

**Peter Francisco Soil and Water  
Conservation District**  
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If you would like information about the program, please visit our website or contact our office, to speak with Cody.

or replacements through June 2024

- The other is a **Local grant** for residents in Buckingham and Cumberland County outside of SR. Residents outside of SR in Buckingham or all residents of Cumberland are eligible for 50% assistance for septic tank pump-outs and simple non-permitted repairs.
- One is in the **Slate River Water Shed Septic Grant (SR)** and is federally funded through a TMDL project in Buckingham County. Residents in this area are eligible for 50% regardless of income and can qualify for an additional percentage of up to 80% assistance based on income level for septic tank pump-outs, system repairs and

Our residential cost-share program administers septic financial assistance to homeowners in both Buckingham and Cumberland Counties. The district offers two different grants;

## **Residential Cost-Share Programs**



# Peter Francisco Soil And Water Conservation District

## Newsletter - January 2024



### Upcoming Education Opportunities/Events for 2024

- **College Scholarships are available now!** Peter Francisco will award **FOUR** \$1,000 dollar to eligible students residing in either Buckingham or Cumberland County.
  - Requirements are:
    - Students need to be enrolled in or who have applied to a college undergraduate
    - Pursuing a curriculum related to natural resources, biology or environmental studies
    - Deadline to apply is **MARCH 1st**
- **Poster Contests** - This year's theme is **"May the Forest be With You Always"**
  - A poster contest takes place annually for students k-12 in both counties. Each year has a new conservation theme.
- **Camps**
  - **2024 Youth Conservation Camp** is located at Virginia Tech. Tentative dates for the 2024 Youth Conservation Camp are July 13-20, 2024, applications will be open in the new year through your local Soil & Water Conservation District
  - **Camp Woods & Wildlife** dates are June 17-21, 2024. You can find the application through our website or through the Virginia Department of Forestry website.
  - Keep in mind the Headwaters Exploration Camp, and the James River Watershed Exploration Camp are both offered during the school year.
- **Envirothon** is a team based state competition for high school students. The competition focuses on five different categories such as, soils, aquatics, forestry, wildlife and a special topic. This years special topic is 'Renewable Energy'. Both counties will have an Envirothon team this year.



**Pictured:**  
Students enjoying outdoor activities at Camp Woods & Wildlife



**Pictured:** Participants in Youth Conservation Camp

### No-Till Drill

To schedule the drill for rental, contact the District's Equipment Manager at:

- **Phone:** 434-838-0326
- **Email:** pfswcd.drill@gmail.com

### Rental Rates:

- Less than 7 acres - \$150.00
- 50-99.9 acres - \$13.00 / acre
- Out of District - \$200.00
- Clean Fee (if applicable) - \$50.00



**Pictured:** The no-till drill

### Agriculture Cost-Share Programs

#### Available for 2024

#### Conservation Practice Opportunities:

- Varied options are available for livestock stream exclusion , with ranging cost-share amounts and an additional buffer acreage incentive payment (amount varies based on buffer width)
- Practices available increased rotational grazing
- Other available practices include:
  - **Conversion of row crop acreage to pasture**
  - **Conversion of crop/pasture fields to trees**
  - **Winter small grain cover crops**
  - **Nutrient management practices (nutrient management plan writing/revisions, precision nutrient application, PSNT testing, manure injection, etc.)**
  - **Maintenance funding is available for practices installed that have expired**

**Pictured:** Kelly Snoddy (Conservation Specialist), and Cody Smith (Conversation Technician) provide assistance to a client looking to improve his farmland through conservation practices

