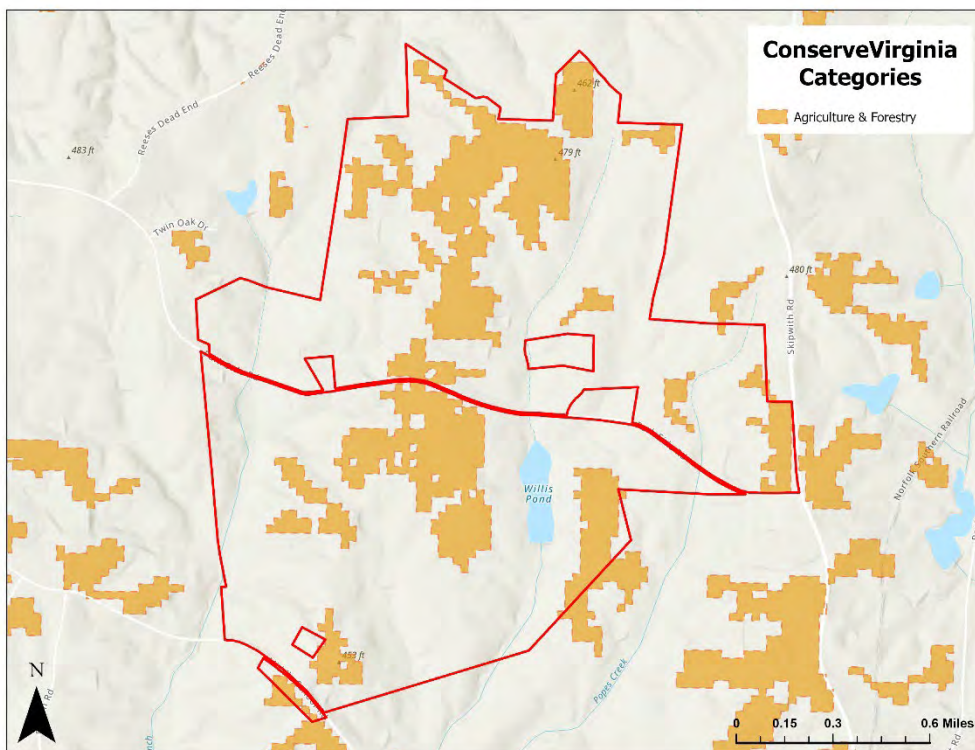
Total Project Cost: \$2,727,000; **Grant Request:** \$1,402,000; **Match:** Landowner donation;
Recommend: \$751,753



Parkland Farms Aerial Map



Parkland Farms ConserveVirginia Map



6. Brandy Rock Farm Tract at Brandy Station Battlefield (American Battlefield Trust)

The American Battlefield Trust seeks to preserve the 226-acre Brandy Rock Farm tract in Culpeper County through the purchase and recordation of an open-space easement to be held by the Virginia Board of Historic Resources (VBHR). The property includes 122 acres in the study area of the Brandy Station Battlefield, designated a Priority I.3 (Class B) site in the Civil War Sites Advisory Commission Report. This property is part of a larger 1,600-acre working farm, and includes 55 acres of forest, two acres of wetlands, a one-acre pond, and 3,563 feet of intermittent streams. A separate 100-acre portion of Brandy Rock Farm previously received a VLCF grant and is under easement with VBHR. This new easement will be completed with the same landowner who will retain fee simple ownership, and will protect the property's agricultural productivity, conserve its natural and historic resources, and preserve the scenic viewsheds of both the Brandy Station Battlefield and nearby Culpeper Battlefields State Park.

Total Project Cost: \$2,473,910; **Grant Request:** \$636,405; **Match:** American Battlefield Protection Program, ABT, Landowner donation; **Recommend:** \$636,405



ConserveVirginia Categories

- Agriculture & Forestry
- Cultural & Historic Preservation
- Water Quality Improvement

The map displays a landscape with various land use categories. A large, irregularly shaped area in the center is colored blue, indicating 'Water Quality Improvement'. This area is surrounded by a red-shaded region, which represents 'Cultural & Historic Preservation'. Within this red-shaded area, there are several orange-colored patches, representing 'Agriculture & Forestry'. The map also shows a network of roads, including 'Freedom Rd', 'Carter Ln', 'Zion Church Rd', 'Baptist Church Rd', and 'Pine Ridge Rd'. Elevation points are marked with numbers and small triangles, such as 424 ft, 445 ft, 403 ft, 523 ft, 467 ft, 428 ft, and 480 ft. A north arrow is located in the bottom left corner, and a scale bar in the bottom right corner indicates distances of 0, 0.05, 0.1, and 0.2 miles.

7. Daniel & Pamela Bell Farm (Stafford County)

Stafford County is seeking funding to support a project in their County's Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) Program. A conservation easement on the Daniel and Pamela Bell Farm will be held by Stafford County protecting 20 acres of pastureland for livestock as well as prime farmland soils and soils of statewide importance. The property is within half a mile of conserved lands under easement and is located along Hollywood Farm Road, a rural public road, providing visual access to the traveling public.

Total Project Cost: \$222,800; **Grant Request:** \$111,400; **Match:** Stafford County; **Recommended Amount:** \$111,400



Daniel & Pamela Bell Farm Aerial Map



Daniel & Pamela Bell Farm ConserveVirginia Map



8. Pagnotta Property (Stafford County)

Stafford County is requesting VLCF funds to place an open-space easement on the Pagnotta Property, located approximately one-quarter mile from Crow's Nest Natural Area Preserve. The easement will be held by the county, under the county Purchase of Development Rights Program. The property totals 35.4 acres and the primary land use is forestland. The easement will protect 4.5 acres of soils of statewide importance; 35 acres of mixed forestland; and environmental features that include 1,750 linear feet of a forested perennial stream, and wetlands. The property falls within a DCR C4 (Moderate) Ecological Core.

Total Project Cost: \$308,000; **Grant Request:** \$154,000; **Match:** Stafford County; **Recommended Amount:** \$0



Pagnotta Property Aerial Map



Pagnotta Property ConserveVirginia Map



9. Schenemann Property (Stafford County)

Stafford County is seeking grant funding to place an open-space easement on the 20-acre forested Schenemann Property. The easement will be held by the county, under the county Purchase of Development Rights Program. The easement would limit subdivision allowing one dwelling and protect 8.5 acres of prime farmland soils; 20 acres of mixed forestland; and environmental features that include a forested perennial stream, and one acre of wetlands. The property falls within a DCR C4 (Moderate) Ecological Core. The property is approximately 0.6 miles from Crow's Nest Natural Area Preserve and is located along Brooke Road, a rural public road, providing visual access to the traveling public.

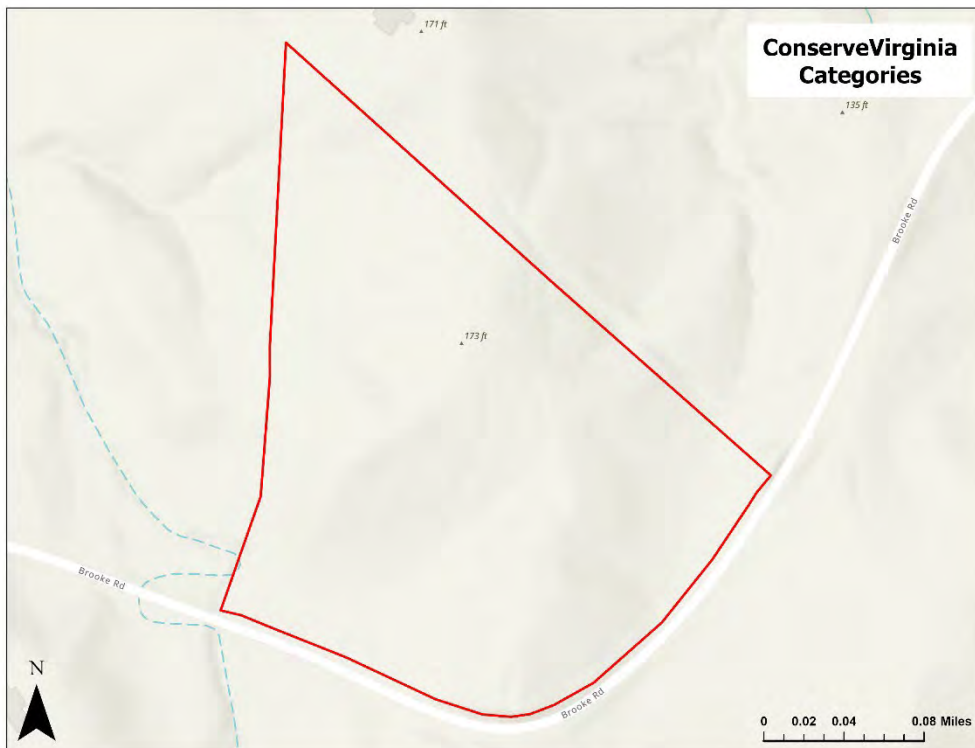
Total Project Cost: \$241,900; **Grant Request:** \$120,950; **Match:** Stafford County; **Recommended Amount:** \$0



Schenemann Property Aerial Map



Schenemann Property ConserveVirginia Map



Forestland Preservation Applications

Amount of Funding Available: \$3,929,536

1. Project: **Henry W. Carneal**; Applicant: Virginia Outdoors Foundation
Easement on 563.00 acres of forestland along the North Fork Holston River in Smyth & Washington Counties.
Total Project Cost: \$839,750; **Grant Request:** \$281,150; **Recommend:** \$281,150
2. Project: **Conservation and Cultural Access in Amherst County**; Applicant: The Conservation Fund
Easement on 421.25 acres of forestland on the northern slope of Bear Mountain, containing the peak of Cedar Mountain in Amherst County.
Total Project Cost: \$575,000; **Grant Request:** \$287,500; **Recommend:** \$287,500
3. Project: **Preserving Bear Mountain**; Applicant: Monacan Indian Nation
Fee acquisition of 339.40 acres of forestland on Bear Mountain in Amherst County.
Total Project Cost: \$1,800,000; **Grant Request:** \$1,210,000; **Recommend:** \$1,210,000
4. Project: **Darden Farms**; Applicant: Virginia Outdoors Foundation
Easement on a 1,052.68-acre Century Farm in Southampton County.
Total Project Cost: \$2,874,100; **Grant Request:** \$775,000; **Recommend:** \$775,000
5. Project: **Closing the Gap: Dragon Run Conservation & Wildlife Corridor**; Applicant: Friends of Dragon Run
Fee acquisition and easement on 240.58 acres of active agricultural land, forestland, and bald cypress swamp in King and Queen County.
Total Project Cost: \$988,000; **Grant Request:** \$475,000; **Recommend:** \$475,000
6. Project: **Threewitts Farm LLC**; Applicant: Virginia Department of Forestry
Easement on a 672.00-acre Century Farm adjacent to the Dendron Swamp Natural Area Preserve in Surry County.
Total Project Cost: \$1,735,600; **Grant Request:** \$450,000; **Recommend:** \$450,000
7. Project: **Hunting Quarter Farm**; Applicant: Virginia Department of Forestry
Easement on a 662.00-acre Century Forest property one mile from Chub Hill NAP and State Scenic Nottoway River in Sussex County.
Total Project Cost: \$991,100; **Grant Request:** \$450,000; **Recommend:** \$450,000

Forestland Preservation Totals:

