



Virginia Chapter Newsletter - Spring 2001

Virginia Chapter President's Message: Wade Biddix, President

Five members of the Virginia SWCS Chapter recently participated in a two-day Southeast Chapter Development Meeting in Burlington, NC. At the meeting, each chapter was asked to provide a report of their activities in the past year. Presenting the highlights of some of our activities made me proud to be part of this organization. Just as a reminder, here are a few of the accomplishments in the Virginia Chapter of SWCS over the past year.

- * Provided two \$1,000 scholarships to high school or college students through the Virginia Association of SWCD's Education Foundation.
- * Conducted technical forums on topics of state and national interest. We received an Outstanding Chapter Award for one of technical meetings at the St. Louis, MO international meeting last year.
- * Held an Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon that recognized outstanding contributions to soil and water conservation in Virginia.
- * Provided both financial and technical assistance to activities such as the Virginia Envirothon, 4-H and soil judging competitions.
- * Supported the Virginia Tech Student Chapter with funds for conservation activities and for attending the international meeting.
- * Held quarterly SWCS council meetings.
- * Published and distributed a quarterly SWCS Newsletter to keep our members informed.
- * Wrote letters of advocacy and support for conservation to state and national legislators.

You should be proud of being a member of SWCS and for the contributions we are making as an organization to the conservation of our natural resources in the Commonwealth. Through our combined efforts we can and do make a difference. We need everyone's support and involvement in order to grow and prosper as a Chapter and to meet the goals and objectives of SWCS.

Here are a few opportunities to get involved in SWCS activities this year. Coming up on April 25th, we will be sponsoring a technical workshop on Bio-solids and Animal Waste Application (see detailed information provided in the newsletter). August 4-8, the International SWCS Meeting will be held in Myrtle Beach, SC. October 16-17, we will be hosting our Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon near Blacksburg with a conference theme of Alternative Waste Treatment Systems. These meetings are close enough for us to drive to and take full advantage of the opportunities for some fun, networking, and education in soil and water conservation. If you want to attend the SWCS International Meeting in Myrtle Beach and are willing to be a volunteer for a few days, you can get one half off the registration fee. Let me know by the end of April if you are interested in signing up as a volunteer for this meeting.

I will try to keep you informed and involved in our many activities. Please contact me if I can help you in any way.

2001 Virginia Chapter SWCS Annual Meetings Scheduled – Mark Your Calendars!

The Virginia Chapter has started to plan for the 2001 Annual Meeting, which will be held in the southwestern area of Virginia. The theme for this year's program will be on Alternative Waste Treatment System and is schedule for October 16th – 17th. The Planning Committee is in the early stages of putting this event together and is looking for volunteers and ideas for the meeting. If you would like to be part of the Planning Committee, please contact either Kilby D. Majette at (804) 932 – 4376 ext. 101, by email Kilby.Majette@vaquinton.fsc.usda.gov or Gary Boring at (540) 228 – 2879, by email Gary.Boring@vawythevil.fsc.usda.gov.

New SWCS Members, Ginger Kopp, President Elect and Membership Chair

Be sure to welcome our newest member, Jim Speckhart, to the Virginia Chapter SWCS. Jim is an Environmental Policy Master's student at VCU. He is studying the assessment of land use impacts on water quality at public drinking water sites using GIS. His internship is at the Virginia Dept. of Health in Richmond Va. For more information on his research project, see http://www.vdh.state.va.us/owp/water_supply.htm. Jim found out about the SWCS from Virginia Chapter member Dawn Shank. Dawn and Jim have been professional colleagues for about 5 yrs. Jim can be contacted via e-mail at s2jmspec@atlas.vcu.edu. He plans to be at the Biosolids Workshop on April 25 so look him up and introduce yourself.

Lost Members: A couple of our members have not renewed their memberships and I have not been able to contact them. If you know Tia Young, Laura M. Jaroszewski, Richard R. Peterson, Russell Collett, Carmen Diaz or, please encourage them to renew their

memberships. If you know that they have moved out of the Chapter area, please inform Ginger Kopp either by phone 804-520-7229 x102 or email virginia.kopp@va.usda.gov.

