

Virginia Master Naturalist Historic Southside Chapter

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2019

Chapter
Accomplishments

The Virginia Master Naturalist program is a statewide corps of trained volunteers providing natural resource education, citizen science, and stewardship in their communities.

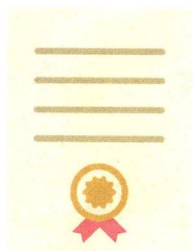
67
Volunteers



4,400
Hours of Service



\$121,000
Monetary Value



36
Members

achieved **Certified
Virginia Master
Naturalist** status

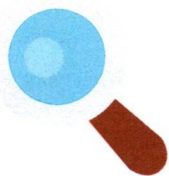
1,770
Contacts

made through
926 hours of
education &
outreach



12
Outdoor Sites

improved through
stewardship
activities at parks
and natural areas

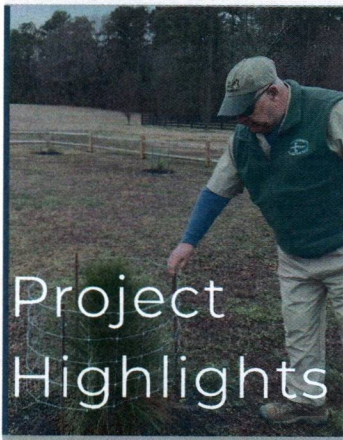


10
Scientific Studies

supported through citizen
science projects

16
Trainees

graduated from the
basic training course



Project
Highlights

Restoring Longleaf Pine

Volunteers worked with the Town of Smithfield to introduce longleaf pine back into its native habitat in the town park. The project included planting trees, installing interpretive signs, and other outreach efforts to increase environmental awareness of park visitors.

Nansemond River Education and Monitoring

Volunteers assisted the Nansemond River Preservation Alliance in providing hands-on education about the watershed for every 7th grader in Suffolk Public Schools. They also helped conduct water sampling and testing in order to help identify and address non-point source pollution in the watershed.