Acres: 3,950.91

Project Costs: \$9,803,550

Requested: \$3,928,650

Recommended: \$3,928,650

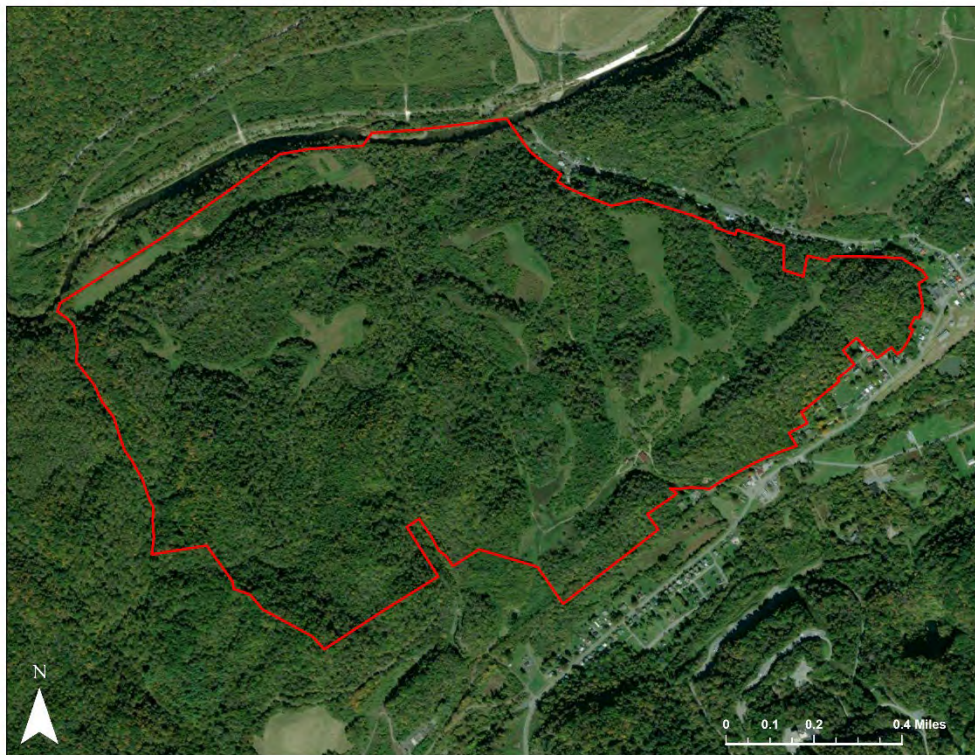
1. Henry W. Carneal (Virginia Outdoors Foundation)

The 563-acre Carneal property is located in the Town of Saltville, which lies in both Smyth and Washington counties. The property contains high forest value, with approximately 350 acres ranked as "outstanding" by the Virginia Department of Forestry. The southern portion of the property lies within the Saltville Battlefield Historic District with a series of well-preserved and historically significant Civil War fortifications. In addition to its forestal and historic values, the property contains frontage on the North Fork Holston River and nearly two miles of perennial tributaries to the river. The western two-thirds of the property fall within an Ecological Core ranked C1 ("outstanding") and the property provides habitat for multiple natural heritage species. In addition, it shares its western boundary with the Clinch Mountain Wildlife Management Area and is in close proximity to a privately-held VOF easement to the east.

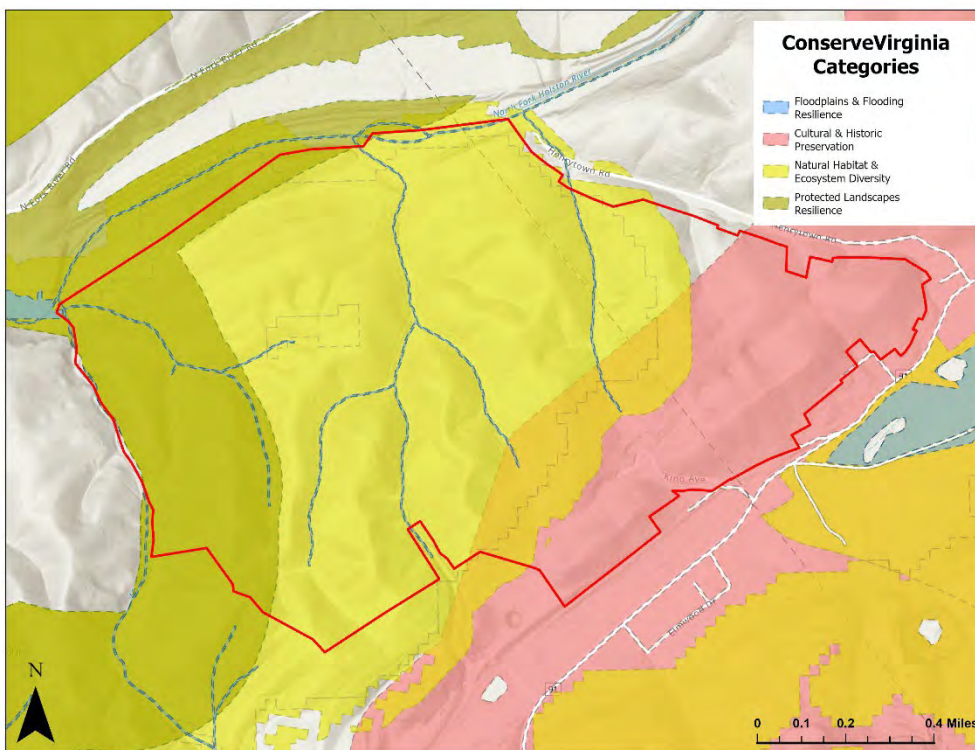
Total Project Cost: \$839,750; **Grant Request:** \$281,150; **Match:** Landowner donation; **Recommend:** \$281,150



Henry W. Carneal Aerial Map



Henry W. Carneal ConserveVirginia Map



2. Conservation and Cultural Access in Amherst County (The Conservation Fund)

This unique project is a result of a collaborative between The Conservation Fund, Sweet Briar College (landowner), Virginia Outdoors Foundation, and the Monacan Indian Nation. The property, sitting atop Bear Mountain and Cedar Mountain, contains hundreds of acres of high quality hardwood forest in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Sweet Briar intends to manage this property to maintain forest quality and wildlife habitat by maintaining 90% forest cover and 100' forested riparian buffers, furthering the conservation efforts of surrounding landowners with several adjacent conservation easements. Additionally, the property is adjacent to land held and stewarded by the Monacan Indian Nation and will contribute to their efforts to protect Bear Mountain and the surrounding area from encroachment and development. Sweet Briar is committed to implementing one of the first cultural access easements in the commonwealth with the Monacan Nation to provide access to members of the Nation to further efforts on understanding and protecting the Nation's history in the area.

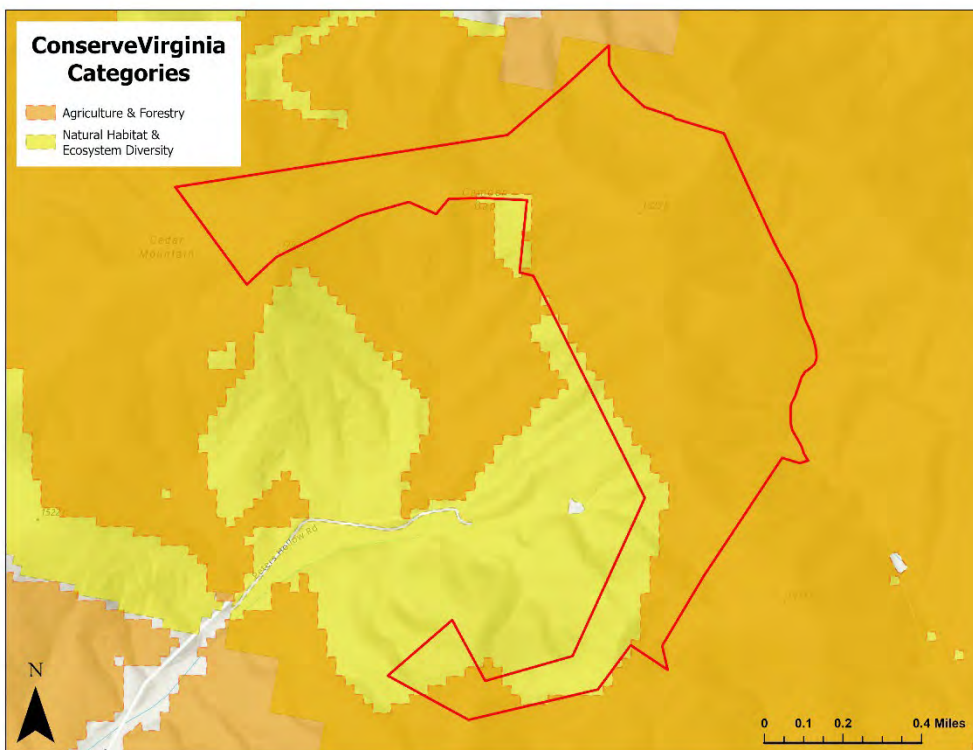
Total Project Cost: \$575,000; **Grant Request:** \$287,500; **Match:** Landowner contribution and donation; **Recommend:** \$287,500



Conservation and Cultural Access in Amherst County Aerial Map



Conservation and Cultural Access in Amherst County ConserveVirginia Map



2. Preserving Bear Mountain (Monacan Indian Nation)

The Monacan Indian Nation is a federally recognized tribe with over 2,600 citizens. Bear Mountain in Amherst County has been the home of the Monacan people for more than 10,000 years. This property contains 339 acres of mixed hardwood forest, more than 1.5 miles of frontage on Falling Rock Creek and its tributaries, and is the site of the original Bear Mountain Settlement forming the core of the Monacan community today. The property contains at least four cemeteries with Monacan burial sites, the remains of historic settlements including chimneys and foundations from several cabins, in addition to numerous artifacts including stone points found over decades by the current landowner. The property contains an “outstanding” Forest Conservation Value hardwood forest and its acquisition would connect the Nation's holdings on Bear Mountain into a contiguous block of nearly 620 acres for consistent management of the natural and cultural resources on the property.

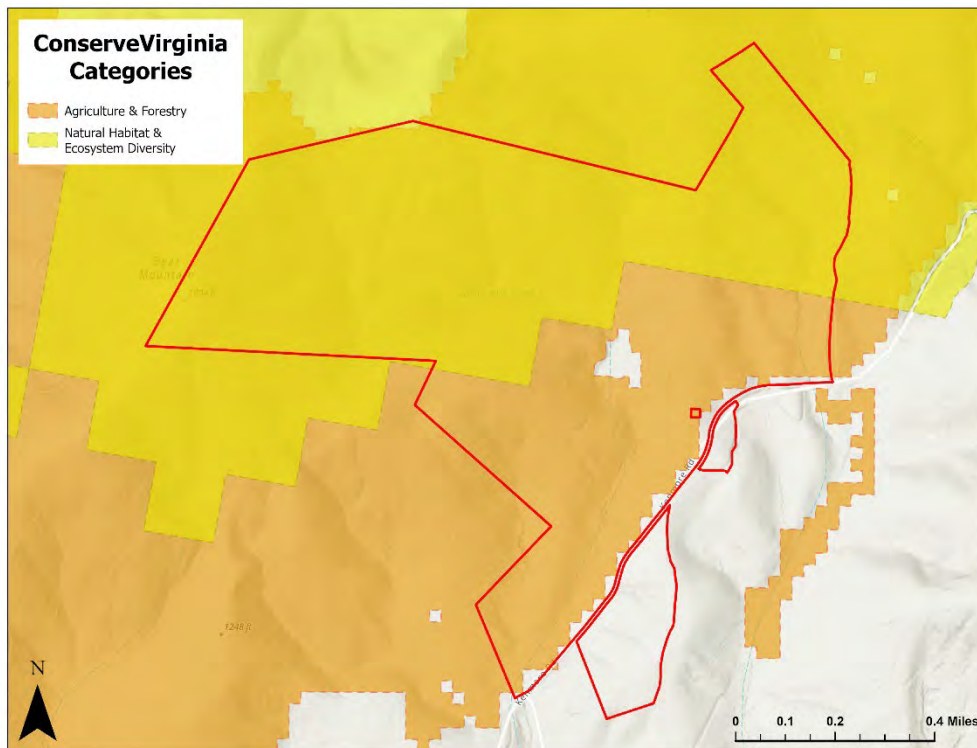
Total Project Cost: \$1,800,000; **Grant Request:** \$1,210,000; **Match:** Landowner donation; Preservation Trust Fund; **Recommend:** \$1,210,000



Preserving Bear Mountain Aerial Map



Preserving Bear Mountain ConserveVirginia Map



3. Darden Farms (Virginia Outdoors Foundation)

The Darden Farm is a Century Farm containing 1,053 acres in Southampton County with approximately 630 acres of working forestland and 300 acres of farmland. Ninety percent of the property will remain in forestal use in perpetuity under an open-space easement to be held by Virginia Outdoors Foundation. The farmland and forestland on the eastern portion of the property are within areas designated by DCR's Virginia Natural Landscape Assessment as ecological cores ranked C3 (High). The property contains approximately 8,000 feet of perennial streams that will be protected with 50' forested riparian buffers.

