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Materials that support or describe the activities associated with the Special Area Management Plan for the Southern Watershed in the Hampton Roads Planning District. These materials may be used as a model for the Dragon Run SAMP.

A Management Plan for a Coastal Ecosystem: Rhode Island's Salt Pond Region

This case study describes one of the earliest uses of the Special Area Management Plan process that is local government oriented.

Analyzing Institutional Arrangements for Ecosystem-Based Management: Lessons from the Rhode Island Salt Ponds SAM Plan

This academic analysis of the Special Area Management Plan case study from Rhode Island investigates the interactions between various levels of government.

Watershed Success Stories: Applying the Principles and Spirit of the Clean Water Action Plan

This federal document summarizes U.S. case studies in watershed management.

Toward a Watershed Approach: A Framework for Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration, Protection, and Management

This federal document describes the principles behind watershed management.

A Guide to the Bay Act: Virginia's Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act Program

A guidebook from the Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance Department about the Bay Act.

Virginia's Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act & Local Bay Act Programs

A brochure from the Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance Department about the Bay Act.

Chesapeake 2000 Agreement

- ?? 2000 Annual Report on Status of Tributary Strategies, Chesapeake Bay Agreement and Water Quality for Virginia's Chesapeake Bay and Tributaries
- ?? 2001 Annual Report on Implementation of the Chesapeake Bay Agreement, Status of the Tributary Strategies and Status of Water Quality for Virginia's Chesapeake Bay and Tributaries
- ?? York River and Lower York Coastal Basins Tributary Nutrient Reduction Strategy

State publications explaining the status of the implementation of the Chesapeake 2000 Agreement committed to by Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, the District of Columbia, the Chesapeake Bay Commission, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The main thrust is water quality improvement.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND POLICY

- Comprehensive Plan Middlesex County, Virginia (1994)
- Zoning Ordinance of Middlesex County, Virginia
- Essex County Comprehensive Plan (1998)
- King and Queen County, Virginia Comprehensive Plan (1994)
- Comprehensive Plan Gloucester County, Virginia (1991)

These documents are the comprehensive land use plans and zoning and subdivision ordinances of the four counties within the Dragon Run Watershed.

- Dragon Run Watershed Management Plan (1996)
- Dragon Run Watershed Management Program Annual Report, 1994
- Dragon Run Watershed Management Program Annual Report, 1995
- Dragon Run Watershed Management Program Phase II, October 1994 – September 1995: Final Report, including Land Use Analysis Report
- Dragon Run Watershed Management Program Phase II, October 1994 – September 1995: Appendices

These documents describe the work of the Dragon Run Steering Committee and the Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission to produce the Dragon Run Watershed Management Plan, which outline key issues and policy options to address them.

Dragon Run Management Framework

Supporting text for the Geographic Information System (GIS) produced for the Dragon Run Watershed. This contains spatial data for the watershed, such as wetlands, zoning, roads, etc.

Dragon Run Conservation District: Report and Proposed Recommendations to the Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission

This 1987 report is one of the earliest products of the Dragon Run Steering Committee and recommended that the four watershed counties adopt a zoning district to recognize the unique natural resources of the Dragon Run.

Green Communities: Working Toward a Healthy Environment, Strong Economy, and High Quality of Life

This U.S. EPA document outlines the benefits and steps to achieving a 'livable' community.

Oregon Riparian Tax Incentive Program

This state program requires a landowner to agree to a land management plan in exchange for property tax reductions. The landowner maintains ownership of the land.

James City County, Virginia Purchase of Development Rights Program

This local program allows landowners to voluntarily enter into agreements to sell the development potential of their property while maintaining the right to own and use the property.

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TRADITIONAL USES AND HABITAT MANAGEMENT

Dragon Run Watershed Land-Water Quality Preservation Project

This Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission document was produced by the Chesapeake Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve in Virginia, which is located at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science. The project explores the relationship between watershed management and hydrologic and water quality conditions and offers recommendations for the future protection and management of the water and land in the Dragon Run Watershed.

A Natural Heritage Inventory of the Dragon Run Watershed

This Virginia Natural Heritage Program document details the findings of a rare species and natural community inventory of the Dragon Run Watershed. The study includes a botanical inventory, a zoological inventory, and a community inventory. The field work did not adequately sample aquatic habitats.

Dragon Swamp Fish Community Investigation (1998)

VA Department of Game and Inland Fisheries sampled fish communities in 14 stream reaches during two weeks of September 1998.

Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries Warmwater Stream Management Report (Dragon Run, 1996)

VA Department of Game and Inland Fisheries sampled fish communities during April and May 1996 to assess whether striped bass were using the Dragon Run as spawning habitat.

Pesticides and Wildlife: A Guide to Reducing Impacts on Animals and their Habitat

This publication by VA Department of Game and Inland Fisheries and VA Cooperative Extension outlines the dangers of chemical applications to wildlife and recommends ways to reduce those impacts.

Virginia Wildlife: The Middle Peninsula

This issue of the VA Department of Game and Inland Fisheries' magazine is devoted to the natural resources and communities of the Middle Peninsula of Virginia.

