

# Healthy Watersheds: Improving Our Environment Through Conservation **Community Workshop**

*YOU ARE INVITED!*

Help us discuss Essex County's land use tools related to forest conservation.

Essex County is currently participating in the Healthy Watersheds project by serving as a pilot locality, allowing the Healthy Watersheds consulting team to evaluate the County's current conservation policies and interview landowners. Healthy Watersheds is a project funded through the Virginia Department of Forestry with the goal of finding ways to improve water quality in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed through encouraging forest conservation. This element of the Healthy Watersheds project will focus on reviewing Essex County's existing land use goals and strategies and then producing recommendations of new goals and strategies that will assist the County to further promote the conservation of land.

Comments and insights from interested County residents and stakeholder groups are needed. **To participate, please attend an interactive workshop on June 24, 2019 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** at the Essex County High School Cafeteria Common Area (833 High School Circle, Tappahannock, VA).

You'll learn how the County's land use tools currently address conservation techniques and will be able to provide recommendations on other conservation measures that may be appropriate. If you cannot attend the workshop but have questions or ideas, please call Essex County Administration at (804) 443-4331.