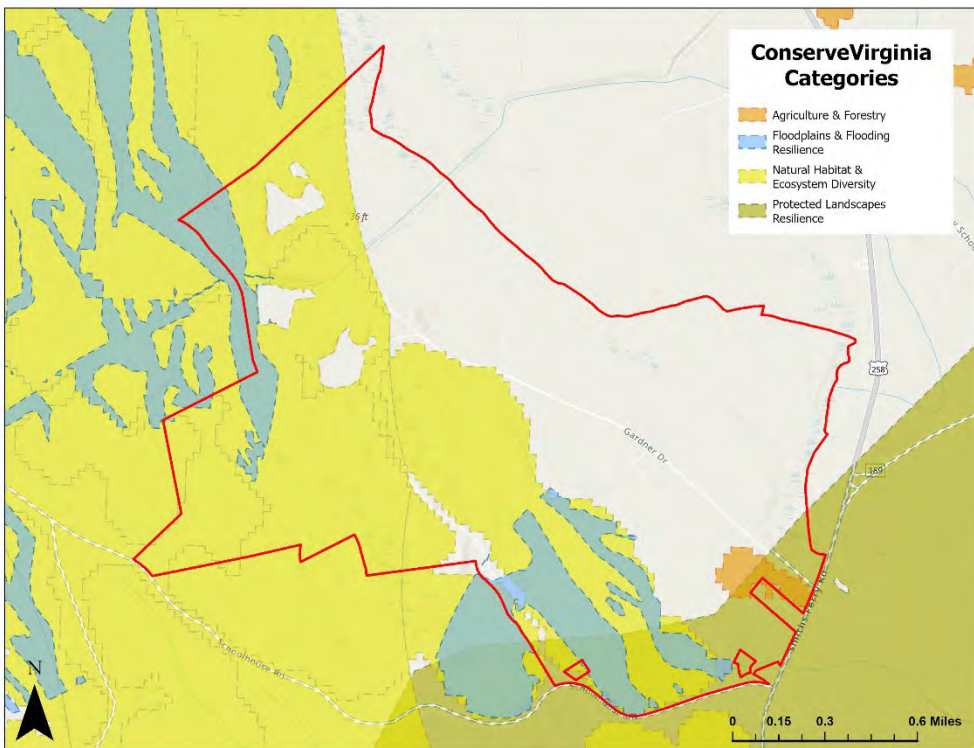
Total Project Cost: \$2,874,100; **Grant Request:** \$775,000; **Match:** Landowner donation; Preservation Trust Fund; **Recommend:** \$775,000



Darden Farms Aerial Map



Darden Farms ConserveVirginia Map



4. Closing the Gap: Dragon Run Conservation & Wildlife Corridor (Friends of Dragon Run)

The Friends of Dragon Run, in partnership with Chesapeake Conservancy intend to acquire a 241-acre tract in King and Queen County and close a gap in protected lands along the Dragon Run Conservation Corridor. The property will be owned and managed by the Friends of Dragon Run with an easement held by Virginia Outdoors Foundation. The project will protect forest, agricultural, cultural, and scenic values in a high-integrity, high-value watershed. The property is a mix of forest, agriculture and wetland areas. There are 40 acres in agricultural production, more than 50 acres of bald cypress swamp, and 150 acres of forestland. Additionally, more than 3,000 linear feet of the mainstem Dragon and 9,000 linear feet of an unnamed tributary will be protected with 100' forested riparian buffers. As a result of the project, more than 25,000 acres will have been protected in Dragon Run, 27% of the watershed.

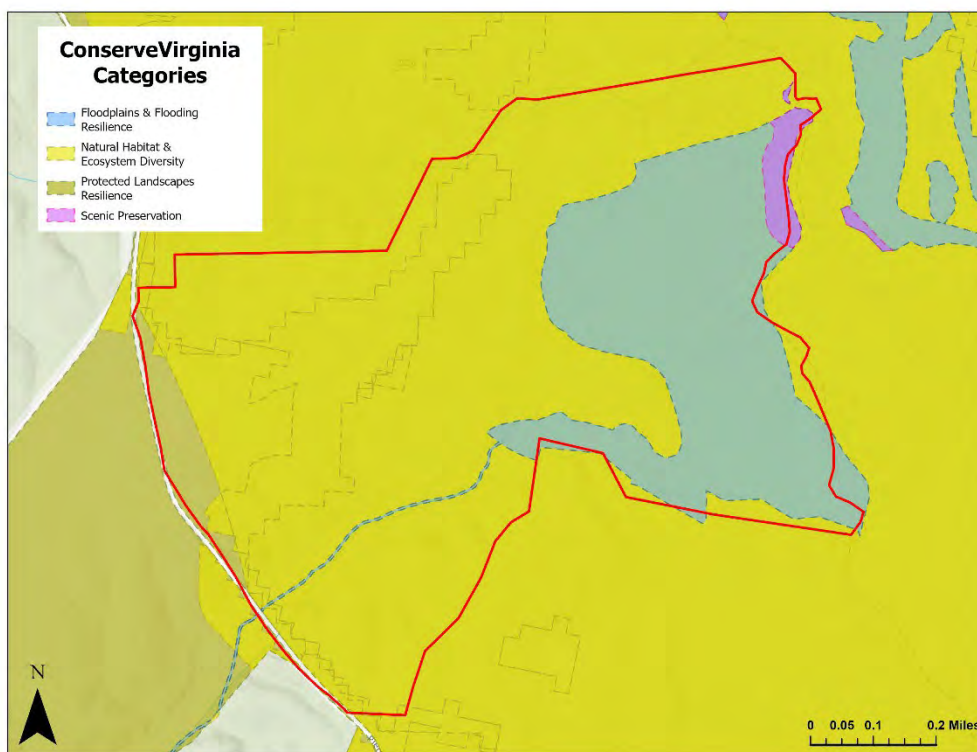
Total Project Cost: \$988,000; **Grant Request:** \$475,000; **Match:** Chesapeake WILD; Private contribution; **Recommend:** \$475,000



Closing the Gap: Dragon Run Conservation & Wildlife Corridor Aerial Map



Closing the Gap: Dragon Run Conservation & Wildlife Corridor ConserveVirginia Map



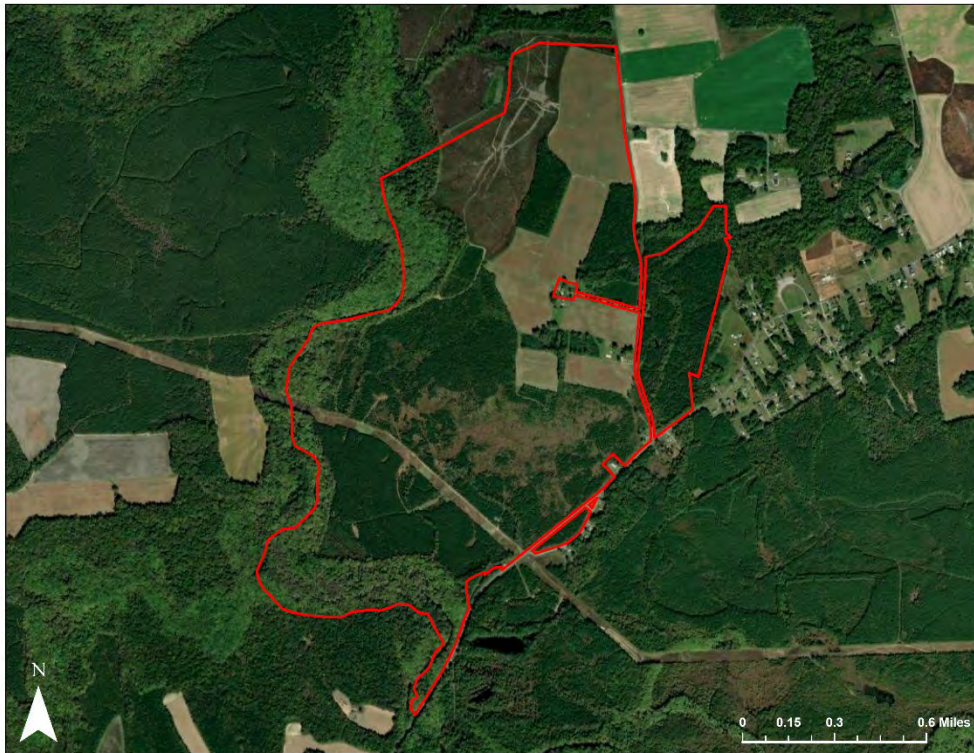
5. Threewitts Farm LLC (Virginia Department of Forestry)

Threewitts LLC seeks to place a Virginia Department of Forestry open-space easement on 672 acres in Surry County, adjacent to the Dendron Swamp Natural Area Preserve. This project will serve as a buffer to the preserve, and is part of the targeted management area designated by DCR's Natural Heritage Program. This property is an active Century Farm with 450 acres of forestland, 200 acres of farmland, 200 acres of wetlands, and over 11,000 feet of frontage on the Blackwater River.

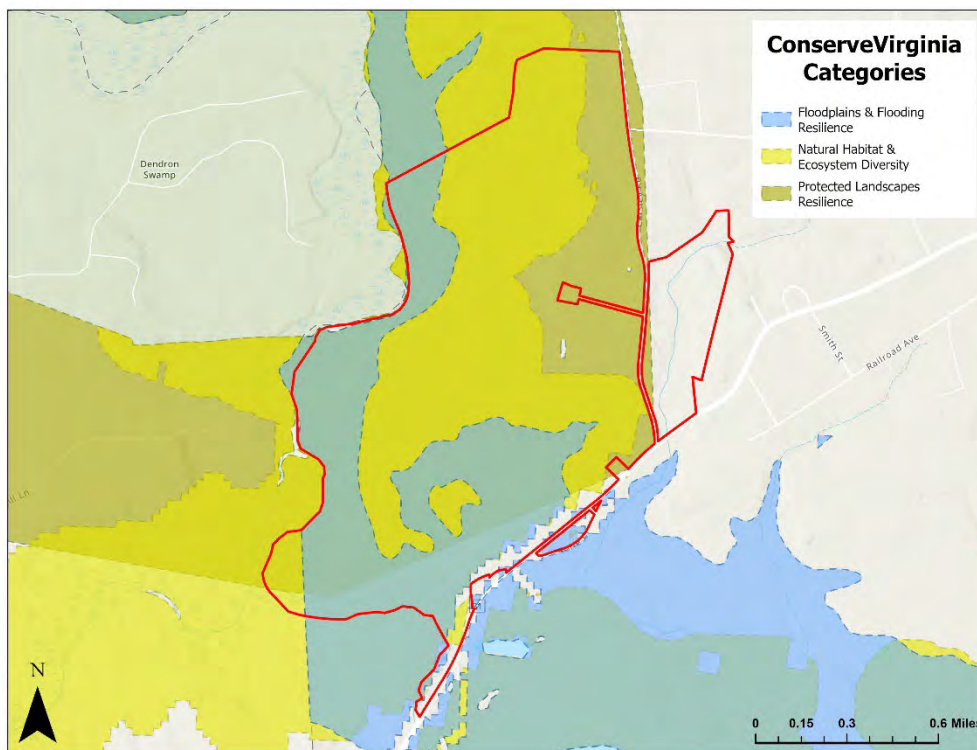
Total Project Cost: \$1,735,600; **Grant Request:** \$450,000; **Match:** Landowner donation; North American Wetlands Conservation Act grant; **Recommend:** \$450,000



Threewitts Farm LLC Aerial Map



Threewitts Farm LLC ConserveVirginia Map



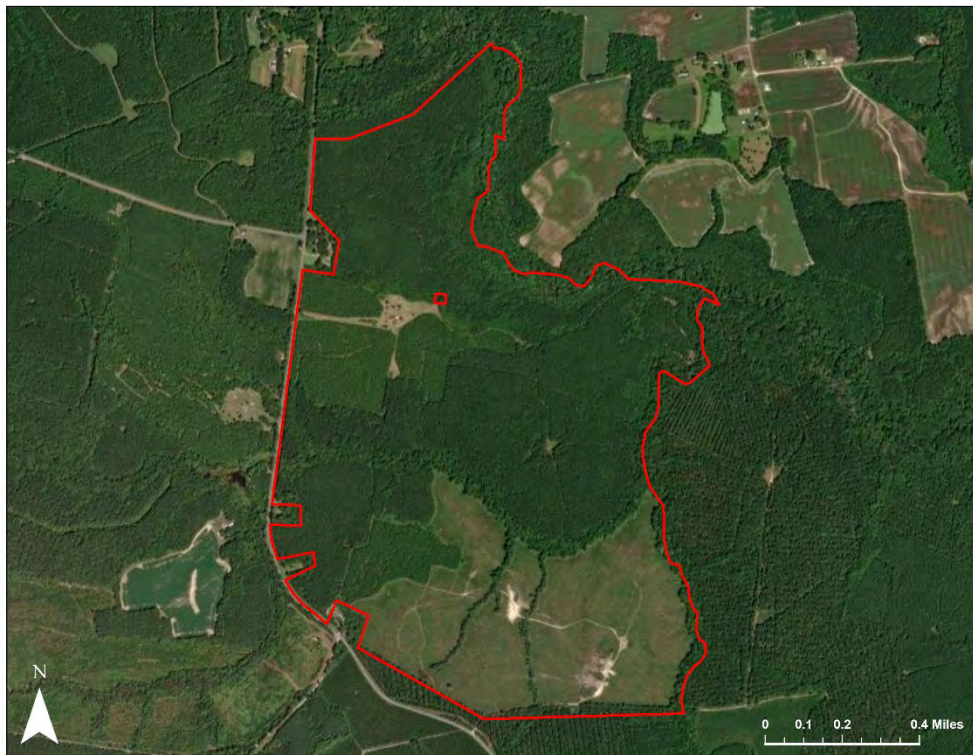
6. Hunting Quarter Farm (Virginia Department of Forestry)

Hunting Quarter Farm is a Century Forest, in the same family for 135 years and currently owned and managed by the great granddaughter of the original 1890 purchaser. The property contains 268 acres of active farmland, 386 acres of managed forestland, and 219 acres of wetlands mostly in pine plantation production along Dividing Creek and Hunting Quarter Swamp. The property is one mile from Chub Hill Natural Area Preserve and the Nottoway River. An open-space easement will be held by the Virginia Department of Forestry and protect natural resources on the property with a portion remaining in forestal use in perpetuity, and 50 to 100' forested riparian buffers along the waterways. The landowner intends to invest proceeds from the bargain-sale conservation easement into farm operations.

