



# Soil and Water Conservation Society

## Virginia Chapter Fact Sheet

### At Work in the Commonwealth

**Mission** A multidisciplinary Society that advocates the protection, enhancement and wise use of soil, water and related natural resources. Through education and example, we promote an ethic that recognizes the interdependence of people and the environment.

**Purpose** The Soil & Water Conservation Society is a non-profit scientific and educational organization. VA Chapter of SWCS serves as an advocate for the conservation profession and for science based conservation policy that may affect Virginia's natural resources through certain legislative measures.

**Membership** The Virginia Chapter's membership consists of approximately 170 professional and non-professional people working in many phases of agriculture, education, natural resources and related fields. The Society keeps people informed of water quality issues that may affect the state. The Virginia Chapter members are committed, informed and effective conservation leaders. Some of the membership benefits include the Journal of Soil & Water Conservation, international meetings with technical presentation & tours and other opportunities to network with professionals from many disciplines.

**Conferences** Each year the Virginia Chapter hosts technical forums on land and water management issues designed to keep conservation professionals and citizens up-to-date with natural resource issues, science, technology, and conservation practices.

**Activities** The Virginia Chapter awards two (2) \$1,000 scholarships each year through the Virginia Association of Soil & Water Conservation District's Educational Foundation. In years past, we have sponsored the State Envirothon, 4-H Soils Judging Team and the VA Tech Student Chapter Career Day. We conduct an awards program each year that recognizes outstanding accomplishments in conservation. The Virginia Chapter provides an opportunity for leadership development and to network with a wide variety of governmental agencies, universities and private consultants.

**Website** <http://www.bse.vt.edu/swcs>

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