

Spit and Whittle, Torches and Pitchforks: Preserving the Dragon Run using a Special Area Management Plan

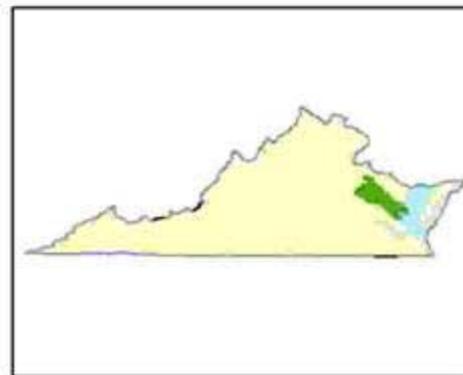
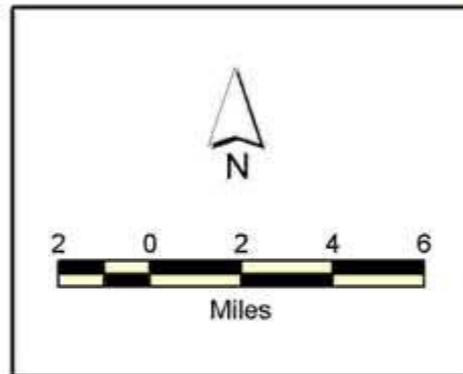


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The Dragon Run SAMP

- Partnership of Dragon Run Steering Committee and Virginia CZM Program (grant funded)
- Main focus: high quality of life and its unique characteristics in the Chesapeake Bay region
 - Traditional uses (farming, forestry, hunting, fishing, boating)
 - Rare, threatened, and endangered species and natural communities (e.g. cypress, bald eagle)

Dragon Run Watershed



Three logos are stacked vertically. The top logo is the NOAA logo, featuring a blue circle with a white bird and the text 'NATIONAL OCEANOGRAPHIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE'. The middle logo is the DEQ logo, with 'DEQ' in large green letters and 'VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY VIRGINIA COASTAL PROGRAM' in smaller text below. The bottom logo is a blue line drawing of a boat.



Mission

The project's mission is to support and promote community-based efforts to preserve the cultural, historic, and natural character of the Dragon Run, while preserving property rights and the traditional uses (farming, forestry, hunting, fishing) within the watershed







Goals and Objectives

- Develop a plan to deal with pressure to change the traditional uses of land - consistency across county boundaries
- Encourage experience-based education - connection to land/water
- Promote the concept of landowner stewardship that has served to preserve the Dragon Run as a regional treasure

What makes it work?

- Sustained citizen-based activism, community involvement
- Strong leadership
- Unique place, strong values
- Present/future threat or conflict
- Well-defined vision and goals
- Technical/financial resources
- Time and momentum



Sometimes it won't work

