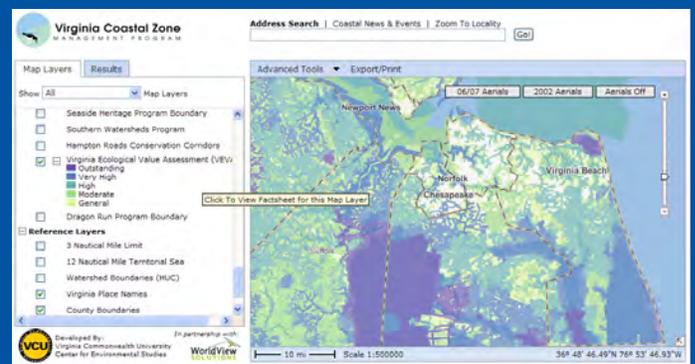


Coastal Virginia Ecological Value Assessment (VEVA)

The Coastal Virginia Ecological Value Assessment (VEVA) was developed to provide guidance to local governments engaged in land use management and conservation planning. VEVA is a collaborative effort among several state programs to synthesize the best available natural resource information into a single geospatial product. VEVA combines scientific data and best professional judgment to rank terrestrial and aquatic areas for their ecological value. These values can be used to prioritize areas for preservation, develop strategies for special area management actions, or to build awareness about Virginia's natural communities. The VEVA is viewable on the Coastal GEMS website: www.deq.virginia.gov/Programs/CoastalZoneManagement/CoastalGEMSGeospatialData.aspx



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- VA Dept. of Conservation & Recreation, Natural Heritage
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