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To: Soil & Water Conservation District Chairmen
From: Lou Ann Wallace, VASWCD President
Re: VASWCD Articles of Incorporation & Bylaws

As required by the VASWCD Bylaws, electronic correspondence to all Directors sent on October 1, along with this mailed letter to each SWCD District Chair shall serve as written notice of a proposed change to the bylaws of the Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (VASWCD), to be presented to the Association membership for approval at the VASWCD Annual Business Meeting, December 10, 2013, at Kingsmill Resort in Williamsburg.

On September 26, 2013 during the Third Quarter Board meeting held in Richmond, Virginia, the James River SWCD requested a move from the VASWCD Area III, the Central Tidewater region, in which they currently are a member to Area VI: Southeast Virginia. As a listing of the Districts assigned to each Area is stated in the VASWCD Bylaws, a change to the Bylaws is needed to make such a move effective. After discussion of the VASWCD Board with the James River SWCD chair and in accordance with the rules for Bylaws changes, the VASWCD Board on September 26 voted to approve the move, amending *Article 7, section a.* of the VASWCD Bylaws and transferring James River SWCD in the district listing from Area III to Area VI. Only this Article and Section would be impacted by the proposed request. A full copy of the VASWCD Articles and Bylaws can be reviewed on the VASWCD website at <http://vaswcd.org/constitution>.

Formal action on this proposed change must occur by Association members during the Annual Business Meeting for the VASWCD, Tuesday afternoon, December 10, 2013, at the Kingsmill Resort in Williamsburg, site of the 2013 Annual Meeting of the VASWCD. I sincerely hope you and your fellow Directors are planning to attend.

Please share this proposed By-law recommendations with your fellow district Board members. If you have questions, comments or concerns, please share these thoughts prior to our Annual Meeting by contacting Kendall Tyree, VASWCD Executive Director, by email at kendall.tyree@vaswcd.org, or by phone at 1-800-727-6354.

Thank you very much.

Enclosure – Bylaw Amendment Proposal to Article 7, Section a.

Proposed Bylaw Change for Discussion & Vote at VASWCD 2013 Annual Meeting

Article 7 – Association Geographic Areas

- a. For appropriate representation of districts in the work of the Association, the Commonwealth of Virginia shall be divided into six geographic areas (the “Areas”) generally recognized as follows:

Area I: Western Virginia (6 SWCDs): Natural Bridge SWCD, Shenandoah Valley SWCD, Lord Fairfax SWCD, Mountain SWCD, Headwaters SWCD, Mountain Castles SWCD	Area II: Northern Piedmont (6 SWCDs): Thomas Jefferson SWCD, Culpeper SWCD, Northern Virginia SWCD, John Marshall SWCD, Prince William SWCD, Loudoun SWCD
Area III: Central-Tidewater (9 SWCDs): Tidewater SWCD, Northern Neck SWCD, Tri-County/City SWCD, Colonial SWCD, Hanover-Caroline SWCD, Monacan SWCD, Henricopolis SWCD, Three Rivers SWCD, James River SWCD	Area IV: Southwest Virginia (11 SWCDs): New River SWCD, Skyline SWCD, Holston River SWCD, Daniel Boone SWCD, Clinch Valley SWCD, Scott County SWCD, Lonesome Pine SWCD, Evergreen SWCD, Tazewell SWCD, Big Walker SWCD, Big Sandy SWCD
Area V: Southern Piedmont (10 SWCDs): Southside SWCD, Piedmont SWCD, Blue Ridge SWCD, Robert E. Lee SWCD, Pittsylvania SWCD, Halifax SWCD, Peaks of Otter SWCD, Peter Francisco SWCD, Patrick SWCD, Lake Country SWCD	Area VI: Southeast Virginia (5 SWCDs): Peanut SWCD, Chowan Basin SWCD, Eastern Shore SWCD, Virginia Dare SWCD, Appomattox River SWCD, <u>James River SWCD</u>