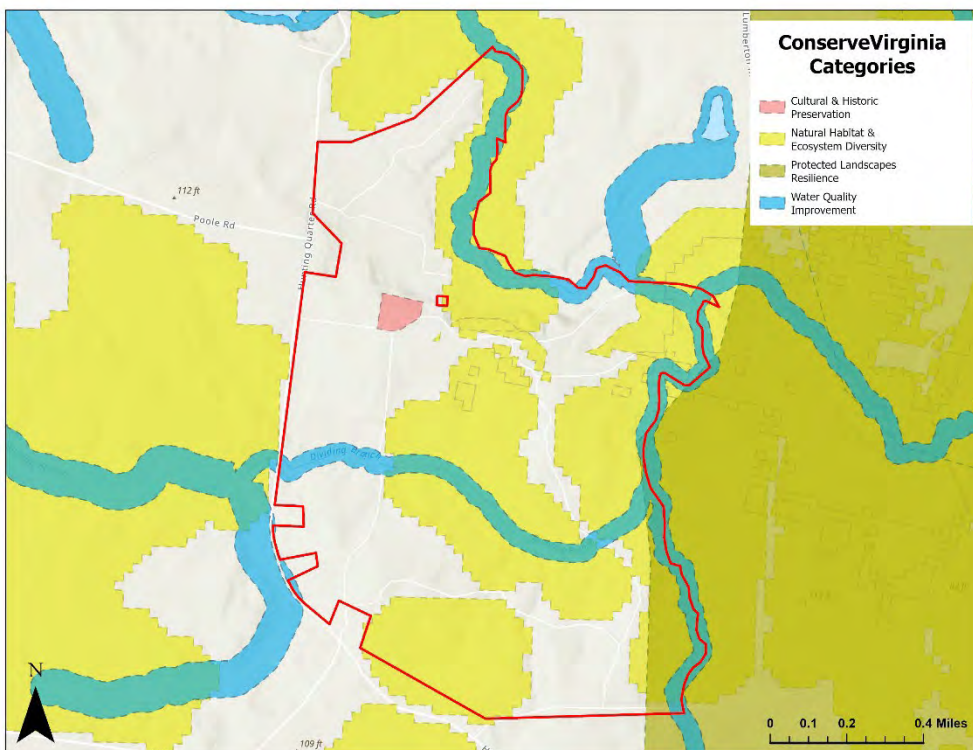
Total Project Cost: \$991,100; **Grant Request:** \$450,000; **Match:** Landowner donation; **Recommend:** \$450,000



Hunting Quarter Farm Aerial Map



Hunting Quarter Farm ConserveVirginia Map



Historic Area Preservation Applications

Amount of Funding Available: \$2,726,963

1. Project: **Hylton Tract at Bristoe Station**; Applicant: American Battlefield Trust
Fee acquisition of 152.18 acres of farmland in Prince William County.
Total Project Cost: \$8,482,475; Grant Request: \$1,100,000; Recommend: \$1,100,000
2. Project: **Martin Indigenous Archaeological Site**; Applicant: The Archaeological Conservancy
Fee acquisition of 16.26 acres along the New River in Wythe County.
Total Project Cost: \$584,900; Grant Request: \$292,250; Recommend: \$292,250
3. Project: **Pappas Tract at Fisher's Hill**; Applicant: Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation
Easement on 110.50 acres of forested land in Shenandoah County.
Total Project Cost: \$620,632; Grant Request: \$310,316; Recommend: \$310,316
4. Project: **Shiflett II at Piedmont Battlefield**; Applicant: Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation
Fee acquisition of 87.71 acres of farmland in Augusta County along the Middle River.
Total Project Cost: \$1,016,550; Grant Request: \$508,275; Recommend: \$508,275
5. Project: **Goodale I & Deane I Tract**; Applicant: Richmond Battlefields Association, Inc.
Easement on 14 acres of farm and forestland owned by applicant in Henrico County.
Total Project Cost: \$283,400; Grant Request: \$141,700; Recommend: \$141,700
6. Project: **Elmore Tract**; Applicant: Cedar Creek Battlefield Foundation
Fee simple acquisition of 5.10 acres in Frederick County
Total Project Cost: \$461,500; Grant Request: \$232,000; Recommend: \$0

Historic Area Preservation Totals:

Acres: 385.85

Project Costs: \$11,449,457

Requested: \$2,584,541

Recommended: \$2,352,541

1. Hylton Tract at Bristoe Station (American Battlefield Trust)

The American Battlefield Trust seeks to preserve the 152.18-acre Hylton Tract at Bristoe Station Battlefield in Bristow through fee acquisition and an open-space easement to be held by the Virginia Board of Historic Resources (VBHR). The tract includes 150 acres in the battlefield's Core Area and two acres in its Study Area. The 1993 Civil War Sites Advisory Commission identifies the site as Priority I.3 (Class B) for Bristoe Station and Priority IV.1 (All classes) for Manassas Station Operations. The agricultural tract adjoins Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park and land owned by the Trust that is, or will be, under easement with VBHR and transferred to Prince William County for inclusion in the public park. The property borders Bristow Road and the Norfolk Southern Railway and includes 2,450 feet of intermittent streams, 10 acres of wetlands, two ponds, and 28 acres of forestland. The Trust will initially steward the property and offer periodic tours. It is expected the land will be transferred to Prince William County for long-term protection, interpretation, and public access.

Total Project Cost: \$8,482,475; **Grant Request:** \$1,100,000; Match: Prince William County, ABT, seeking ABPP and ABPF; **Recommend:** \$1,100,000



Hylton Tract at Bristoe Station Aerial Map



Hylton Tract at Bristoe Station ConserveVirginia Map*

*Due to mapping inconsistencies, ConserveVirginia mapping of this property did not accurately reflect its inclusion in the Cultural and Historic Preservation and Scenic Preservation Categories. This information has been confirmed by VLCF staff and DHR and corresponding points for these two ConserveVirginia categories were awarded to the application.

2. Preservation of the Martin Indigenous Archaeological Site (The Archaeological Conservancy)

The Archaeological Conservancy (TAC), a national nonprofit dedicated to protecting archaeological sites nationwide, is seeking funding to acquire and permanently protect 16 acres of farmland in Wythe County along the New River. This property contains the Martin archaeological site consisting of the remains of an indigenous village and cemetery dating as far back as the Archaic Period (~2,000 BCE), with the most intensive use being during the Woodland Period, ca. 1295 CE. The site is listed on the Virginia Landmarks Register and National Register of Historic Places but is on private property with no protection from disturbance. The landowner was undertaking a subdivision of the property to sell it as three waterfront development lots prior to TAC's involvement. The potential development and recreational use of these lots would irreparably harm the archaeological deposits and put the burials at high risk of disturbance. The land will continue to be farmed and maintained as an open-space archaeological research preserve. TAC has the support of VDHR, tribal partners and The Conservation Fund in this endeavor to protect this unique archeological resource for the benefit of future archaeological research, education, and access by members of descendent tribal communities.

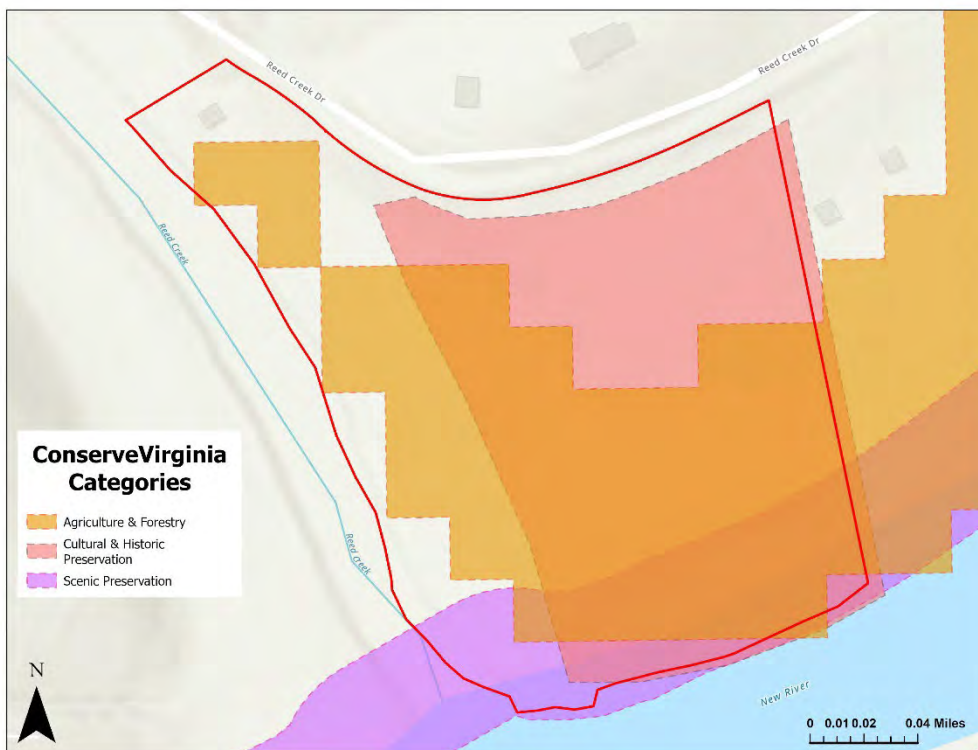
Total Project Cost: \$584,900; **Grant Request:** \$292,250; **Match:** Applied for a Virginia Black, Indigenous, and People of Color Historic Preservation Fund (BIPOC) grant; **Recommend:** \$292,250



Preservation of the Martin Indigenous Archaeological Site Aerial Map



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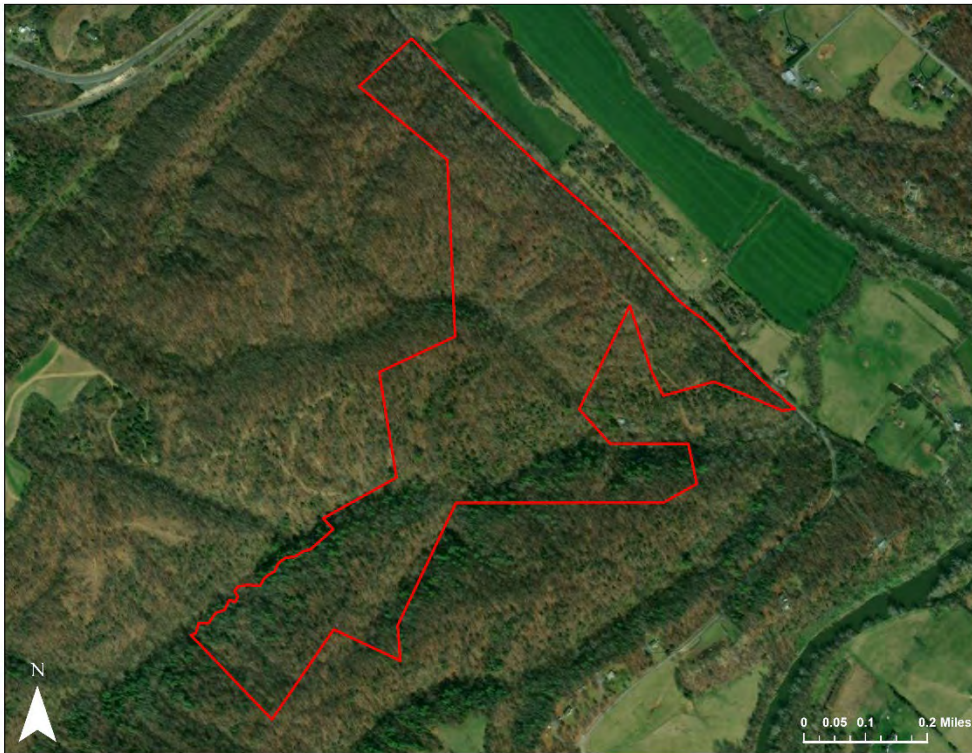
3. Pappas Tract at Fisher's Hill (Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation)

The 110-acre Pappas Tract is within the Core and Study Area of the Fisher's Hill Battlefield and includes portions in the Cedar Creek Battlefield Study Area. This forested property is in Shenandoah County contains earthworks constructed during the Civil War. There are 9,080 feet of streams on the property that will be protected with 100-foot forested riparian buffers. The project will allow for increased public access to the property and provide parking and walking trails. The project will preserve land at the Fisher's Hill Battlefield and allow for daily access allowing visitors to explore the landscape and terrain and Civil War earthworks with proper interpretation.

