

Pulling Data and Priorities Together

The Coastal Virginia Ecological Value Assessment (VEVA) was developed to provide guidance to local governments engaged in land use management and conservation planning.

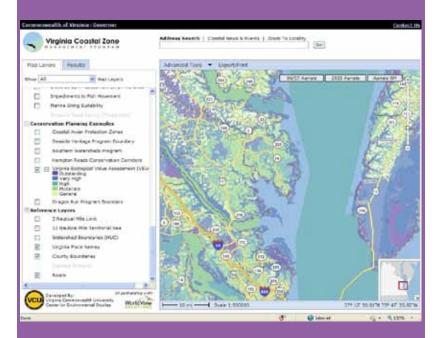
VEVA is a collaborative effort among several state programs to synthesize the best available natural resource information into a single geospatial product.

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, and
- build awareness about Virginia's natural communities.



Protecting, restoring, strengthening our coastal ecosystems & economy.



Coastal VEVA is viewable on the Coastal GEMS website:

www.coastalgems.org.

Project Partners:

VA Dept. of Game & Inland Fisheries

VA Dept. of Conservation & Recreation, Natural Heritage

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