

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **SHOW ME THE MONEY!**

HERE IT IS! The John Marshall Soil and Water Conservation District has money to offer landowners in Great Run, Carter Run, Thumb Run, and Deep Run watersheds. In December 2008, the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation created two additional agricultural Best Management Practices (BMPs) for these impaired watersheds. The first, a livestock exclusion practice with riparian buffers (LE-1T), protects access to surface waters to reduce run-off of sediment, nutrients, and pollutants associated with grazing livestock. The LE-1T also provides an alternative livestock watering system and fencing to improve water quality, to establish riparian buffers, and to improve pasture management. This new practice offers a cost share rate of **85%**! Yes, you read it correctly – **85%**! The second practice, a livestock exclusion practice with a reduced setback (LE-2T), offers a cost share rate of **50%**. Hold your horses! Before you get too worried about the reduced cost share rate, the LE-2T practices also includes a reduced fencing setback requirement. Landowners installing the LE-2T practice are required to place the stream exclusion fence a minimum of 10 feet from the top of the stream bank. The LE-1T practice requires landowners to place the stream exclusion fence a minimum of 35 feet from the top of the stream bank. These two practices are available to landowners in Great Run, Carter Run, Thumb Run, and Deep Run watersheds!

If you are interested in the new practices, please give Melissa Allen a call at 540-347-3120 ext. 3! Not sure if you live in one of the watersheds, please give us a call!