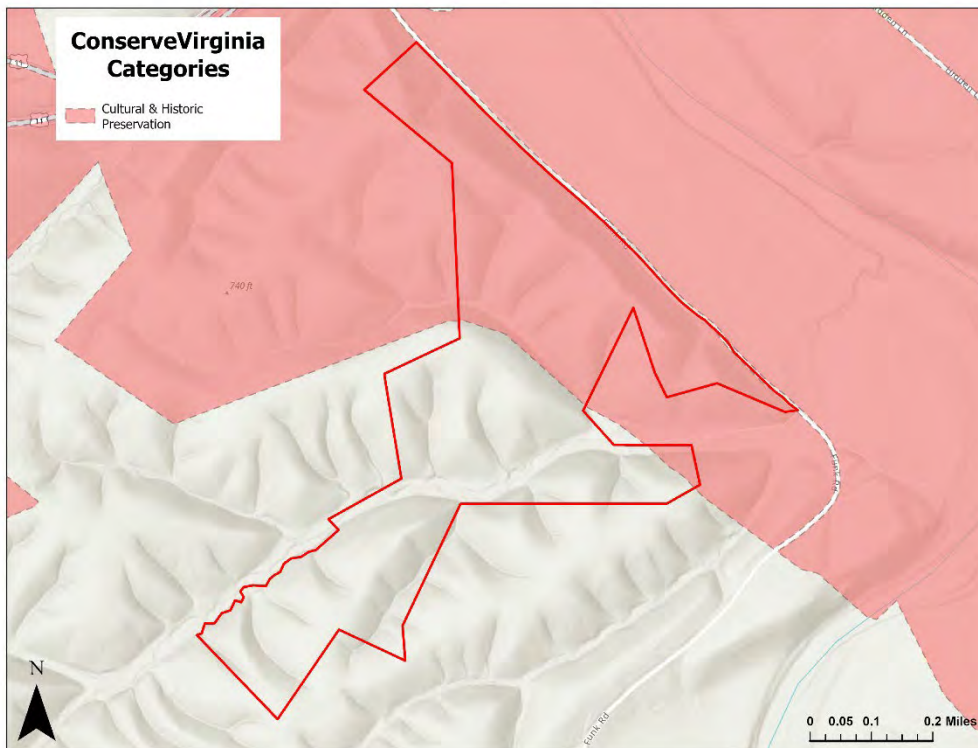
Total Project Cost: \$620,632; **Grant Request:** \$310,316; **Match:** Seeking ABPP and VOF PTF;
Recommend: \$310,316



Pappas Tract at Fisher's Hill Aerial Map



Pappas Tract at Fisher's Hill ConserveVirginia Map



4. Shiflett II Tract - Piedmont Battlefield (Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation)

The 88-acre Shiflett II Tract is within the Core Area of the Piedmont Battlefield in Augusta County. The property is actively farmed and contains open pastureland, and forestland along with one-half mile of frontage on the Middle River. The Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation seeks funding to acquire the property and place it under an open-space easement with the Virginia Board of Historic Resources. Public access will be allowed 365 days per year.

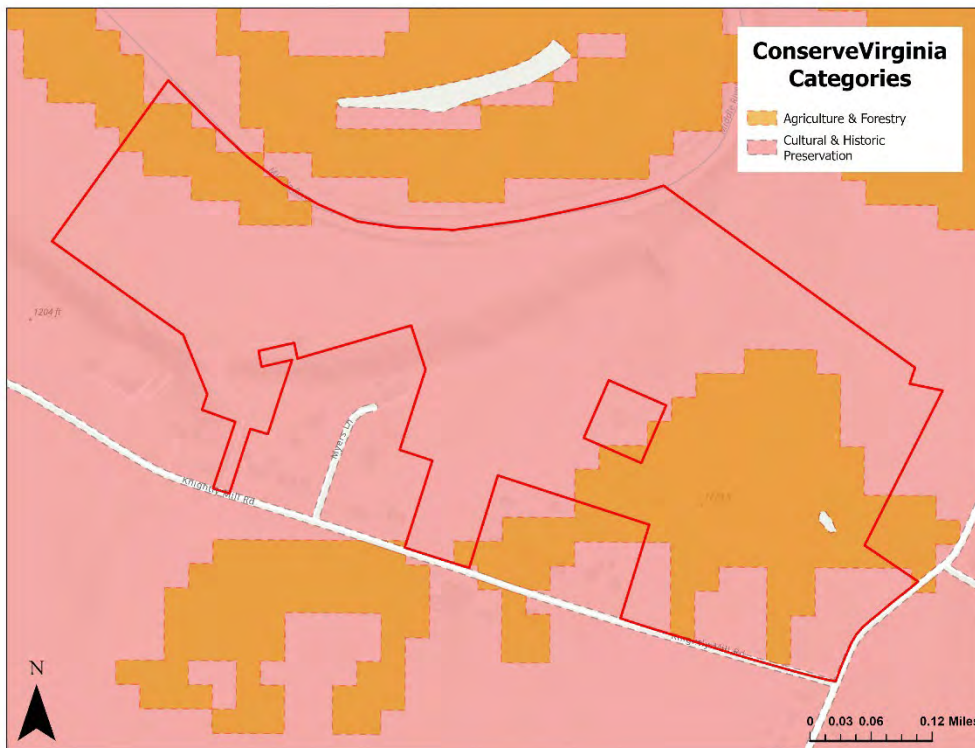
Total Project Cost: \$1,016,550; **Grant Request:** \$508,275; **Match:** American Battlefield Protection Program; **Recommend:** \$508,275



Shiflett II Tract - Piedmont Battlefield Aerial Map



Shiflett II Tract - Piedmont Battlefield ConserveVirginia Map



5. Goodale I & Deane I Tract (Richmond Battlefields Association, Inc.)

Richmond Battlefields Association seeks a grant to sell a perpetual open-space easement to the Virginia Board of Historic Resources on its property in Henrico County. The property consists of two adjacent tracts totaling 14 acres, 3.65 acres of active farmland, and 10 acres of forestland. Property is within core Deep Bottom II battlefield according to the Civil War Sites Advisory Commission, Priority 1.B. In addition to its historical significance, the tracts contain valuable agricultural and forestal natural resources, as well as water resources. These tracts are adjacent to conserved property to the north and in close proximity to other conserved lands to the south and west.

Total Project Cost: \$283,400; **Grant Request:** \$141,700; **Match:** Landowner donation; **Recommend:** \$141,700



Western Run

Deep Woods Along Oblique Ravine



View from Yahley Mill Road

Goodale I & Deane I Tract Aerial Map



Goodale I & Deane I Tract ConserveVirginia Map



Natural Area Preservation Applications

Amount of Funding Available: \$3,088,235

1. Project: **Piney Grove Flatwoods Natural Area Preserve – Luster Tract Addition**; Applicant: Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation Division of Natural Heritage
Fee acquisition of 44.00 acres of forestland and wetlands as an addition to the Piney Grove Flatwoods NAP in Sussex County.
Total Project Cost: \$312,000; Grant Request: \$312,000; Recommend: \$312,000
2. Project: **Difficult Creek Natural Area Preserve – Bournes Addition**; Applicant: Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation Division of Natural Heritage
Fee acquisition of 23.50 acres as an addition to one of the Commonwealth's most irreplaceable conservation sites, Difficult Creek NAP in Halifax County.
Total Project Cost: \$120,000; Grant Request: \$120,000; Recommend: \$120,000
3. Project: **Bull Run Mountains Natural Area Preserve Addition (Highpoint Lane Parcel)**; Applicant: Virginia Outdoors Foundation
Fee acquisition of a 5.49-acre forested addition to the Bull Run Mountains Natural Area Preserve in Fauquier County.
Total Project Cost: \$411,000; Grant Request: \$411,000; Recommend: \$411,000
4. Project: **Eastern Divide South – Hagan Tract Addition (supplemental funding)**; Applicant: Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation Division of Natural Heritage
Fee acquisition of 104.00 acres of karst landscape in Montgomery County.
Total Project Cost: \$2,350,000; Grant Request: \$1,074,781; Recommend: \$957,235
5. Project: **South Quay Sandhills Natural Area Preserve – Phase I Addition (supplemental funding)**; Applicant: Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation Division of Natural Heritage
Fee acquisition of approximately 846.00 acres of forestland and wetlands in Suffolk County.
Total Project Cost: \$3,065,000; Grant Request: \$1,765,000; Recommend: \$1,288,000

Natural Area Preservation Totals:

Acres: 1,022.99

Project Costs: \$6,258,000

Requested: \$3,682,781

Recommended: \$3,088,235

1. Piney Grove Flatwoods Natural Area Preserve – Luster Tract Addition (Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation)

Department of Conservation and Recreation's Division of Natural Heritage (DNH), in partnership with The Nature Conservancy (TNC) is requesting funds for the fee-simple acquisition of a key resiliency tract addition to the Piney Grove Flatwoods Natural Area Preserve. Identified as both a critical conservation priority and action site by DNH, this area is designed around the biological needs of the federally and state endangered red-cockaded woodpecker. Found in only two remaining sites in Virginia, this keystone species requires mature, open pine stands for nesting and foraging, and active prescribed fire management to create and maintain these habitat conditions. When properly managed and restored, these habitat conditions also benefit numerous other species of greatest conservation need including several amphibians found in the wetlands present. TNC has secured a purchase agreement for this parcel, with the intention of transferring it to DCR under the auspices of this grant, and has agreed to waive their administrative and carrying costs.

Total Project Cost: \$312,000; Grant Request: \$312,000; Match: N/A; Recommend: \$312,000



Piney Grove Flatwoods NAP – Luster Tract Addition Aerial Map



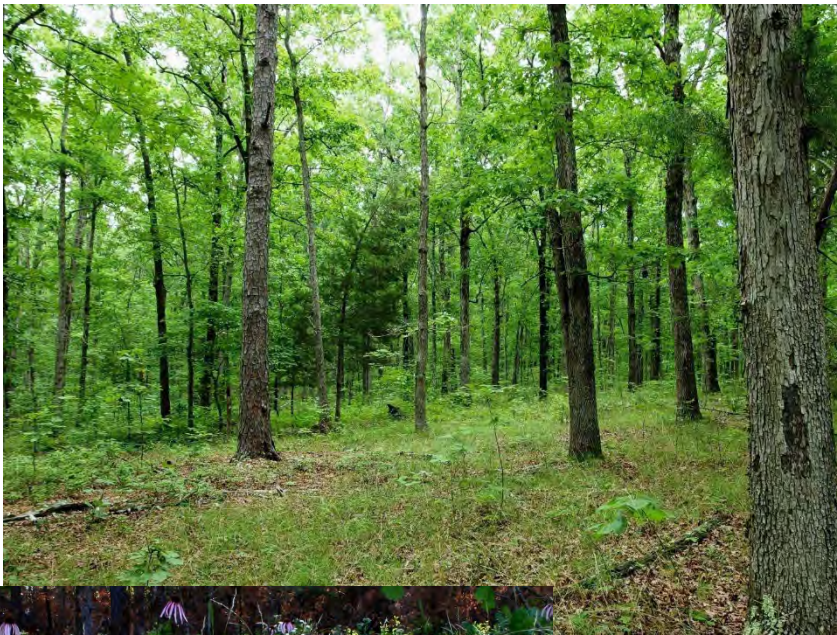
Piney Grove Flatwoods NAP – Luster Tract Addition ConserveVirginia Map



2. Difficult Creek Natural Area Preserve – Bournes Addition (Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation)

Department of Conservation and Recreation's Division of Natural Heritage (DNH) seeks grant funding for the fee-simple purchase of a parcel long prioritized for its contribution to the resilience of the existing Difficult Creek Natural Area Preserve (DCNAP) in Halifax County. This Preserve is designed to protect one of the Commonwealth's irreplaceable conservation sites and most significant biodiversity hotspots, known to support 28 documented natural heritage resources, including six found nowhere else in the Commonwealth, and two that are extant at only two locations in the Commonwealth. The property shares a boundary with DCNAP and its acquisition will enhance DNH's ability to protect natural heritage resources by precluding incompatible development and facilitating prescribed fire management. Continued use of prescribed fire is critical to maintain and increase populations of multiple natural heritage resources DCNAP is designed to protect.