SWCS Membership Renewal

It's now even easier to renew your Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS) membership. The SWCS website can now take online payments for membership in the Society. The SWCS encourages renewal by sending out renewal notices to remind members that their membership will be terminated if payment isn't made. But with each renewal, it hasn't been just one slip of paper going to each member informing them of their lapsed membership, the current process involves four letters to each member before membership is terminated. October is the beginning of a four-month onslaught of member terms expiring, so it's the hope of the SWCS staff to help these people out. SWCS wants to make it as easy as possible for you to renew your membership. Just log on <http://www.swcs.org> and go to the "Membership" section of the website. You can pay by credit card in a secure environment in a manner of minutes. No postage, no writing a check, no driving the envelope to the post office. Headquarters will be sending instructions with the first renewal notice and via email announcements. At this time, membership dues are the only online payment SWCS can accept, but look for announcements for online payments for publications and other products in the future.

SWCS Southeast Region Chapter Development Workshop Report, Theo Dillaha

Five members of the Virginia Chapter, Wade Biddix, Theo Dillaha, Ray Dorsett, Kilby Majette, and Don Wells represented the Virginia Chapter at the Southeast Region Chapter Development Workshop in Burlington, NC on March 30 and 31. The purpose of the annual workshop is to allow chapters to share information and to learn from the experiences of other chapters. Each state gave a report on activities that they had undertaken during the past couple of years. Types of activities discussed included technical and annual meetings, service projects, scholarships, newsletters, web pages, student chapters, effective ways to conduct council meetings, and fundraising activities. The attendees also discussed ways in which chapters, regions, and the national headquarters can improve SWCS activities. Wade Biddix of the Virginia Chapter gave a special presentation on ways in which chapters can improve communications, and Hugh Caldwell of South Carolina discussed techniques for increasing and maintaining membership. The meeting was organized and chaired by Jean L. Steiner, the SWCS Southeast Region Board Representative. Next year's chapter development workshop will be held in Florida.

Questions or comments concerning chapter activities? Contact the appropriate officer or committee chairperson:

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Virginia Chapter SWCS Treasurers Report: Nov 28, 2000 – Jan. 26, 2001

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE ON Nov 28, 2000	\$ 6,798.74
Income	
Interest on checking	<u>\$19.45</u>
Total	\$19.45
Expenses	
Beck-N-Call Annual Meeting Lunch, sales tax	\$57.44
Treasurer of Virginia – State Corporation Commission Annual Fee	<u>\$25.00</u>
Total	\$82.44
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE AS OF Jan. 26, 2001	\$6,735.75
SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCES	
CD-01/26/01, matures 04/15/01	\$15,844.78
Savings account-09/30/00	<u>\$214.46</u>
Total	\$16,059.24

If you'd like to get your newsletter electronically and save the SWCS some money and eliminate printing and paper trash, send your email address to Theo Dillaha at dillaha@vt.edu and we'll send you your next newsletter over the Internet.

Student Chapter Report, Mindy Waltham, Virginia Tech Student Chapter President

The big activity for the student chapter this semester was the Careers in Conservation workshop that was held at Virginia Tech on April 4. The program involved a panel of eight professional conservationists who discussed their careers and advised students on how they could prepare for different careers in conservation. After the panel presentation, the panel members answered questions from the audience. The workshop also included an informal dinner during which the conservation professionals and participants could talk, and after dinner, panelists and other invited professionals and the students talked individually and in small groups. Panelists and other invited participants included: Sharon Buck, Environmental Engineer, Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Programs, USEPA; Dr. Rupert Cutler, Founding Executive Director, Western Virginia Land Trust; Denise Doetzer, State Conservationist, Natural Resource Conservation Service; Dr. Andrew Dolloff, Project Leader, Coldwater Fisheries Service, Southern Research Station, US Forest Service; Phillip W. McClellan, President and Engineer, MapTech Inc.; Rick Parrish, Lawyer, Southern Environmental Law Center; Dr. Lawrence D. Willis, Regional Monitoring Coordinator, West Central Regional Office, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality; and Pete Lewis, President, Apple Ridge Farm. Approximately 50 people attended the meeting and comments from presenters and attendees were excellent. The meeting was co-sponsored by the Virginia Chapter of the SWCS, the Virginia Tech Green Engineering Program, and Pepsi, Inc.

Legislative News, Don Wells, Legislative Committee

Senate and House Bills

Senate Bill No. 1160, Establishes an Office of Farmland Preservation in the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

Status: Passed the Senate (39-0) on January 25. Communicated to the House. Passed the House (100-0) on February 20 with Amendment. Senate concurred with House Amendment (39-0) on Feb 22.