Virginia's Natural Heritage Program

This brochure describes the VA Natural Heritage Program, which is housed in the VA Department of Conservation and Recreation. The program assesses the status of rare, threatened and endangered species in the state and recommends ways to protect them.

Virginia Registry of Natural Areas

This program of the VA Department of Conservation and Recreation is designed to encourage voluntary conservation of land that contains significant habitat for rare, threatened and endangered species.

Conserving Virginia's Endangered Species: Why?

This brochure from the VA Department of Conservation and Recreation describes the benefits of conserving rare species.

Coastal Wetlands of the Continental United States

This joint federal and Louisiana Sea Grant publication outlines types of coastal wetlands, how they work, and their status and trends.

Southeast Wetlands: Status and Trends, Mid-1970's to Mid-1980's

This federal document describes the results of a study to assess the trends of wetlands in the Southeast United States.

State of the York Watershed 2000

A publication of the York Watershed Council providing data and maps of the status of the York River in 2000.

Saltwater Angling and its Economic Importance to Virginia

This Virginia Institute of Marine Science publication describes recreational saltwater fish species and how they are fished, as well as the contributions that recreational fishing makes to Virginia's economy.

Virginia's Commercial Fishing Industry: Its Economic Performance and Contributions

This Virginia Institute of Marine Science publication describes Virginia's commercial fishing industry and its importance to Virginia's economy.

Forestry Aesthetics Guide, Image and Opportunity: A Guide to the Aesthetics of Forest Operations in the South

An industry guide designed to improve the visual quality of forestry operations, including harvest, roads, site preparation, reforestation, prescribed burning, signs, and fertilizer and pesticide application.

Better Site Design: An Informational Brochure for Virginia Communities
Implementing the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act

This brochure produced by the Center for Watershed Protection explains the environmental impacts of urban development and ways to alter site design to minimize those impacts.

Better Site Design: An Assessment of the Better Site Design Principles for
Communities Implementing Virginia's Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act

A thorough assessment by the Center for Watershed Protection of the environmental impacts of urban development, ways to alter site design to minimize those impacts, and case studies of developments that have employed better site design principles.

Better Models for Development in Virginia: Ideas for Creating, Maintaining, and
Enhancing Livable Communities

This Conservation Fund guidebook outlines principles of 'livable communities,' such as protecting farm and forest land, open space, preserving historic resources, respecting local character in new construction, and transportation.

Better Models for Development in the Shenandoah Valley

Similar document to the one above, but specifically geared for the Shenandoah Valley.

You and Your Land: A Homeowner's Guide for the Potomac River Watershed

This guidebook from the Potomac Basin Soil and Water Conservation Districts explains how landowners can manage their land to benefit themselves and the environment. Subjects addressed include: climate, soils and drainage, landscaping and gardening, streams and wetlands, forests, pests and pesticides.

Building a Sustainable Landscape: The Benefits and Costs of Non-regulatory Land
Protection

This North Carolina Coastal Land Trust and North Carolina Coastal Federation publication looks at: the value of land; the benefits and costs of conserving land; effects on property values; effects on farming, forestry and tourism; and effects on public revenues, expenditures, and services.

Conservation Easements

?? Open-space Easements in Virginia

A brochure designed for landowners that describes open-space easements administered by the Virginia Outdoors Foundation.

?? Fact Sheet: What is a Conservation Easement?

A simple, easy-to-read fact sheet about conservation easements.

?? Fact Sheet: Virginia Land Conservation Incentives Act of 1999

?? Fact Sheet: Virginia Open Space / Capital Gains Tax Exclusion

These two fact sheets from The Nature Conservancy explain the basic tenets of these two bills that are designed to offer tax incentives for conservation.

?? Natural Area Protection: Natural Area Management Agreements

?? Natural Area Protection: Natural Area Dedication

These two fact sheets from the Department of Conservation and Recreation describe various aspects of Virginia's Natural Area Preserve System.

?? Community Farmland Protection Consulting Services: American Farmland Trust

An informational brochure describing services available from the American Farmland Trust, a private, nonprofit organization that works to stop the loss of productive farmland and to promote farming practices that lead to a healthy environment.

BMP's

?? Maintaining Your BMP: A Guidebook for Private Owners and Operators in Northern Virginia

Designed for landowners and property managers, this Northern Virginia Planning District Commission document describes the types of Best Management Practices (BMP) facilities and how to maintain them.

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PUBLIC EDUCATION AND PUBLIC ACCESS

Dragon Run Access Plan (rev. 1994)

This Dragon Run Steering Committee document describes the types of uses of the Dragon Run and issues surrounding access to it. The plan includes recommendations for policies, management, and site development.

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GRANT FUNDING SOURCES

Funding for Habitat Restoration Projects: A Compendium of Current Federal Programs with Fiscal Year 1996-1998 Funding Levels – A Citizens' Guide

An exhaustive list of federal funding sources for habitat restoration and management projects. Examples of focus areas include: forestry, farming, reservoirs, wetlands, fisheries, and pollution.

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