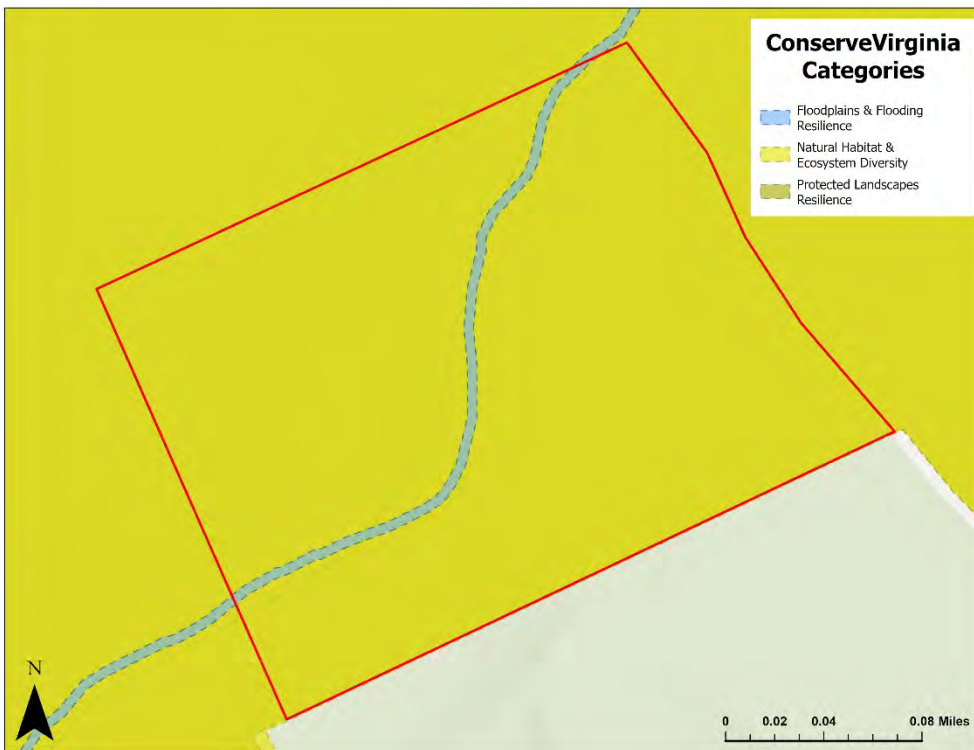
Total Project Cost: \$120,000; **Grant Request:** \$120,000; **Match:** N/A; **Recommend:** \$120,000



Difficult Creek Natural Area Preserve – Bournes Addition Aerial Map



Difficult Creek Natural Area Preserve – Bournes Addition ConserveVirginia Map



3. Bull Run Mountains Natural Area Preserve Addition (Highpoint Lane Parcel); (Virginia Outdoors Foundation)

The Virginia Outdoors Foundation, in collaboration with the Department of Conservation and Recreation's Division of Natural Heritage, is seeking funds to acquire five acres as an addition to Bull Run Mountains Natural Area Preserve (BRMNAP) in Fauquier County. Situated below the western-most ridge of the Bull Run Mountains and the rare pine-oak/heath woodlands that make up the Highpoint Conservation Area, this tract enhances VOF and DCR's protection of a key visual and ecological site that typifies the Bull Run Mountains ecological corridor. Along with protecting critical habitat just below BRMNAP's most fragile summit ecosystem, protection of this parcel will prevent incompatible development on a fragile ecosystem under heavy development threat. In addition, the property supports a section of Central Appalachian/Inner Piedmont Chestnut Oak Forest mapped as an Element Occurrence and several cultural history features.

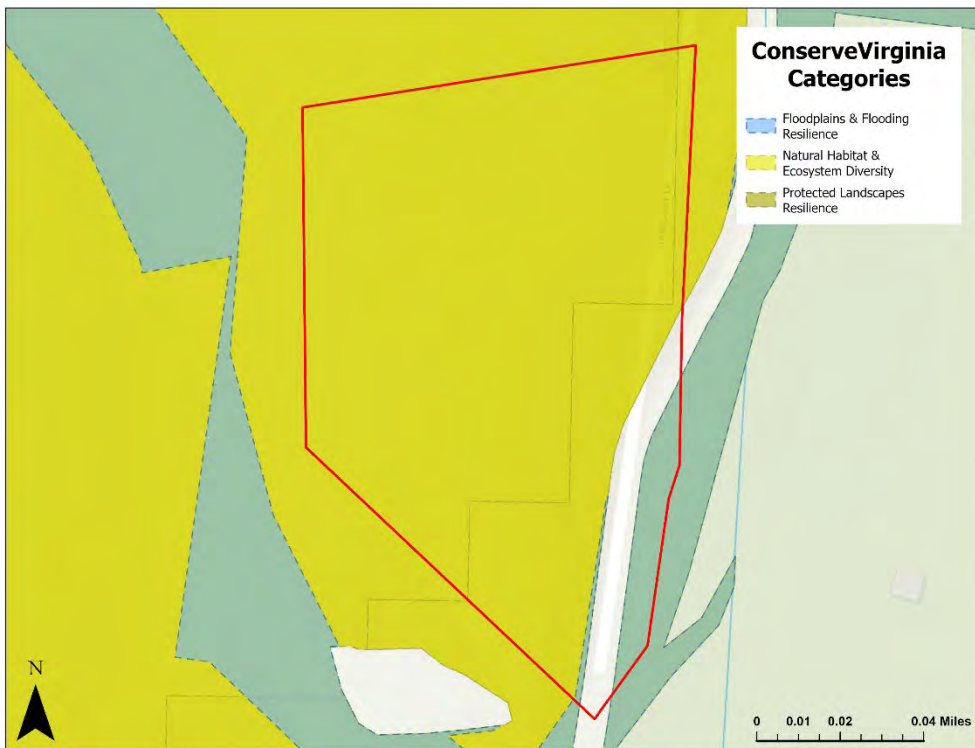
Total Project Cost: \$411,000; Grant Request: \$411,000; Match: N/A; Recommend: \$411,000



Bull Run Mountains NAP Addition (Highpoint Lane Parcel) Aerial Map



Bull Run Mountains NAP Addition (Highpoint Lane Parcel) ConserveVirginia Map



4. Eastern Divide South – Hagan Tract Addition (supplemental funding) (Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation)

The Department of Conservation and Recreation's Division of Natural Heritage (DNH), with assistance of The Conservation Fund, seeks supplemental funding (FY25 VLCF grant Ellett Escarpment Eastern Divide South, \$975,219) for the fee-simple purchase of approximately 104 acres in Montgomery County. Located on the outskirts of Blacksburg, this property is identified as part of a focal area to conserve one of the most at risk and imperiled species in Virginia. The local karst landscape, referred to as the Ellett Escarpment, is subject to severe development pressures and notable losses of natural habitat. Conserving this property will help protect several significantly rare species, intact and mature dry calcareous forests, and approximately 1,100' of tributaries to the North Fork Roanoke River.

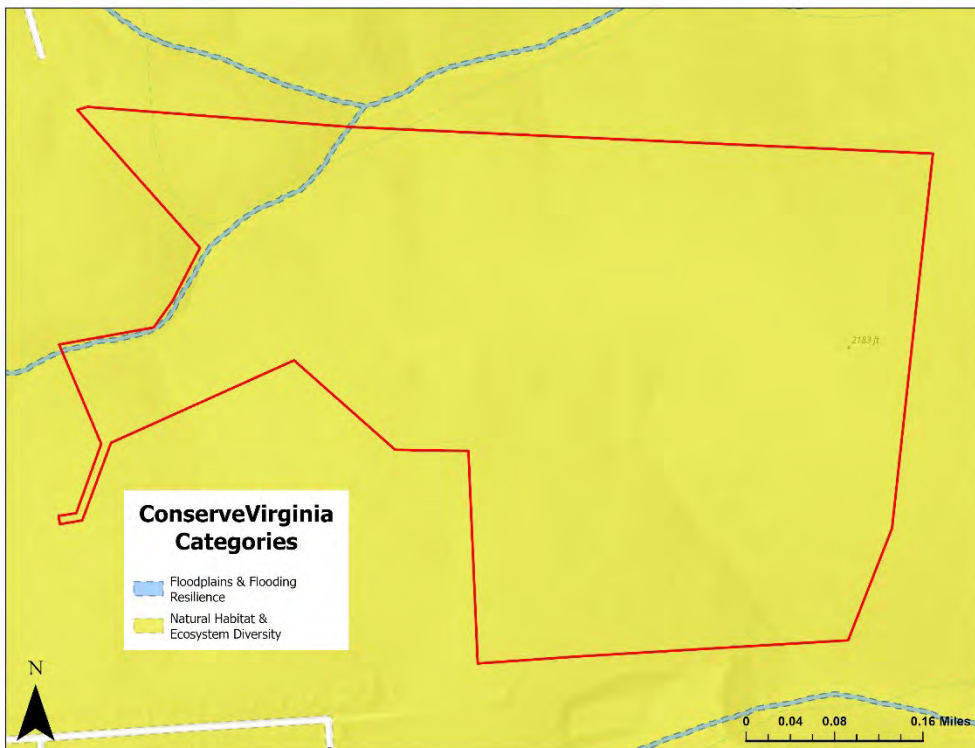
Total Project Cost: \$2,350,000; **Grant Request:** \$1,074,781; **Match:** \$300,000 VOF Forest Core Fund; **Recommend:** \$957,235



Eastern Divide South – Hagan Tract Addition (supplemental funding)Aerial Map



Eastern Divide South – Hagan Tract Addition (supplemental funding)ConserveVirginia Map



**5. South Quay Sandhills Natural Area Preserve – Ph. I Addition (supplemental funding)
(Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation)**

The Department of Conservation and Recreation's Division of Natural Heritage (DNH), with the assistance of The Nature Conservancy (TNC), seeks supplemental funding (FY25 VLCF grant South Quay Sandhill NAP, \$1,300,000) for the fee-simple purchase of approximately 847 acres in the City of Suffolk. It is intended that the majority funding for this project will come from an existing federal grant. However, due to ongoing concerns about the future of these federal funds, DNH requestd and has been granted a scope change for grant #372(25) and requires this FY26 additional grant funding as a critical safety net if the federal funds become unavailable. This project will accomplish watershed protection goals by protecting over 3.5 miles of streams and 146 acres of freshwater wetlands. The project will also protect significant natural heritage resources, create opportunities for one of the state's most significant longleaf pine habitat restoration projects, and provide the impetus for engaging Tribal Nations and citizens in a socially disadvantaged and economically underserved region.