Senate Bill No. 1166, Extends the Virginia Dam Safety Act to dams which are smaller than currently covered - covers dams 25 feet and greater with 15 acre-feet of storage; dams 6 feet with 50 acre-feet and greater storage. **Status:** Passed the Senate (37-1) on January 25. Passed the House (94-0) on February 9, 2001 as amended. Senate enrolled the bill on February 21, 2001. Signed by the Speaker of the House on February 22, 2001 and by the President of the Senate on February 22, 2001.

Senate Bill No. 1247, Requires a person holding a certificate of competence to be responsible for carrying out an erosion and sediment plan before a plan is approved. **Status:** Passed the Senate (39-0) on January 25. Passed the (94-0) on February 9 with amendments. Senate concurred with House amendments (40-0) on February 13.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 438, Provides a study of local erosion and sediment control programs and local stormwater management programs. **Status:** Passed the Senate (40-0) on February 6, 2001 with an amendment in the nature of a substitute, which referred the study to the Commission on the Future of Virginia's Environment. Passed the House (100-0) with an amendment on February 21, 2001. The House Amendment changes the reporting date from October 20, 2001 to November 30, 2001. The House Amendment agreed to by the Senate (Voice Vote) on February 22, 2001.

House Bill No. 2076, Provides that candidates for soil and water conservation district directors shall file their petitions with the local electoral board. **Status:** Passed the House (99-0) on January 26. Passed Senate (40-0) on February 6, 2001. Signed by the Speaker of the House on February 16, 2001 and by the President of the Senate on February 19, 2001.

House Bill No. 2077, Specifies that the chairman of a soil and water conservation district be an elected or appointed member of the district board. **Status:** Passed the House (99-0) on January 26. Passed Senate (40-0) on February 6, 2001. Signed by the Speaker of the House on February 16, 2001 and by the President of the Senate on February 19, 2001.

House Bill No. 2639, Provides that the Water Quality Improvement Fund be funded at a minimum of \$10 million each year. **Status:** Reported from the House Committee on Conservation and Natural Resources and referred to the House Committee on Appropriations on January 24. 01/30/01 House: Tabled in Appropriations (20-Y 4-N)

Condensed Minutes of the 2/27/01 Virginia Chapter SWCS Council Meeting

Larry Wilkinson provided the treasurer's report financial statement with a balance of \$6,735.75 as of January 26, 2001.

Don Wells provided an update on legislative activities of interest to the SWCS. It was agreed that a letter would be drafted to the budget conferees to support the legislative items of interest including the funding in the budget for Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Soil Survey, DCR cost-share, etc. *Note: The letters were sent.*

There will be no summer tour this year. In its place, a workshop on the application of Biosolids and Animal Waste is planned for April 25th at Pocahontas State Park. Dawn Shank will coordinate this workshop.

Technical Meetings/ Self Development – Gary Boring reported on planning for the annual meeting which will focus on alternative septic systems. He has made initial contacts with Canaan Valley Institute and New River Partners about help with sponsorship. He will also be seeking help from the Health Department. It is planned for October 16 and 17. Kilby Majette is the conference committee chair.

It was agreed to donate 50 trivets as door prizes for the National Watershed Coalition conference to be held in Richmond in May. Ginger Kopp also agreed to set up a booth and solicit membership in the Chapter at this event.

Gene Yagow indicated that the annual report is being submitted electronically and that it is important to improve on the paper trail supporting the report.

Mindy Waltham indicated that the student chapter had been very active. Ralph Nader is visiting the university on March 28th. On April 4th a Careers in Conservation event is planned. Mindy requested \$200 from the chapter to support this event. A motion was made and passed to provide \$200 to the student chapter to support this event.

International Meeting – This will be August 4-8 in Myrtle Beach. Wade Biddix will be attending as official Chapter delegate. The SC Chapter is requesting volunteer assistance. Let Wade know if you are going and want to volunteer.

4-H Award – Ginger Kopp displayed an award received from Brunswick County 4-H for the Chapter's help in sponsoring the County's soil judging team.

Next Meeting – The next SWCS Council meeting is scheduled for April 18th to be videoconference from Louisa and Blacksburg.

