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Department of Conservation and Recreation

Item 361	First Year - FY2009	Second Year - FY2010
Land and Resource Management (50300)	\$64,245,793	\$44,245,793
Statewide Agricultural and Urban Nonpoint Source Water Quality Improvements (50301)	\$51,683,654	\$31,683,654
Dam Inventory, Evaluation and Classification and Flood Plain Management (50314)	\$2,701,612	\$2,701,612
Natural Heritage Preservation and Management (50317)	\$3,591,418	\$3,591,418
Financial Assistance to Soil and Water Conservation Districts (50320)	\$5,347,940	\$5,347,940
Technical and Financial Assistance for Land Management (50322)	\$921,169	\$921,169
Fund Sources:		
General	\$23,058,116	\$17,058,116
Special	\$3,078,940	\$3,078,940
Dedicated Special Revenue	\$29,322,136	\$15,322,136
Federal Trust	\$8,786,601	\$8,786,601

Authority: Title 10.1, Chapters 1, 5, 6, 7, and 21.1; Title 62.1, Chapter 3.1, Code of Virginia.

A. 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, 2009, and June 30, 2010, unexpended general fund balances in Financial Assistance to Soil and Water Conservation Districts are hereby reappropriated.

B. Included in the amount for Statewide Agricultural and Urban Non-Point Source Water Quality Improvements 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, 2009, and June 30, 2010, shall be reappropriated.

C. 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.

D. Included in this Item is \$10,000 the first year and \$10,000 the second year from the general fund to support the Rappahannock River Basin Commission. The funds shall be matched by the participating localities and planning district commissions.

E. 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.

F. Out of the amounts appropriated for Dam Inventory, Evaluation, and Classification and Flood Plain Management, \$1,350,000 the first year and \$1,350,000 the second year from the general fund shall be deposited to the Dam Safety, Flood Prevention and Protection Fund, established pursuant § 10.1-603.17, Code of Virginia. The funding provided in this paragraph shall be used for the provision of either grants or loans to localities owning dams in need of renovation and repair or for the provision of loans to private owners of dams in need of renovation and repair.

G.1. Notwithstanding the provisions of §§ 10.1-2128, 10.1-2129, and 10.1-2132, Code of Virginia, included in this Item the first year is \$6,000,000 from the general fund and \$14,000,000 from nongeneral funds for nonpoint pollution source reduction activities in accordance with the Virginia Water Quality Improvement Act of 1997. The source of the nongeneral funds shall be \$9,000,000 from interest earnings collected by the Department of Environmental Quality on the Water Quality Improvement Fund and \$5,000,000 from the Water Quality Improvement Fund Reserve Fund held by the Department of Conservation and Recreation and established pursuant to Item 360 of this act.

G.2. It is the intent of the General Assembly, that notwithstanding the provisions of § 10.1-2132, Code of Virginia, the Department of Conservation and Recreation is authorized to make Water Quality Improvement Grants to state agencies.