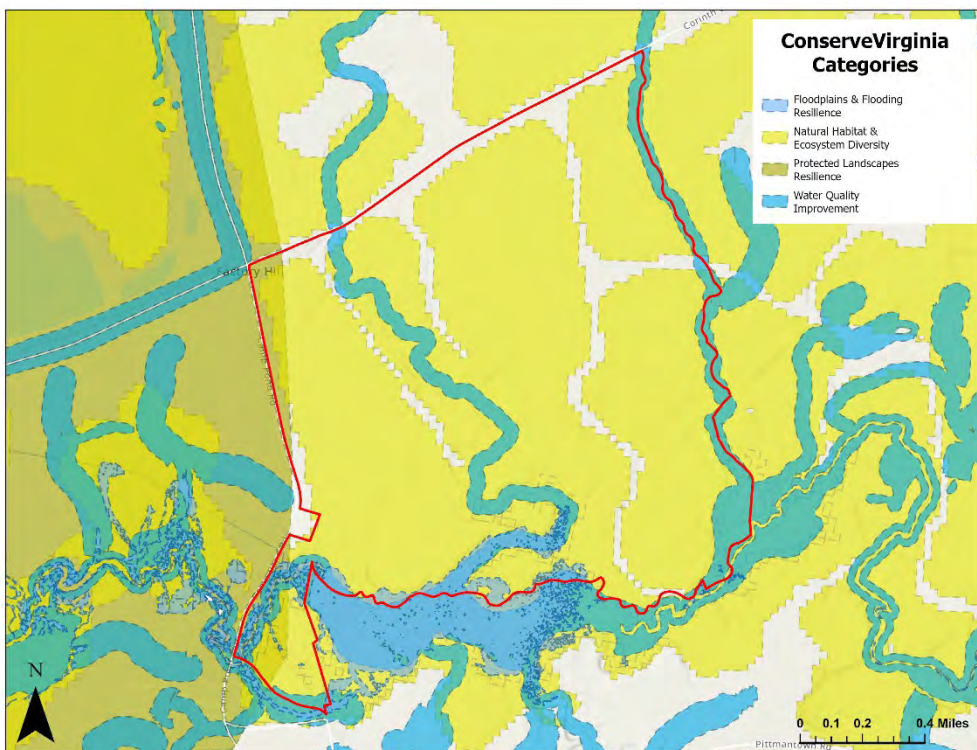
Total Project Cost: \$3,065,000; **Grant Request:** \$1,765,000; **Match:** FY25 VLCF; **Recommend:** \$1,288,000



South Quay Sandhills NAP – Ph. I Add. (supplemental funding) Aerial Map



South Quay Sandhills NAP – Ph. I Add. (supplemental funding) ConserveVirginia Map



Open Spaces & Parks Applications

Amount of Funding Available: \$3,515,684

1. Project: **Gum Swamp Warren Property**; Applicant: City of Virginia Beach
Fee acquisition of 26.00 acres of Gum Swamp, one of the headwaters of the Virginia Scenic North Landing River in the City of Virginia Beach.
Total Project Cost: \$2,529,000; **Grant Request:** \$1,200,000; **Recommend:** \$1,200,000
2. Project: **Kane Gap Connectivity Project**; Applicant: Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation
Fee acquisition of 250.00 acres in Scott County to complete the development of Wilderness Road and provide public access to the cultural, scenic, and natural resources of Kane Gap.
Total Project Cost: \$464,000; **Grant Request:** \$464,000; **Recommend:** \$464,000
3. Project: **Stratford Hall Historic Preserve**; Applicant: Trust for Public Land
Fee acquisition of 475.00 acres along the tidal Potomac River in Westmoreland County.
Total Project Cost: \$2,187,000; **Grant Request:** \$665,500; **Recommend:** \$665,500
4. Project: **Wilson Hollow – New River Trail Expansion**; Applicant: New River Soil and Water Conservation District
Fee acquisition of 239.00 acres of forestland and grasslands along the New River in Grayson County.
Total Project Cost: \$1,103,600; **Grant Request:** \$550,900; **Recommend:** \$550,900
5. Project: **Riverheads School Complex – Adjacent Property**; Applicant: County of Augusta
Fee acquisition of 24.59 acres adjacent to the Riverheads school complex in Augusta County for future outdoor facilities.
Total Project Cost: \$570,950; **Grant Request:** \$285,475; **Recommend:** \$285,475

Open Spaces & Parks Preservation Totals:

Acres: 8,711.00

Project Costs: \$6,854,550

Requested: \$3,165,875

Recommended: \$3,165,875

1. Gum Swamp Warren Property (City of Virginia Beach)

The City of Virginia Beach seeks funding for the fee-simple acquisition of a 26-acre property along Indian River Road, a Virginia Byway. The southwestern portion of the property is within Gum Swamp, a mature, vulnerable Cypress-Tupelo swamp forest that forms the headwaters of the Virginia Scenic North Landing River. The property will offer daily public access for land-based and water-based recreation, wildlife viewing, and education and research opportunities in and along these groundwater-emergence headwaters. The site is near other public nature areas including Stumpy Lake Natural Area, the Virginia Birding and Wildlife Trail – Seashore to Cypress Loop, and the Gateway to the Green Sea, a boundary around the North Landing River watershed adopted as a regional greenway plan. The property is identified as a conservation priority and designated as North Landing Gum Swamp Natural Area and Conservation Site by DCR Natural Heritage in two Conservation Planning reports completed for the city. The site is also where the Southeastern Greenway Trail is planned, one of four citywide spines of the city's linear park and trail system.

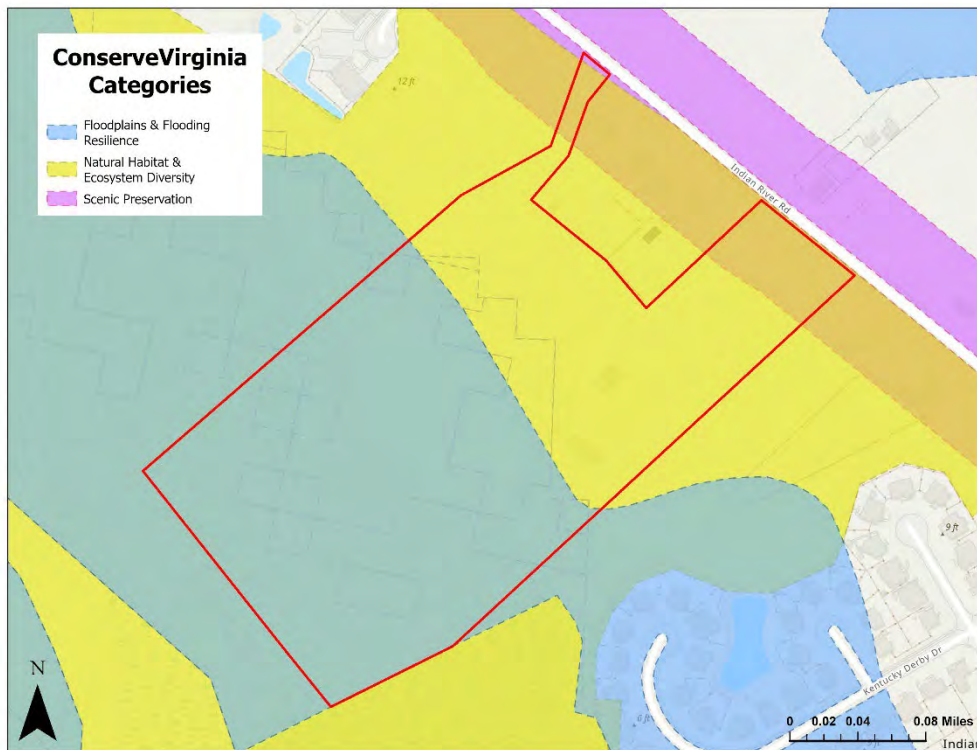
Total Project Cost: \$2,529,000; **Grant Request:** \$1,200,000; **Match:** Virginia Beach Open Space Acquisition Program CIP; **Recommend:** \$1,200,000



Gum Swamp Warren Property Aerial Map



Gum Swamp Warren Property ConserveVirginia Map



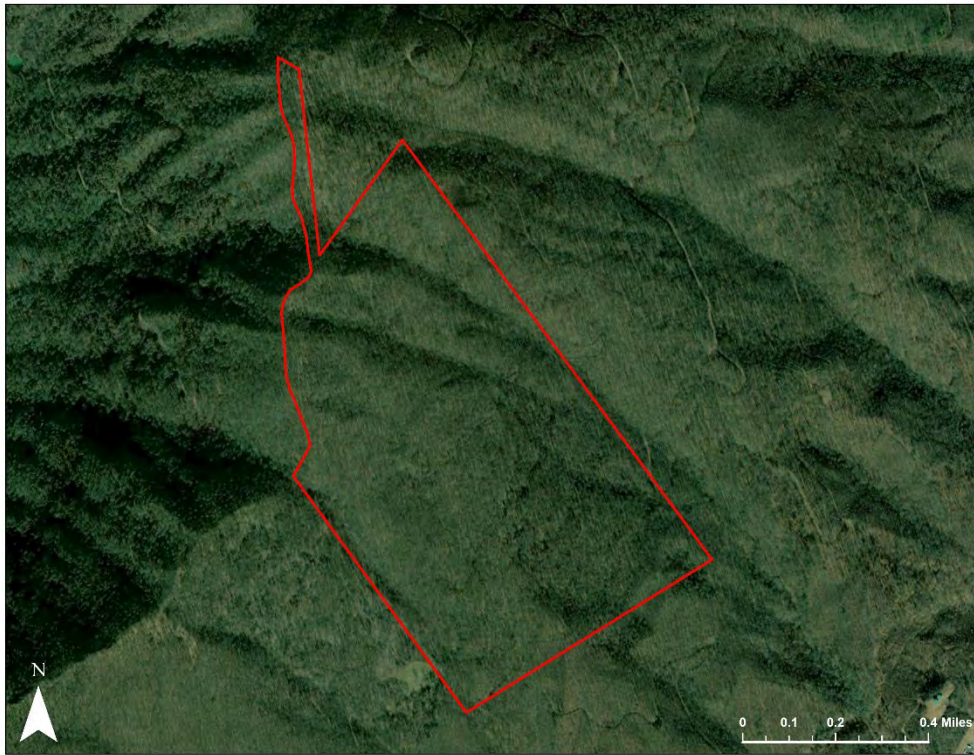
2. Kane Gap Connectivity Project (Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation)

The Kane Gap Connectivity Project seeks to acquire 250 acres in Scott County to develop a hiking and biking trail from the Daniel Boone Wilderness Trail Interpretive Center, part of Natural Tunnel State Park, to Kane Gap – the last undeveloped section of the Wilderness Road in SWVA. The trail was originally known as The Great Warrior's Path to Native Americans that utilized the path, and has hosted several significant events throughout American history. The acquisition of this property would not only complete the Wilderness Road in SWVA, but connect the public to the cultural, scenic, and natural resources of Kane Gap. The trail through this property was originally part of the DWR Daniel Boone Loop of the Virginia Bird & Wildlife Trail, a significant habitat for several important woodland bird species. The protection of rare and endangered species on the property would be accomplished by maintaining 95% forest coverage and 100' forest riparian buffers along streams.

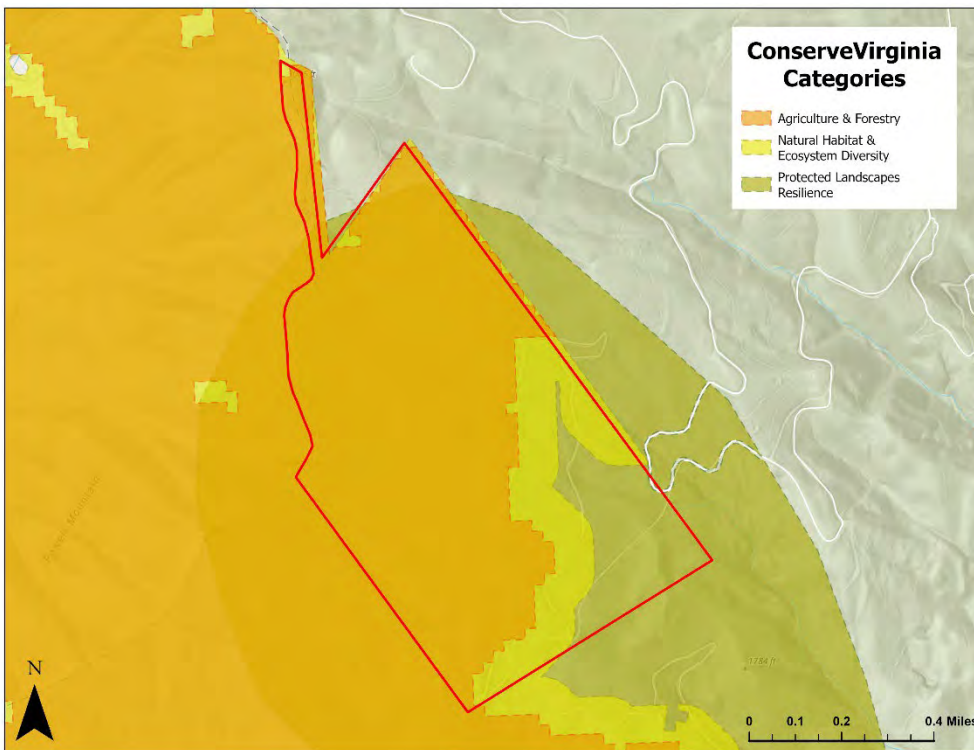
Total Project Cost: \$464,000; Grant Request: \$464,000; Match: N/A; Recommend: \$464,000



