



VES Land Trust Conservation Standards

The VES Land Trust seeks to conserve rural lands which will best preserve the farms, forests, fisheries and heritage of Virginia's Eastern Shore for the benefit of future generations.

Area Served

Northampton & Accomack Counties, Virginia

Priority Conservation Sites

- Property adjacent to land already in conservation easement or a preserve
- Waterfront properties
- Southern tip of the Delmarva Cape, Northampton County
- Finney Creek/Nicawampus Creek watershed, Accomack County
- Folly Creek, Accomack County
- Church Neck watershed, Northampton County
- Occohannock Creek watershed, Accomack County
- Machipongo River watershed, Northampton and Accomack Counties
- Pitts Creek watershed, northwestern edge, Accomack County
- Swann's Gut watershed, northeastern edge, Accomack County
- Savages Neck, Northampton County
- Property adjacent to Virginia Scenic Byways
- Properties on the state and national historic register

Minimum Conservation Standards

- | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| • Subdivision: | |
| < 100 acres | No subdivision allowed |
| 100 –150 acres | No subdivision preferred, 2 parcels may be ok |
| 200+ acres | Preferred density 100+ acres per parcel |
| • Farm land | No less than 80 percent protected |
| • Forest land | No less than 80 percent protected |
| • Waterfront land | No less than 80 percent protected |
| • Scenic open space | No less than 80 percent protected |
| • Wetlands/Bottomlands | 100 percent protected |
| • Wildlife & plant habitat | 100 percent protected |
| • Historic resources | 100 percent protected |

Public Interests Served

- Productive farms, forests and fisheries are maintained.
- The supply of safe drinking water is protected and retained.
- Wildlife habitat, wetlands and other natural resources maintain healthy function.
- Rural scenic values are preserved.
- Recreational opportunities on land and water are available.
- Historic resources are preserved.