

# Additional SWCD Resources Online

- **DCR-Division of Soil and Water Conservation Webpage:** From the DSWC landing page, you can navigate to pages about Soil and Water Conservation Programs, Agricultural Incentives Programs, Conservation Planning, Resource Management Planning, District Engineering Services, Nutrient Management, and other resources provided by the Division.  
<https://www.dcr.virginia.gov/soil-and-water/>
  - Additionally, from the DCR-DSWC page you can access **Soil and Water Conservation District Resources** including a marketing toolkit. <https://www.dcr.virginia.gov/soil-and-water/swcnds>
- **Desktop Procedures for District Fiscal Operations:** <https://www.dcr.virginia.gov/soil-and-water/document/cd-tng-desktop-proceeds.pdf>
- **Soil and Water Conservation District Law:** Title 10.1 Chapter 5 of the Code of Virginia is known as the Soil and Water Conservation District Law. This section of the Code of Virginia includes the composition, duties, powers and authorities of both the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board and Virginia's 47 soil and water conservation districts. The Code serves as a guide for SWCD boards in the implementation of local and state initiatives.  
<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/title10.1/chapter5/>
- **Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board:** The Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board was established by the General Assembly to help guide the delivery of soil and water conservation services to citizens of the Commonwealth. On this page you can find the most up-to-date calendar of meetings and Board membership. <https://www.dcr.virginia.gov/soil-and-water/vs-and-wcb>
- **Virginia Agricultural Cost-Share BMP Manual:** The VACS Manual includes guidelines and practice standards for the VACS, Tax Credit, Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP), and Small Herd Initiative programs. The Policy on SWCD Administration and Operations Funding Allocations and the Policy and Procedures on SWCD Cost-Share and Technical Assistance Funding Allocations are included in Section I of the manual.  
<https://consapps.dcr.virginia.gov/htdocs/agbmqman/agbmptoc.htm>
- **Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (VASWCD):** From the VASWCD homepage you can access information pertinent to all SWCDs, including VASWCD board and committee meetings, the current legislative agenda, the District Directory, information about the Virginia Conservation Assistance Program (VCAP), educational tools, Envirothon, and a number of other resources. <https://vaswcd.org/>
- **VASWCD Training Resource Library:** Many recorded trainings on topics including financial matters, IT issues, personnel management, and trainings conducted in partnership with DCR can

be found here: <https://vaswcd.org/virtualtraining/> and on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/@vaswcdeducation4220>

- **VASWCD Personnel Management Resource Guide** is available here: <https://vaswcd.org/personnel-management/>
- **VASWCD Leadership Course:** This online training course was designed to teach directors, associates, and staff the basic operations of conservation districts. This course also meets Phase I of the required Director Orientation deliverable as outlined in each SWCD's Administrative and Operational grant agreement with DCR. <https://vaswcd.org/leadership-course/>
- **Virginia Conflict of Interest and Ethics Advisory Council and Conflict of Interest Act Training:** The Virginia Conflict of Interest and Ethics Advisory Council was created by the General Assembly to encourage and facilitate compliance with the State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act (§ [2.2-3100](#) et seq.) Conflict of Interest training is required every two years for all locally elected officials, including elected SWCD Directors. Information on COIA(including the full COIA Code), the advisory council, and access to the **online COIA training** can be found here: <http://ethics.dls.virginia.gov/>
- **Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory Council and Freedom of Information Act Training:** The Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory Council provides expertise on FOIA. The FOIA Council answers questions from private citizens, state and local public officials, and the media about access to public records and meetings. Many FOIA resources, including the FOIA Code, are available on the website here: <https://foiacouncil.dls.virginia.gov/foiacouncil.htm>
  - Additionally, **Freedom of Information Act training** is required every two years for all locally elected officials, including elected SWCD Directors. Online training options can be found here: <https://foiacouncil.dls.virginia.gov/training.htm>
- **Robert's Rules of Order, Parliamentary Procedure:** Robert's Rules of Order is America's foremost guide to parliamentary procedure. It is used by more professional associations, organizations, and local governments than any other authority. The website provides multiple resources for conducting meetings following parliamentary procedure. <https://robertsrules.com/>