Regional SWCS News, Jean L. Steiner, SE Regional Board Representative

Seeking Common Ground for Conservation, a special project supported by a grant from the Kellogg Foundation, is generating tremendous visibility for SWCS. The report was issued this winter (see our web page, <http://www.swcs.org> for a summary or the complete report). Craig Cox and Norman Berg organized a series of briefings in Washington, D.C. in December for elected officials, staffers, and natural resource agencies and organizations. Following those briefings, Craig has been asked to participate in meetings with groups ranging from the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture, to the National Governor's Association, and the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies, as well as many of our long term partners in the NRCS National Leadership Team, the Conservation Technology Information Center, and others. This project is positioning SWCS to be a influential player in the dialog about conservation titles in the 2001/2002 Farm Bill discussions. To support this effort, let **your** elected officials know of your interests and concerns about conservation in the next Farm Bill.

Volunteers Needed for International Meeting

The South Carolina Chapter of SWCS is hosting the International meeting from August 4-8, 2001 in Myrtle Beach. They are looking for volunteers to help with the following activities beginning Sunday, August 5th: 1) Van drivers for local trips; 2) Assist with setting up equipment, work lights, etc. at concurrent technical sessions; 3) Chaperones for youth activities; and 4) Drive chase vehicles for tours. In return, volunteers will get a 50% reduction in their registration dues; from \$210 to \$105. You must agree to volunteer for at least two days out of the conference to get the reduction in registration.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Wade Biddix at (804) 287-1675 and give him your name by April 27th, 2001. You will need to indicate the area in which you would like to volunteer. Wade will consolidate the list of Virginia volunteers and notify South Carolina so they can put them on their official list of volunteers. Volunteers should indicate on their registration package to Ankeny that they are official volunteers and should pay only one half the registration fee.

Request for Donated of Items for the SWCS Silent Auction

The South Carolina Chapter plans to conduct a silent auction at the SWCS International Meeting in Myrtle Beach from August 4-8, 2001. They have asked each chapter to donate items that could be auctioned off. The proceeds will go to their scholarship program.

Items of varying value are welcome. Examples of items donated in the past include a basket of Virginia products such as VA ham or peanuts, case of wine, bushel of apples or sweet potatoes, conservation prints like the Chesapeake Bay, hunting and fishing trips, and time share vacations. If anyone has items they would like to donate to the silent auction at the International Meeting, or know of business contacts that might donate items, please contact Wade Biddix at (804) 287-1675.

WASHINGTON UPDATE – SWCS Washington Representative Norm Berg

The Agriculture Risk Protection Act (ARPA), enacted for FY 2001, provided \$40 million to NRCS. The prior Administration decided to allocate these funds equally between the Farmland Protection Program (FPP), and the Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP), with \$20 million for each program. A letter dated March 7, 2001 to NRCS Chief Pearlle Reed from R. Mack Gray, Acting Deputy Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment, directs redistribution of these funds. \$20 million for Soil and Water Conservation Assistance outside conservation priority areas, \$15 million for WHIP, and \$5 million for FPP. Early estimates from non-federal governments requesting FPP cost-sharing funds, based on the notice published in the Federal Register in early 2001, shows a continuing heavy demand nation-wide for more USDA financing to share local costs of farmland protection. Gray's reasoning for redistribution of funds relates to language in ARPA's conference report that these funds be focused on water quality practices outside conservation EQIP priority areas. EQIP was fully funded, the first time at \$200 million in several years, by a supplemental of \$21 million for that program in the Dept of Labor, Health, and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations for FY 2001. Therefore, it would appear that the earlier allocation of the \$40 million for FPP and WHIP was justified. A later decision apparently will allow the \$5 million for FPP to be increased to \$15 million, with \$10 million instead of \$20 million for soil and water conservation assistance.

Although the details of the Administration's FY 2002 budget requests for all activities will not be known until early April, indications are that several conservation programs authorized in the 1996 Farm Bill for mandatory funding through the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC), will not be continued. These include WHIP, FPP, and the Wetland Reserve Program (WRP), along with the needed technical assistance to implement these activities.

The U. S. House of Representatives Appropriations Committee, and Sub Committee for Ag appropriations have named their members and details will be provided next week. Hearings on FY 2002 funding could well be abbreviated with limited witnesses this year. The Administration's sub-cabinet positions requiring Senate Advice and Consent for confirmation will probably prolong most final policy-type decisions until key people are in place.

Participated in an ERS Seminar on Conservation Compliance in the U. S. and Europe: An International Comparison. The U. S. has had 15 years of experience with conservation compliance for HEL cropland, Sodbuster, and Wetlands. Europe's activities are called cross-compliance and relate to their agri-environmental or "green payments". The U. S. requirements for producers are more flexible and goal-oriented than the Europeans with their emphasis on other laws concerned about wildlife habitat, agri-forestry, etc. The discussion was about the leverage that future farm policy for conservation could be after 2002.

