

Landowners in Culpeper, Fauquier and Orange Counties Can Help Conserve Bird Habitat and Get Paid for Doing It!



Bobwhite Quail



Eastern Meadowlark



Loggerhead Shrike



Barn Owl

Here's What You Can Do:



Prescribe Burn



Remove Invasive Species



Plant Warm Season Grasses

For more information, please contact The National Audubon Society at (804) 788-7660, melfner@audubon.org, The Piedmont Environmental Council, (540) 347-2334 x29, mmacquillium@pecva.org, or The Farm Service Agency at (804) 287-1546, www.fsa.usda.gov



This Culpeper Basin State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE) project will use native trees, shrubs, and warm season grasses to restore bird habitats along the Rappahannock and Rapidan Rivers, as well as upland habitat adjacent to their tributaries; thus, creating wildlife corridors of diverse habitats in various stages of succession. SAFE is a Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) administered through the Farm Service Agency.

- * The land must be located, or partly located, in the Culpeper Basin Important Bird Area, a program of the National Audubon Society. (www.audubon.org/bird/iba/virginia)
- * Participants have TWO Options for habitat restoration/creation:
 - 1) Tree Planting
 - 2) Warm Season Grasses
- * *If intended use is to restore native grasses*, the proposed area must be a minimum of 10 hectares in size.
- * Enrollment of land in SAFE projects will be restricted to those properties along either the Rappahannock and Rapidan rivers or upland habitat adjacent to their tributaries.

What are the financial incentives of SAFE?

Individual soil rentals are available at your local Farm Service Agency (FSA) service center, but you may receive up to 50% of the eligible cost of establishing a permanent cover.

SAFE Participants may receive the following benefits:

- An up-front, one-time CRP Signing Incentive Payment (CRP_SIP) of \$100 per acre which is made after the contract is approved,
- Cost-Share & Practice Incentive – 90% reimbursement of all eligible expenses.
- Rental Payments,
- Maintenance Incentive Payments

Where is the Culpeper Basin Important Bird Area?

