

The Commonwealth's working farms and forests, natural areas, parks, rivers, battlefields and other historic sites are critical to our economy, culture and quality of life. In many ways, Virginia is defined by its land and waters.

With such unmatched resources, however, comes the responsibility to conserve and protect these special places for future generations. The Virginia Land Conservation Foundation (VLCF) works to do just that.

In 1999, the General Assembly and the governor established the VLCF to help fund protection of these resources. Funds from the foundation are used to establish permanent conservation easements and to purchase lands for conservation purposes. State agencies, local governments, public bodies and qualified nonprofit groups are eligible to receive matching grants from the foundation.

How Does VLCF Work?

The foundation provides state funding to conserve four categories of special land. Those categories are open spaces and parks, natural areas, historic areas, and farmland and forest preservation. The money comes from the Virginia Land Conservation Fund, which is managed by the foundation. A portion of the fund may be used for matching grants to localities, other public bodies and nonprofit organizations, and for grants to state agencies to purchase land or conservation easements. Twenty-five percent of the fund also goes directly to the Virginia Outdoors Foundation for the acquisition of conservation easements.

The Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation provides administrative support to the foundation's 19-member board. An interagency workgroup reviews and recommends grant applications to the board.

Board members are appointed by the governor, the Senate and the House of Delegates. Members are

appointed from each of Virginia's 11 congressional districts, ensuring representation from all corners of the state. The Secretary of Natural Resources is the chair of the VLCF and the Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry is also a member.

VLCF Results

Since the fund's inception in 1999, the assembly has allocated more than \$44.5 million to the Virginia Land Conservation Fund, including \$9.8 million to the Virginia Outdoors Foundation. These funds leverage additional conservation dollars from federal, local and private sources. For example, the 2011 grant round of \$2.4 million leveraged an additional \$16.6 million in matching funds. In other words, each dollar the state invests results in many more dollars worth of land conserved.

VLCF funding has not been steady, however, and has never matched documented demand (more than \$96 million in grant requests through 2012, which was \$63 million more than what was available).

Through 2012, VLCF grants have been awarded to help protect more than 45,500 acres of Virginia's most important lands, from farms on the Eastern Shore, to parkland in Chesterfield, to Civil War battlefields in the Shenandoah Valley. Many lands protected through VLCF provide public recreational use and access to significant natural-resource lands.

The VLCF grant program is a critical component of the state's land protection efforts, along with Land Preservation Tax Credits and the Purchase of Development Rights Program. The map in this brochure shows the location of all VLCF grant awards from 1999 to 2013.



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2000

- 1. The Big Survey
- 2. Welbourne Farm Easement
- 3. Embrey Farm
- 4. Fort Christianna (Withdrawn)
- 5. Kanawha Canal Park (withdrawn)
- 6. Palmyra Lock and Mill Site
- 7. Talbot Farm Conservation Easement
- 8. Hickory Hollow Nature Trail
- 9. Powers Tract, Northwest River
- 10. Indian River Park
- 11. McAfee Knob/Carter Land
- 12. Powhatan Creek (withdrawn)

2001

- 13. Brush Creek Farm
- 14. Elgin Dairy Farm
- 15. Leonard Farm
- 16. The Meadow
- 17. Burhman (Malvern Hill)
- 18. Carr Property
- 19. Chancellorsville Battlefield
- 20. Topotomoy Battlefield
- 21. Clinch River
- 22. Garden Creek (withdrawn)
- 23. Rare Oak-Hickory Forest
- 24. Fairfax Cross County Trail Easement
- 25. Historic Yorktown Beach Trail
- 26. Jamison Cove Marina
- 27. Keister Park
- 28. Mary B. Stratton Estate
- 29. Waid Recreation Area
- 30. Whitt-Riverbend Park
- 31. William's Wharf Landing