Many favorable comments are still being heard about the Senate hearings on conservation last week, including EVP Craig Cox's witness statement, and the following exchange with members of the Committee.

What Should Be The Role Of Resource Stewardship In Future Farm Policy?

Craig A. Cox, Executive Vice President, Soil and Water Conservation Society recently gave an excellent on the role of resource stewardship in future US farm policy at the Agricultural Outlook Forum 2001 on February 22, 2001. The presentation discusses the Historic Role of Resource Stewardship, the Advent of Environmentalism, the limitations of US farm policy today with respect to conservation, and the role of conservation in future US farm policy. A copy of this excellent presentation is available on the Virginia Chapter SWCS web page at <http://www.bse.vt.edu/swcs/FarmPolicy.html>.

VA Chapter Receives Recognition

The 4-H Club in Brunswick County recognized the VA Chapter SWCS as an Outstanding Donor at a reception held February 8, 2001. In 1999 the Chapter sponsored the Soil Judging Team to the National Soil Judging Contest in Oklahoma. Team members Diana Henry, Kenyatta Curry, Marquitta Curry and Kevin Goerger enjoyed the opportunity to see a part of the county they had not visited before and witnessed the raw power of a tornado for the first time. Fortunately no one was hurt. The team placed well in the home site evaluation but not so well in the land-judging contest. The plaque reads "In Recognition Of Your Support Of 4-H As An Investment In America's Youth – Soil Judging Team."

SWCS Erosion Technology Workshops at the SWCS Annual Conference

The SWCS will offer training workshops on the RUSLE2 and WEPS1 erosion models Monday, August 6, 2001, 10:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at the SWCS Annual Conference, Myrtle Beach, SC. Workshop Details: RUSLE2 - New Conservation Planning Technology - The Revised Universal Soil Loss Equation, Version 2, is new Windows-based erosion prediction software just released by USDA. Many individuals and agencies, including the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will soon begin using this new technology. Find out why this model was developed and why one might want to use it. Also learn about the NRCS implementation schedule for WEPS1. This session is geared toward administrators, managers, and anyone with natural resource program responsibilities at the national, regional, state and local level. The latter half of the session will cover some technical aspects of the model, including a computer demonstration of how the model can be used for conservation planning with minimal training.

Virginia Chapter SWCS Home Page

Have you checked out the Virginia Chapter SWCS Home Page recently? It contains a variety of information useful to chapter members and others. The home page address is: <http://www.eng.vt.edu/eng/bse/swcs>.

Newsletter and Home Page Contributions are Needed!

Contributions to the Virginia Chapter newsletter and home page are always appreciated. If you have a meeting to promote or something else of interest to SWCS members, please mail it to Theo Dillaha, 310 Seitz Hall, Blacksburg, VA 24061-0303 or e-mail it to dillaha@vt.edu. The next newsletter will come out in August 2001.

SWCS Calendar

April 18, 2001: Virginia Chapter SWCS Council Meeting, teleconferenced from Louisa County Extension Office and Blacksburg. Contact Wade Biddix if you would like to attend.

April 25, 2001: Virginia Chapter SWCS Conference Biosolids and Animal Waste Application, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Pocahontas State Park – Group Camp Dining Hall, Chesterfield County, VA. Contact Dawn Shank (dshank@dc.state.va.us), conference chairperson or Wade Biddix, President, Virginia Chapter, SWCS, USDA-NRCS, 1606 Santa Rosa Rd., Suite 209, Richmond, VA 23229-5014 for more information

May 19-23, 2001: National Watershed Coalition Meeting, Richmond

May 30, 2001: Lake & Pond Management Workshop Henrico County Government Center, 4301 E. Parham Rd., Richmond, VA. For more information call 757-427-4769.

June 19, 2001: Virginia Chapter SWCS Council Meeting

August 4-8, 2001: Soil and Water Conservation Society 2001 Annual Conference. Kingston Plantation, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. For more general information, including hotel information and more about the Myrtle Beach area, click the following link: <http://swcs.tripod.com/2001.html>

September 18, 2001: Virginia Chapter SWCS Council Meeting

October 16-17, 2001: Annual Meeting of the Virginia Chapter, Theme: Alternative Septic Systems, location to be announced. This will be a two-day conference with an awards ceremony and business meeting. Contact Kilby Majette (kilby.majette@vaquinton.fsc.usda.gov), conference chairperson for more information or to volunteer to help.

