

# Funding for Septic and Well Improvements

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# ARPA Funding For Septic and Well

- FY 2022 - \$5,750,000
- FY 2023 and 2024: \$5,750,000

*\$5,750,000 to the Department of Health (601) to provide improvement funds for well and septic systems for homeowners at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines.*

<b>Persons in Household</b>	<b>200% Federal Poverty Guidelines</b>
<b>1</b>	\$25,760
<b>2</b>	\$34,840
<b>3</b>	\$43,920
<b>4</b>	\$53,000
<b>5</b>	\$62,080
<b>6</b>	\$71,160
<b>7</b>	\$80,240
<b>8</b>	\$89,320

# Key Objectives

- Improve the health of Virginians and provide additional protection to Virginia's communities through the assurance of adequate wastewater treatment and safe drinking water.
- Minimize overhead to use the greatest amount possible of the available funding to put projects in the ground.
- Prioritize outreach to historically disadvantaged communities and hot spots identified through the Virginia Wastewater Data Viewer.

# Projects Covered by ARPA Funds

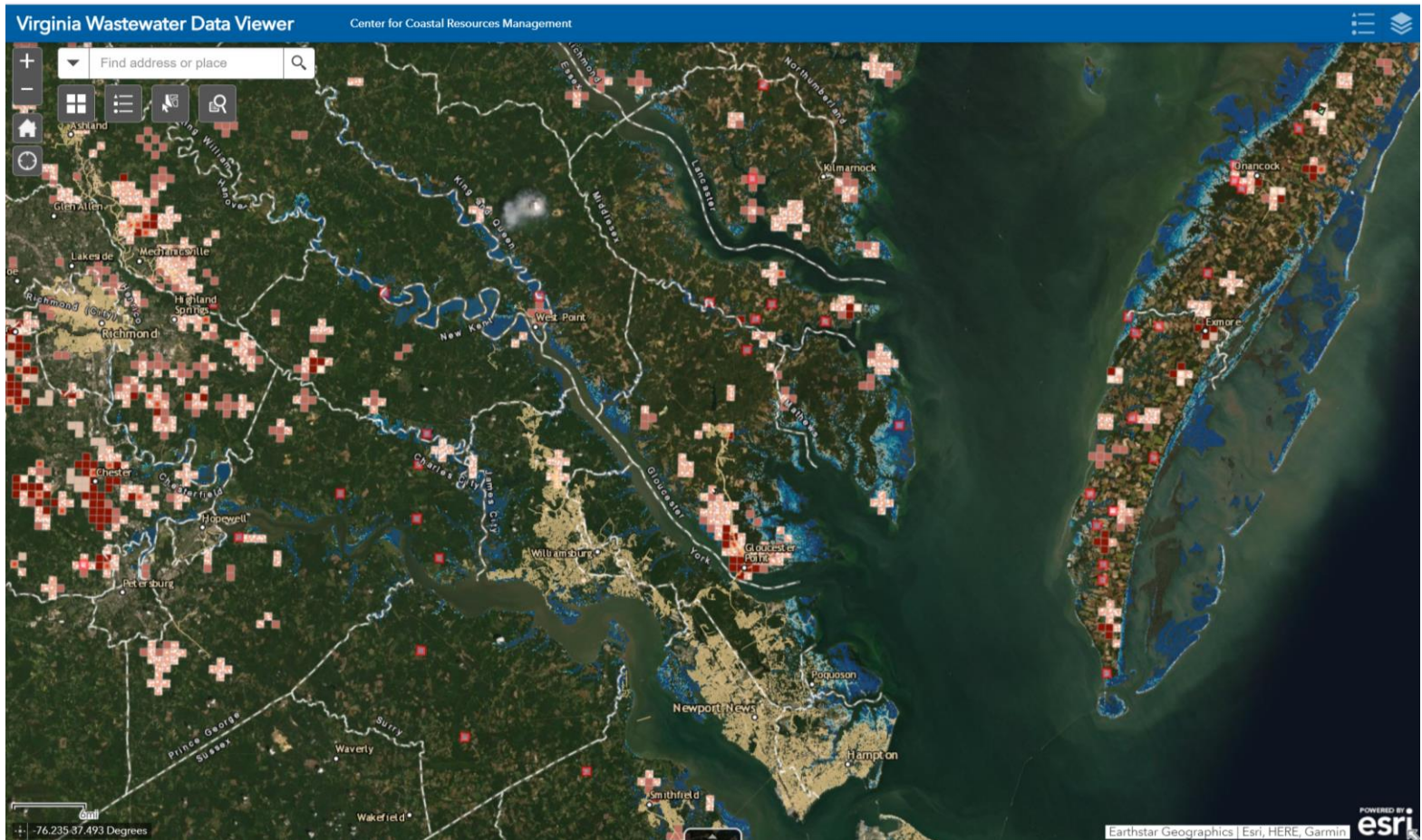
- Repair failing septic systems.
- Replace straight pipes and privies.
- Conventional, alternative, or sewer connection.
- Alternate system O&M.
- Replace inadequate private wells.
- Properly abandoned unused wells.
- New wells or water connection.



