Links of Interest to those enrolled in the Land Use Program

Essex County Countryside Alliance
The Essex County Countryside Alliance is a group of concerned landowners and citizens of Essex County and beyond, who are dedicated to the preservation and conservation of the Natural, Scenic and Historical Resources of Essex County, Virginia and the entire Rappahannock River Valley.

Virginia Forest Landowner Education Program
The Virginia Forest Landowner Education Program (VFLEP), in conjunction with numerous state, federal and private partners, offers a wide variety of science-based educational opportunities for new and experienced forest landowners. VFLEP also offers continuing education opportunities for natural resource and real estate professionals. Click a tab below, or use the navigation at the top of this page, to find out more about VFLEP's offerings.

Virginia Department of Forestry
It protects 15.8 million acres of forest land from fire, insects and disease, and it manages 22 State Forest lands totaling 67,920 acres for timber, recreation, water, research, wildlife and biodiversity.
Virginia Forest Association
Founded in 1943, the Virginia Forestry Association (VFA) is a non-profit, privately supported organization with the purpose of encouraging wise use of forest resources in the Commonwealth for present and future generations.

Three Rivers Soil & Water Conservation District
Three Rivers Soil and Water Conservation District (TRSWCD) covers the Middle Peninsula of Virginia, between the Rappahannock River in the North to the York / Mattaponi / Pamunkey in the South. The district covers three counties, Essex, King William and King & Queen.

Friends of Dragon Run
The Dragon wilderness is a unique ecosystem which has been ranked second in ecological significance among 232 areas investigated in a Smithsonian Institution study which covered 12,600 square miles of the Chesapeake Bay region.