2005

- 32. Black Farms Property
- 33. Page Property
- 34. Port Tobacco
- 35. Brandy Station
- 36. Fishers Hill
- 37. Riveroak
- 38. Gilvary Forest
- 39. Marks and Jacks Islands
- 40. Cedar Creek Bluff
- 41. Fairview Park
- 42. Fray Tract
- 43. Mount Pleasant Farm

2006

- 44. Brandy Station
- 45. Cedar Creek
- 46. Kernstown
- 47. Third Winchester
- 48. Brumley Mountain (2006)
- 49. Dragon Run Conservation Corridor
- 50. George Property
- 51. Meadow Grove Property
- 52. Oaken Brow (withdrawn)
- 53. Portobago Creek Easement
- 54. Four Mile Tree
- 55. Huntsberry Farm Project
- 56. Hutchison Farm/South Lot
- 57. Kelly's Ford Battlefield Overlook Park
- 58. Kippax Plantation
- 59. Lick Run Civil War Battlefield
- 60. Bulls Pond
- 61. Clinch/Pinnacle
- 62. Crows Nest (2006)
- 63. Fletcher Ford
- 64. Altavista/English Area Park
- 65. Chincoteague Open Space
- 66. Jamestown Campground and Yacht Basin
- 67. Paradise Creek (2006)
- 68. Rappahannock Station Park
- 69. Tobacco Heritage Trail - Phase 2

2007

- 70. Big Woods Project (2007)
- 71. Brumley Mountain (2007)
- 72. Charlton Hill (withdrawn)
- 73. Marlboro Angus
- 74. Colley Farm
- 75. Dunn Meadow Property
- 76. Ingles Ferry Farm
- 77. Montpelier - Home of James Madison
- 78. Lower Blackwater - Blackwater 2
- 79. Old Growth Blackwater River
- 80. Gallohan-Surgenor Cave Protection
- 81. Sweet Spring Hollow
- 82. Bullpasture River (withdrawn)
- 83. Merrimac Farm
- 84. Paradise Creek (2007)

