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Department of Conservation and Recreation

Item 382	First Year - FY2005	Second Year - FY2006
Land Management (50300)	\$22,738,678	\$20,977,511
Urban Non-Point Source Pollution Control (50301)	\$1,451,557	\$1,451,557
Land Stabilization and Conservation (50302)	\$1,267,820	\$1,267,820
Shoreline Management (50311)	\$233,507	\$233,507
Statewide Non-Point Source Pollution Control (50312)	\$10,095,018	\$8,177,518
Dam Safety Inventory, Inspection, and Certification (50314)	\$667,052	\$667,052
Natural Heritage Resource Preservation and Management (50317)	\$2,937,988	\$2,937,988
Nutrient Management (50319)	\$1,418,245	\$1,418,245
Assistance to Soil and Water Conservation Districts (50320)	\$4,085,440	\$4,085,440
Flood Plain Management (50321)	\$582,051	\$738,384
Fund Sources:		
General	\$12,377,619	\$10,616,452
Special	\$1,784,202	\$1,784,202
Dedicated Special Revenue	\$1,340,637	\$1,340,637
Federal Trust	\$7,236,220	\$7,236,220

Authority: Title 10.1, Chapters 1, 5, 6, 7, and 21.1, Code of Virginia.

A. Included in the amounts for Assistance to Soil and Water Conservation Districts is \$50,000 the first year and \$50,000 the second year from the general fund for the Soil and Water Conservation District Dam Maintenance, Repair, and Rehabilitation Fund (§ 10.1-611.1, Code of Virginia) to address needs of dams operated by Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

B. The funds provided in this Item for the Soil and Water Conservation Districts shall be distributed to the greatest extent possible to the districts in accordance with program, financial and resource allocation policies established by the Soil and Water Conservation Board. The June 30, 2005 and June 30, 2006, unexpended general fund balances in Assistance to Soil and Water Conservation Districts are hereby reappropriated.

C. Included in the amount for Statewide Non-Point Source Pollution Control, are \$685,473 the first year, and \$685,473 the second year from the general fund as the Commonwealth's statewide match for participation in the federal Conservation Reserve Program. Any unexpended general fund balance designated for Virginia's Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program remaining on June 30, 2005, and June 30, 2006, shall be

reappropriated.

D. Out of the amounts for Statewide Non-Point Source Pollution Control, \$1,917,500 the first year is appropriated from the general fund to be deposited to the Virginia Water Quality Improvement Fund established under the Water Quality Improvement Act of 1997, Title 10.1, Chapter 21.1, Code of Virginia.

E. It is the intent of the General Assembly that all interest earnings of the Water Quality Improvement Fund shall be spent only upon appropriation by the General Assembly, after the recommendation of the Secretary of Natural Resources, pursuant to § 10.1-2129, Code of Virginia.

F. If the Rappahannock River Basin Commission elects as its chairman a member of the General Assembly, the Division of Legislative Services is hereby authorized to provide reasonable staff and technical assistance to the Commission. The Commission shall report to the Secretary of Natural Resources and the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Appropriations Committees on the Commission's activities and accomplishments by November 5 of each year.

G. Notwithstanding § 10.1-552, Code of Virginia, Soil and Water Conservation Districts are hereby authorized to recover a portion of the direct costs of services rendered to, and for use of district-owned conservation equipment used by, landowners within the district. Such recoveries shall not exceed the amounts expended by a District on these services and equipment.

H. The Department of Conservation and Recreation is authorized to develop a cost recovery system, the funds from which shall be used to support the direct costs of providing inspections, plan review, administrative review, and certifications of non-Soil and Water Conservation District dams. The system shall employ a sliding scale, if practical, and shall be based on factors that directly relate to the costs of the dam inspection program. Total costs recovered from the new system shall not exceed 90 percent of the actual program cost.