

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
- 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
- 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.