

# **DRAGON RUN SAMP DIGITAL RESOURCE LIBRARY - ANNOTATED LIST**

This annotated list of digital library resources is designed to assist in the development of the [Dragon Run Special Area Management Plan \(SAMP\)](#).

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### [Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 \(CZMA\)](#)

The Dragon Run SAMP is funded through Section 309 of the federal Coastal Zone Management Act. The funding is distributed through the federally-approved Virginia Coastal Resources Management Program. This web site offers information about the federal Coastal Zone Management Act.

### [NOAA Coastal Zone Enhancement Program \(Section 309\)](#)

This web site offers specific information about Section 309 of the federal Coastal Zone Management Act, known as the Coastal Zone Enhancement Program. This program funds the Dragon Run SAMP.

### [Special Area Management Plans](#) \* requires [Adobe Acrobat Reader](#)

This document details information about Special Area Management Plans in Section 309 of the federal Coastal Zone Management Act.

### [Virginia Coastal Program](#)

This web site features information about the Virginia Coastal Program, which distributes the funding for the Dragon Run SAMP from the federal Coastal Zone Enhancement Program.

### [Chesapeake 2000 Bay Agreement](#)

Signed on June 28, 2000, this agreement between Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, the District of Columbia, the Chesapeake Bay Commission, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) outlines 93 commitments detailing restoration and protection goals critical to the health of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed.

### [Putting Together a Watershed Management Plan](#)

A stage-by-stage guide for developing a watershed management plan.

## Other Special Area Management Plans (SAMP's)

[Charleston Harbor Project SAMP](#)

[Hackensack Meadowlands SAMP](#)

Two Special Area Management Plans (SAMP's) – one from Charleston, South Carolina and one from northeastern New Jersey near New York City.

## **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND POLICY**

[Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission](#)

The MPPDC is a regional planning entity that consists of representatives from six counties (Essex, Gloucester, King and Queen, King William, Mathews, and Middlesex) and three towns (Tappahannock, Urbanna, and West Point). MPPDC staff work on a variety of land use planning issues, including transportation, housing, economic development, and environment. The Dragon Run SAMP is being undertaken by the MPPDC.

### History of Dragon Run Steering Committee (coming soon)

A formal committee of the Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission, the Dragon Run Steering Committee has been in continuous existence since 1987. It consists of elected officials and citizen landowners from each of the Watershed's four counties – Essex, Gloucester, King and Queen, and Middlesex.

### Counties

Web sites featuring the four counties in the Dragon Run Watershed.

[Essex](#)

[Gloucester](#)

King and Queen

[Middlesex](#)

### Ordinances

## [Purchase of Development Rights Program for James City County, Virginia](#)

This is a voluntary program that pays landowners to protect the cultural and natural resource assets of their property in order to protect open-space, community character, farmland, and natural resources within the County. The program allows landowners to enter into agreements to sell the development potential of their property to the County.

## [The Stormwater Manager's Resource Center \(click on Ordinance\)](#)

A list of example ordinances designed to promote watershed protection.

## [Center for Watershed Protection](#)

The Center for Watershed Protection is a non-profit organization that provides local governments, activists, and watershed organizations with technical tools for watershed protection that encompasses watershed planning, watershed restoration, stormwater management, watershed research, better site design, education and outreach, and watershed training.

## **TRADITIONAL USES AND HABITAT MANAGEMENT**

### Easements

#### [Conservation Easements](#)

#### [Conserving Rural Land](#)

#### [Taxes and Easements](#)

#### [Virginia Natural Area Preserves](#)

Information about various land conservation methods through Virginia state agencies, including the Department of Forestry and the Department of Conservation and Recreation. Tax benefits of conservation are also addressed.

## **PUBLIC EDUCATION AND PUBLIC ACCESS**

### [Virginia Birding and Wildlife Trail](#)

This driving trail includes loop trails that will link some of Virginia's best wildlife watching areas for visitors to enjoy, explore, hike, and observe wildlife. The Coastal Trail is well underway with over 195 sites being evaluated for inclusion.

## [NEMO: Nonpoint Education for Municipal Officials](#)

This program is designed to educate land use decision makers about the relationship of land use to natural resource protection.

### **GRANT FUNDING SOURCES**

#### [Virginia Environmental Endowment](#)

The Virginia Environmental Endowment offers grants to organizations that improve the quality of the environment by preventing pollution, conserving natural resources, and promoting environmental literacy.

#### [Catalog of Federal Funding Sources for Watershed Protection](#)

A listing of federal grant opportunities addressing watershed protection that is maintained by the U.S. EPA's Office of Water.

#### [River Network: Watershed Assistance Grants](#)

The River Network makes grants available to local watershed partnerships to support their organizational development and long-term effectiveness.

#### [National Tree Trust: Community Tree Planting](#)

The program facilitates tree planting on public land and along roadsides with the aid of volunteers. Grants consist of one-year-old, regionally appropriate tree seedlings, two-gallon plastic containers, and money to pay for soil.