2008

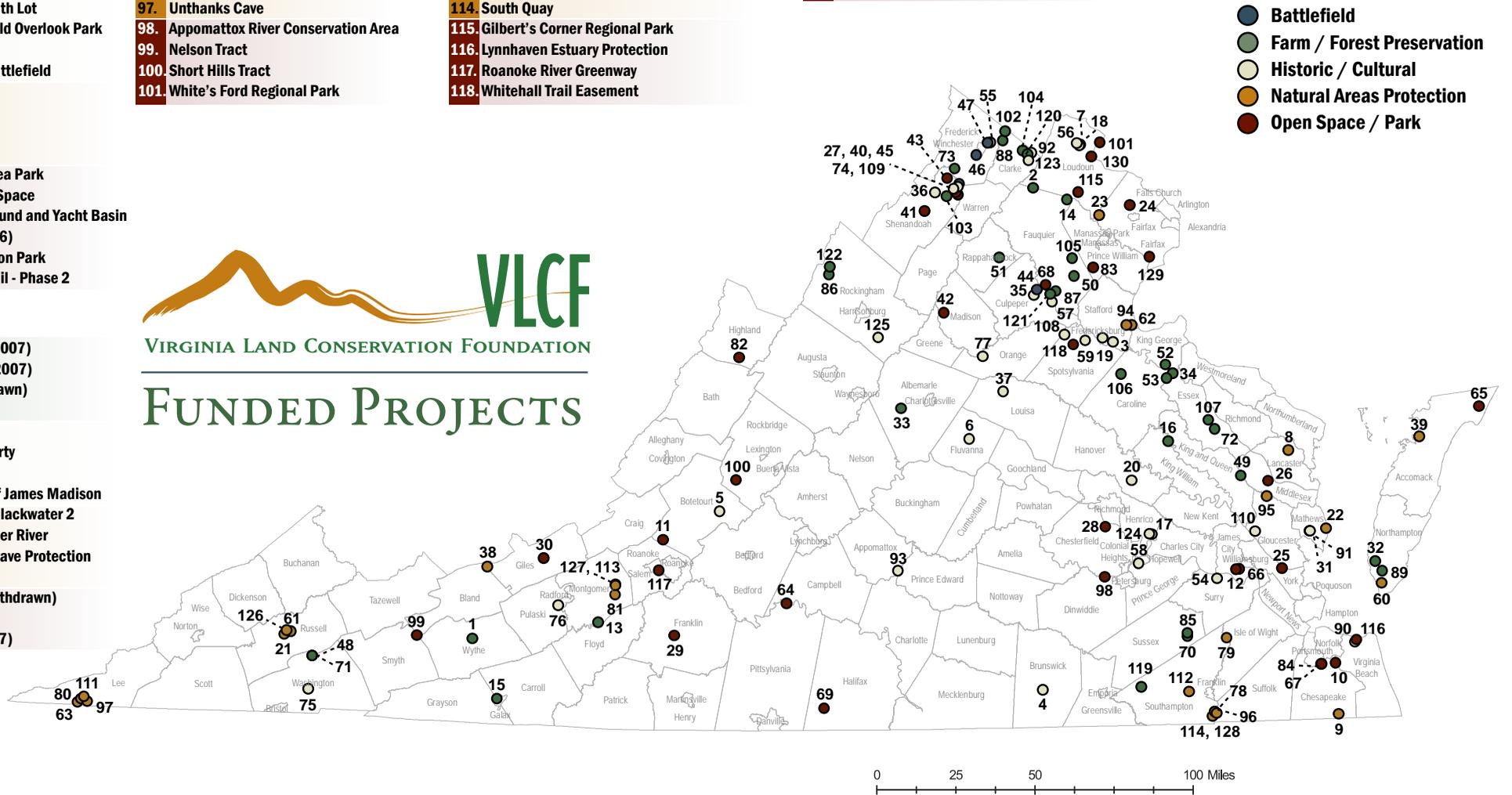
- 85. Big Woods (2008)
- 86. Feedstone Hunting Club
- 87. Frank Ott Farm PDR
- 88. Koon Dairy Farm
- 89. Richardson PDR
- 90. Adam Thoroughgood House
- 91. B Williams and Co Store
- 92. Cool Spring Farm
- 93. Pamplin Pipe Factory
- 94. Crows Nest (2008)
- 95. Dragon Run - Milby Tract
- 96. Old Growth Blackwater River II
- 97. Unthanks Cave
- 98. Appomattox River Conservation Area
- 99. Nelson Tract
- 100. Short Hills Tract
- 101. White's Ford Regional Park

2011

- 102. Arkfield Farm
- 103. Island Ford Farm
- 104. Moore and Dorsey - Bell and Johnson Tracts
- 105. Noland PDR Project
- 106. Pitchers For the public
- 107. Upper Hoskins Creek
- 108. Gen Jackson Amputation Site
- 109. Island Farm - Cedar Creek Battlefield
- 110. Werowocomoco Archaeological Site
- 111. Cedars Natural Area Preserve - Bowen Tract
- 112. Cheroenhaka Protected Land
- 113. Milton Easement, Pedlar Hills Glades addition
- 114. South Quay
- 115. Gilbert's Corner Regional Park
- 116. Lynnhaven Estuary Protection
- 117. Roanoke River Greenway
- 118. Whitehall Trail Easement

2012

- 119. BLD Farms Rose Hill
- 120. Dorsey Orchard Tract
- 121. Messick Farm PDF
- 122. Sundance Properties
- 123. Chapman Farms
- 124. Crew House Tract at Malvern Hill
- 125. Prillaman Farm
- 126. Clinch River Cleveland to Artrip
- 127. Coneflower Habitat - Milton Farm Phase 2
- 128. South Quay NAP Phase 2
- 129. Belmont Bay Farm Phase 1
- 130. Jackson House at Ball's Bluff



- Battlefield
- Farm / Forest Preservation
- Historic / Cultural
- Natural Areas Protection
- Open Space / Park