Kane Gap Connectivity Project Aerial Map



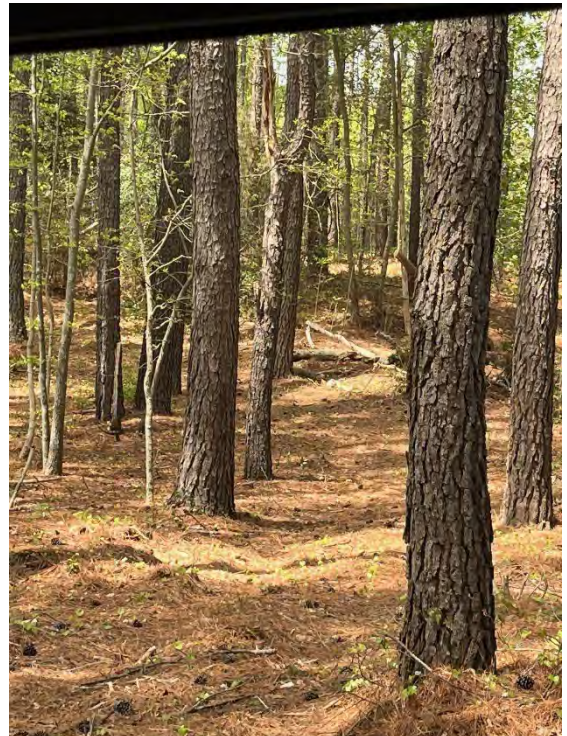
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3. Stratford Hall Historic Preserve (The Trust for Public Land)

The Trust for Public Land is partnering with the Virginia Outdoors Foundation and the US Navy to acquire a conservation easement with public access over a 475-acre portion of Stratford Hall Historic Preserve located along cliffs high above the Potomac River in Westmoreland County. Although Stratford Hall has numerous historic landmark designations (National Historic Landmark, Virginia Historic Landmark, and National Register of Historic Places), and 1,009-acres of the property are protected through conservation and historic preservation easements held by VOF and Virginia DHR, the 475-acre grant area is currently not protected. The grant project would expand a contiguous block of over 7,200 acres of public and privately conserved lands along this eight-mile stretch of the tidal Potomac River and further conserve the setting of the key historical, cultural and recreational destinations located in the Northern Neck National Heritage Area.

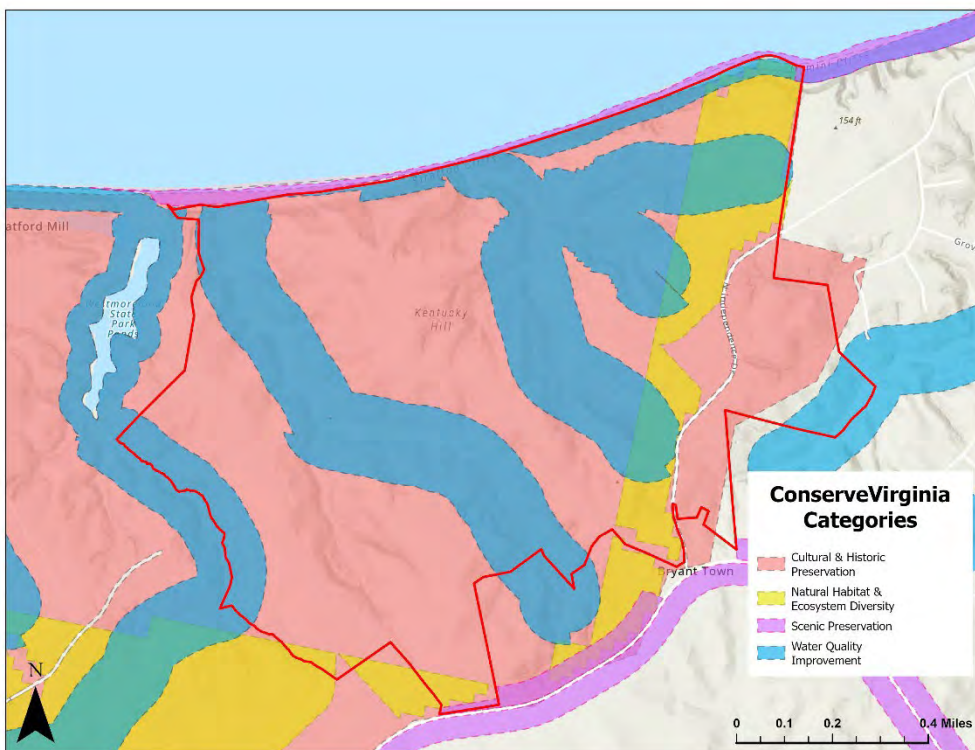
Total Project Cost: \$2,187,000; **Grant Request:** \$665,500; **Match:** Landowner donation; TPL; Navy-REPI; **Recommend:** \$665,500



Stratford Hall Historic Preserve Aerial Map



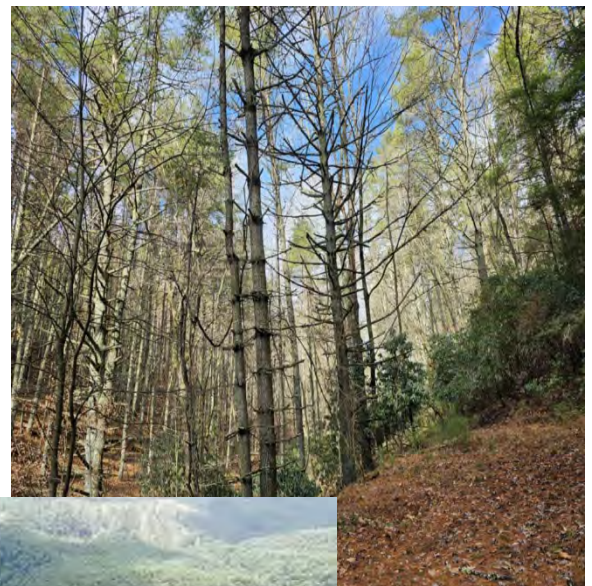
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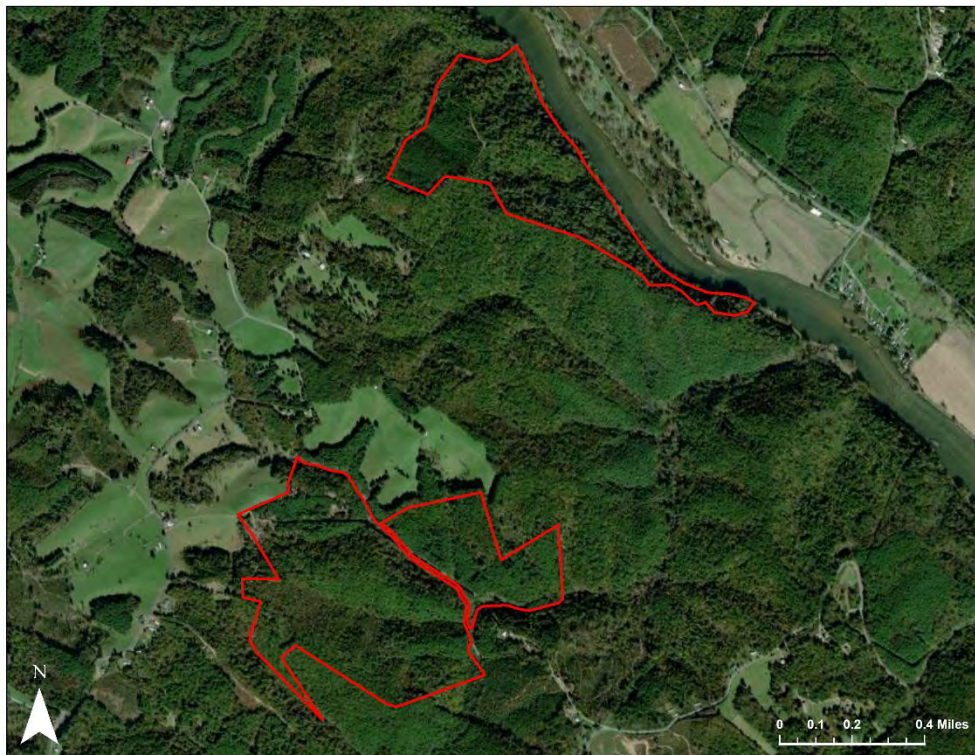
4. Wilson Hollow – New River Trail Expansion (New River Soil and Water Conservation District)

The New River SWCD seeks to acquire and protect Wilson Hollow, two tracts totalling 239-acres in Grayson County. This project will provide new public access for recreational boating, fishing and wildlife viewing, hiking, and nature-based photography – and will provide an important opportunity to secure public access for a historically economically depressed and socially vulnerable region of Virginia, while protecting significant natural resources. The property contains a diverse mix of forestland, water resources, and open grassland habitats that support a wide variety of wildlife species. The New River SWCD, as the owner and operator, would protect these resources by protecting native plant species, removing invasive species and correcting other environmental disturbances, as well as maintaining 1,000' forested riparian buffers along 14,080 feet of streams and river frontage. Additionally, the New River SWCD commits to continue to raise awareness and promote educational opportunities of these essential ecosystems for their community.

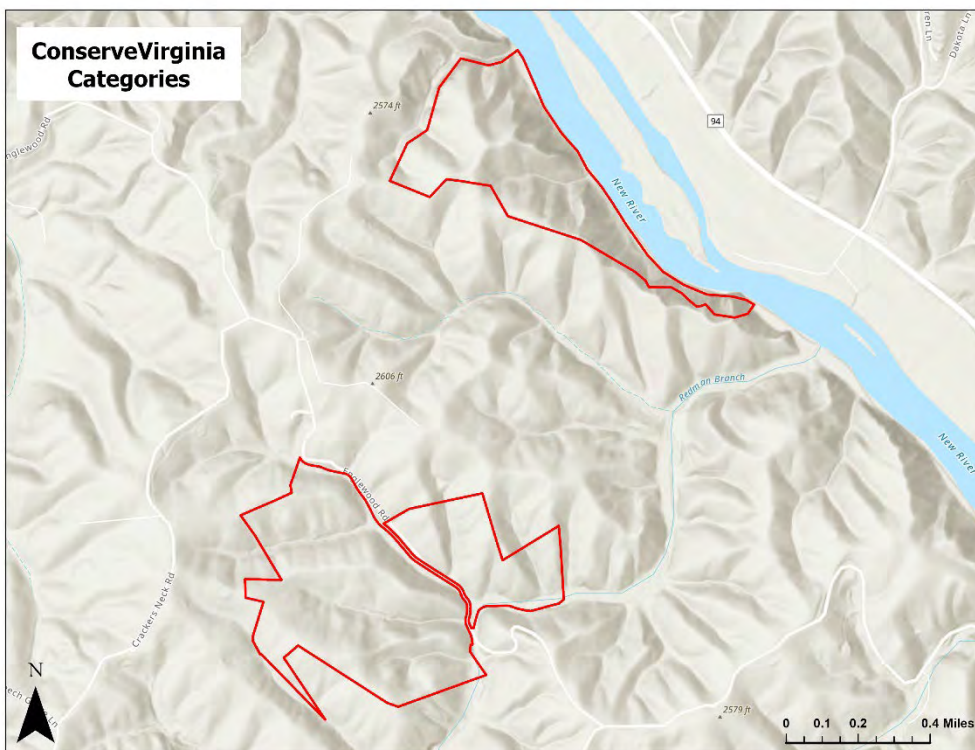
Total Project Cost: \$1,103,600; **Grant Request:** \$550,900; **Match:** Virginia Outdoors Foundation grant; Local Trust Board; **Recommend:** \$550,900



Wilson Hollow – New River Trail Expansion Aerial Map



Wilson Hollow – New River Trail Expansion ConserveVirginia Map



5. Riverheads School Complex – Adjacent Property (County of Augusta)

The County of Augusta is seeking funding to acquire 25 acres of undeveloped land bordering the Riverheads School complex. This property is at high risk of development (Class V "Most Vulnerable") in the Development Vulnerability Model. If acquired, this property would be the only locality-owned park in that region of Augusta County. Acquisition of the property will facilitate future construction of an agricultural and/or outdoor classroom and potential park development. Once acquired, the property will be managed in a manner consistent with the existing school property while plans are developed for outdoor education and park use. Long term, the property will be managed, either by the Augusta County Parks & Recreation Department, or by the Augusta County School Board.

Total Project Cost: \$570,950; **Grant Request:** \$285,475; **Match:** Capital Infrastructure Funding;
Recommend: \$285,475



Riverheads School Complex – Adjacent Property Aerial Map



Riverheads School Complex – Adjacent Property ConserveVirginia Map

