

## Selected Projects

### DuPont Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration

- Cave Conservancy of the Virginias – Acquisition and restoration activities on 120 acres near Grottoes, Virginia. The project will provide opportunities for restoration of upland forest, recreational access, and protection of unique resources (karst habitat, Madison Saltpetre cave) and banks of the South River.
- Virginia Native Plant Society – Acquisition and restoration activities on 140 acres adjacent to Mount Joy Natural Area Preserve. Opportunities for: preservation of significant species and resources (sinkhole pond habitat, IBA) and protection of over 8,000 feet of headwaters streams.
- Blue Ridge Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management – Invasive species removal pilot project within Shenandoah National Park and the Town of Elkton for the removal of wavyleaf grass, a relatively new arrival to Virginia. This pilot project will protect other natural areas in the watershed from the spread of this noxious weed.
- Potomac Appalachian Trail Club, Inc (PATC) – Acquisition of 110 acres adjacent to Shenandoah National Park and Deep Run Ponds Natural Area Preserve. The project will provide opportunities for protection of significant wildlife habitat (sinkhole pond habitat and migratory birds) and it will provide recreational access.
- The Shenandoah National Park Trust – Acquisition of 969 acres adjacent to Shenandoah National Park. The project will provide opportunities for protection of unique biological resources and tributaries to the South Fork Shenandoah River, including Naked Creek headwaters.
- Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation - Natural Heritage Program – Acquisition and restoration of 132 acres adjacent to Deep Run Ponds Natural Area Preserve. The project will provide opportunities for preservation of significant biological resources (sinkhole pond habitat, Important Bird Area) and protection and improvement of wildlife habitat.
- Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation - Natural Heritage Program – Acquisition and restoration of 400 acres near Lyndhurst, VA. The project will provide opportunities for preservation of significant biological resources (sinkhole pond habitat) and restoration of forest, wetlands, and other habitats.
- Virginia Department of Forestry – Acquisition and restoration of 583 acres adjacent to George Washington National Forest. The project will provide opportunities for protection of tributaries to the South Fork Shenandoah River (including Boone's Run), restoration of habitat and forest, and recreational access.
- Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation – Acquisition and restoration of 19 acres near Port Republic. The project will provide opportunities for protection of South Fork Shenandoah River frontage in an area with high risk of development/agriculture, restoration of habitat, and protection of stream banks.

- Headwaters and Shenandoah Valley Soil and Water Conservation Districts – The funded projects will result in over 102,000 feet of fencing to exclude over 4,400 cattle from streams along with other important best management practices (BMPs) that ensure management of herds. In addition, manure from over 170,000 chickens, turkeys, swine, and horses will be managed.
- Augusta County – Stream restoration and stabilization projects along Jennings Branch near Churchville and the South River near Dooms. The project will provide opportunities for water quality and floodplain habitat improvements and protection, as well as recreational access at Dooms.
- Alliance for Chesapeake Bay – Pilot project working with state and non-governmental partners to implement an incentive program to encourage establishment of riparian buffers along the South River, Middle River, and Christians Creek. The project will be modeled after prior successful programs.
- Town of Elkton – Stream restoration project working with state and non-governmental partners to restore a severely eroded bank of the South Fork Shenandoah River within the Town of Elkton.
- City of Waynesboro –
  - South River Greenway Natural Area – Improve habitat and water quality through acquisition and restoration of land adjacent to the greenway and construction of BMPs to manage stormwater runoff.
  - South River Preserve North – Improve habitat at Constitution Park to create a more natural preserve, including planting trees and meadow habitat and creating in-stream structures to improve recreation and fishing opportunities.
  - Additional acquisition/land protection in coordination with Greenway Trail Expansion – The City will identify parcels of land that have potential for the Greenway. These parcels will also help to create and preserve habitat for wildlife. Several priority areas have been identified, but no parcels have yet been selected. Trustees will work with the City on the planning process parcel selection and as the project moves forward.

# Land Conservation Projects

