Land Conservation and Agritourism

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- > Economic benefits
 - > Agriculture
 - Forestry
 - > Tourism
 - Recreation

- Need to conserve
 - > Farmland
 - > Forestland
 - Historic Places
 - Natural Areas
 - > Recreational Lands

Land Conservation Funding Mechanisms

- Grant programs
- ➤ Land Preservation Tax Credit (LPTC)
- **>** Bonds



Agritourism and the Environment

Case Study: The Outdoor Recreation Economy

IN VIRGINIA OUTDOOR RECREATION GENERATES:

\$21.9 BILLION IN CONSUMER SPENDING ANNUALLY 197,000 DIRECT JOBS

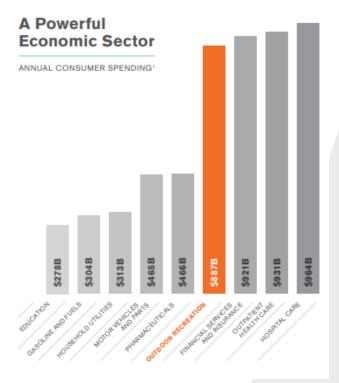


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\$6.5 BILLION IN WAGES AND SALARIES \$1.2 BILLION IN STATE AND LOCAL TAX REVENUE







Using Land Conservation to Connect the Dots

- Agritourism and Ecotourism
- Agritourism and Outdoor Recreation
- Agritourism and urban/suburban partners
- Agritourism andTourism

Questions or Comments?

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