The Soil & Water Conservation Society
Virginia Chapter

Awards Nominations

Deadline for Nominations: August 17, 2001

The Virginia Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS) asks you to nominate candidates for awards recognizing outstanding work in conservation. Winners will be honored at an awards luncheon during Virginia's SWCS Annual Meeting in **October 2001**.

Outstanding Service Award

for Society members in recognition of unusual efforts in helping the Society develop and carry out its program over a long and sustained period of time (Minimum of 10 years membership in SWCS)

Honor Award

for outstanding accomplishments of a voluntary nature, compatible with the objectives of the Society (members and nonmembers)

Merit Award

for outstanding conservation effort, activity or product by a group, business, corporation, or organization (for members and non-members)

Commendation Award

for Society member's service to the Chapter

June Sekoll Media Award

for an individual or group that writes or produces materials for radio, television, newspapers, magazines, or organizational publications which significantly increase public understanding and promote wise use of Virginia's natural resources (for members and non-members)

"Conservationist of the Year" Award

for exceptional service in advancing the science and art of good land and water use. Service may be in practicing, investigating, administering, or teaching soil and water conservation or closely related fields (for members and non-members)

Please contact the Awards Chair to request the appropriate nomination form or for other questions regarding the awards program. Sample nomination write-ups are also available upon request to help you in writing your recommendation:

Lisa Manzelli Sizemore
SWCS Awards Chair
USDA, NRCS
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Richmond, VA 23229-5014
804-287-1680 e-mail: lisa.sizemore@va.usda.gov

Start the nomination process today. Think of who's doing a terrific job in conservation. Call, fax, write, or e-mail me and help SWCS bestow an honor on someone you know.

The Virginia Chapter of the Soil and Water
Conservation Society
invites you to a

Workshop on Bio-solids and
Animal Waste Application

April 25, 2001

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Pocahontas State Park – Group Camp Dining Hall
Chesterfield County, VA

Registration fee: \$50, \$40 for SWCS members, \$25 students
Includes lunch, morning and afternoon breaks

Agenda

9:00 – Registration

9:30 am – **Current Issues in Biosolids and Animal Waste**

Overview - Cal Sawyer, Virginia Dept. of Health
Legislative update

10:45 – **Water Quality Ramifications of Phosphorus Applied to Land in Wastes**

Animal Manure – Dr. Greg Mullins, Virginia Tech Dept. of Crop & Soil Environmental Sciences
Biosolids – Dr. Greg Evanylo, Virginia Tech Dept. of Crop & Soil Environmental Sciences

11:45 – Lunch included in registration fee

1:00 – **Management Issues**

Panel: Land Applier - Sharon Hogan, Synagro, Inc.
Trends in nutrient management planning - Scott Ambler, Dept. of Conservation & Recreation
End User - Roger Hatcher, Cumberland Co. cattle farmer
Controlling Odor - Chris Peot, DC/Washington Area Sanitation Authority

2:45 – **Policy Decisions: Regulations/Ordinances**

Panel: Regulator - Richard Ayers, Dept. of Environmental Quality
Local Government - Larry Land, Virginia Association of Counties
Liability Issues - Tim Hayes, Hunton Williams Law firm

3:45 – Wrap Up – Wade Biddix



Registration form

Workshop on Bio-solids and Animal Waste Application

April 25, 2001

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Pocahontas State Park – Group Camp Dining Hall
Chesterfield County, VA

Name: _____ email: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Affiliation: _____

Registration fee: \$50, \$40 for SWCS members, \$25 students

Registration deadline: April 18, 2001

Make checks payable to: Virginia Chapter, SWCS

Send to: Wade Biddix, President
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Directions to Pocahontas State Park. In Chesterfield County, about 20 miles from Richmond. From I-95, take Exit 61 and go west on Route 10 to Route 655, which is Beach Road; or take Exit 67, go north on Route 150 to Route 10; go east to Beach Road. The park is four miles on the right; or take Route 288 from I-95 to Route 10 East and go one mile to Beach Road. Follow park signs from there. The SWCS workshop will be held in Group Camp #3 Dining Hall. Look for SWCS signs when you enter the park.

Want to join SWCS? Contact Membership chair, Virginia Kopp at virginia.kopp@va.usda.gov