



Merrimac Farm Master Naturalists



Certificate of Completion

The Merrimac Farm Chapter of the Virginia Master Naturalist Program recognizes that

Your Name Here

has satisfactorily completed the basic training course
and has attained the status of
Virginia Master Naturalist Member in our chapter.



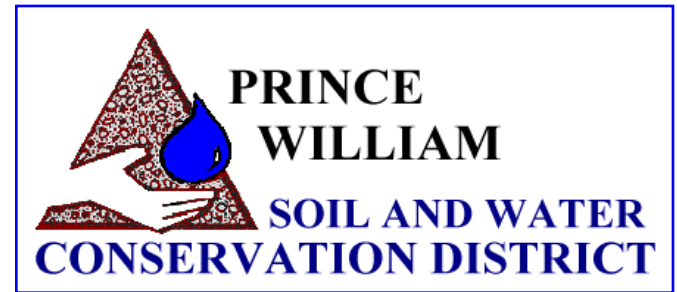
Master
Naturalist
programs are
supported by
state and local
organizations
and agencies





What is a Conservation District?

- Conservation Districts were formed during the Dust Bowl era
- Purpose – Locally led conservation effort
- Mission – To provide technical, educational, and financial support to address local natural resource issues.
- United States has 3,000 SWCD's
- Virginia has 47 SWCD's





Prince William Soil & Water Conservation District

- State and locally supported, non-regulatory agency.
- Dedicated to helping citizens voluntarily manage their land to protect water quality.
- Staff of six provides technical and financial assistance to PWC agricultural community and educational programs to youth and adults.
- Board of Directors – 3 elected, one state appointed, one County Extension Agent.



PWSWCD & Master Naturalists

1. Assisted with formation of Merrimac Master Naturalist Chapter
2. Offer volunteer opportunities:
 - **Farm Field Days**
 - **Tree Seedling and Shrub Sale**
 - **Adopt A Stream**
 - **“Soil & Water with Kids”**



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Prince William County Watershed Management Branch





Prince William Wildflower Society



The Prince William Wildflower Society is a Chapter of the Virginia Native Plant Society. Members are working to further appreciation and conservation of Virginia's native plants and habitats.





Prince William Conservation Alliance

We're working to
preserve and
restore natural
areas, and increase
local stewardship
opportunities.



Explore, Enjoy and Protect!





Merrimac Farm Conservation Partnership





Merrimac Farm Wildlife Management Area

- 302-acres
- 100 acres of contiguous nontidal wetlands
- Upland fields & forests
- Connects Marine Corps Base Quantico and Cedar Run Wetlands Bank





Protect Watersheds and Wildlife Habitats





Manage to Promote Wildlife Diversity





Promote Wildlife Watching



The Stone House Visitor Center provides a place for people to learn more and share wildlife experiences.



Citizen Science at Merrimac Farm



- Develop species lists
 - Birds
 - Butterflies
 - Plants





Citizen Science Virginia Bluebird Trails

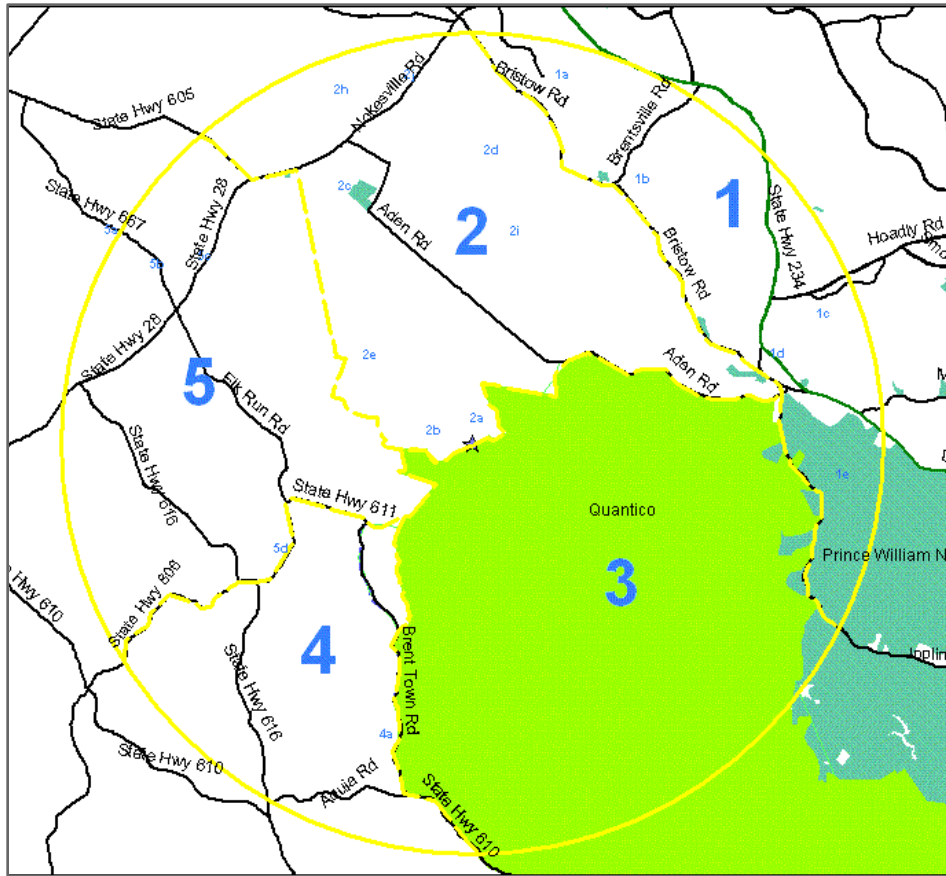


PWCA coordinates volunteer monitoring and data collection for 24 nesting boxes at Merrimac Farm and Chinn Park.





Citizen Science - Nokesville Christmas Bird Count



2007-08

- 82 species
- 15,873 individuals

2008 – 2009

- 87 species
- 10,720 individuals





Outreach & Education





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Dove's Landing



Featherstone NWR



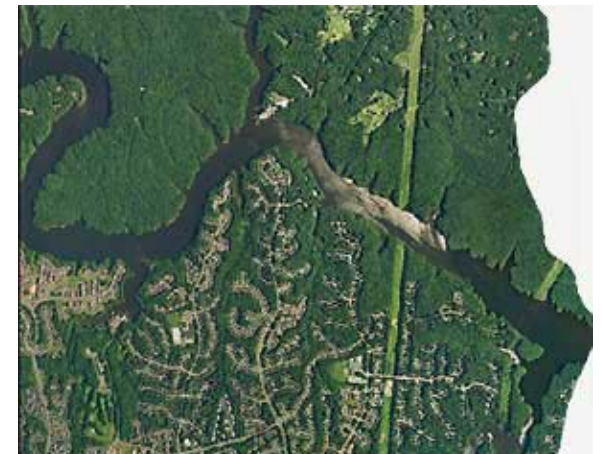
Rte 234 Mitigation Area



Veteran's Park



Green Infrastructure Network





Welcome to Merrimac Farm Master Naturalists!



Learn more,
meet new
friends and help
create a bright
future for your
community!

