

Financial And Technical Assistance

Numerous conservation programs offer cost-shares and/or incentives to promote the planting of native warm-season grasses.

[Conserving Habitat Through the Federal Farm Bill A Guide For Land Trusts and Landowners](#)

[Conservation Reserve Program \(CRP\)](#)

Participation in The Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) requires that the land has an agricultural cropping history or is considered marginal pastureland. CRP grass stands that are established in nonnative grasses such as tall fescue or bermudagrass (such as CP10 - Existing Grasses) can be enhanced by converting to native warm-season grasses. CRP also provides cost-shares to manage (such as prescribed fire) CRP conservation covers.

[Environmental Quality Incentives Program \(EQIP\) and Conservation Security Program \(CSP\)](#)

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and Conservation Security Program (CSP) may also have practices that can be used to establish and manage native warm-season grasses for wildlife habitat, sensitive areas protection, or grazing.

[Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program \(WHIP\)](#)

The Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) is available to any nonindustrial private landowners (dependent on funding) and provides cost-shares for native warm-season grass establishment and management.

[Virginia Farm Service Agency Programs](#)

[Virginia Natural Resource Conservation Service Programs](#)

[Lord Fairfax Soil and Water Conservation District](#)

The Lord Fairfax Soil and Water Conservation District provides a variety of cost share programs for Clarke, Frederick, Shenandoah, and Warren counties, as well as the City of Winchester. The District offers cost share programs for agricultural lands, residential lands, businesses and other private lands that develop conservation plans and practices to conserve soil, water and other natural resources.

[Virginia Conservation Assistance Program \(VCAP\)](#)

The Virginia Conservation Assistance Program (VCAP) is an urban cost-share program that provides financial incentives and technical and educational assistance to property

owners installing eligible Best Management Practices in Virginia's Chesapeake Bay Watershed. These practices can be installed in areas of your yard where problems like erosion, poor drainage, or poor vegetation occur. Qualified sites shall be used for residential, commercial, or recreational purposes with a proposed practice that addresses a need. VCAP can help you, for example, control and minimize erosion, improve riparian buffer areas, promote wildlife habitat, treat stormwater runoff, and more.