# Local Partners

- Plan for 50% of funds to be distributed to local partners for implementation.
  - PDCs, SWCDs, Nonprofits
- Working to identify potential partners.
  - Wastewater Infrastructure Working Group Roundtables.
  - Local health departments.
  - Website updates.
- Partner outreach event(s) in November.

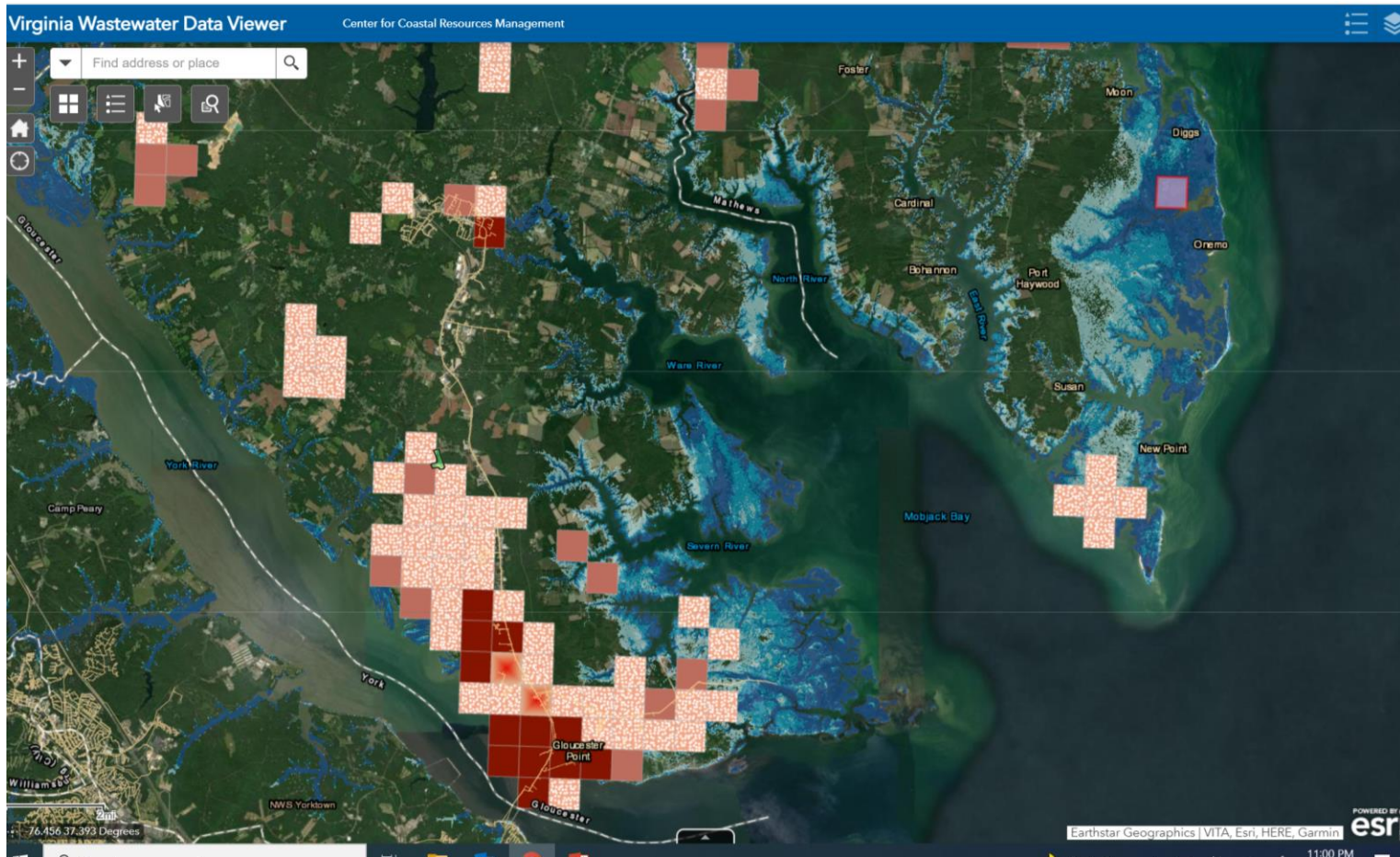
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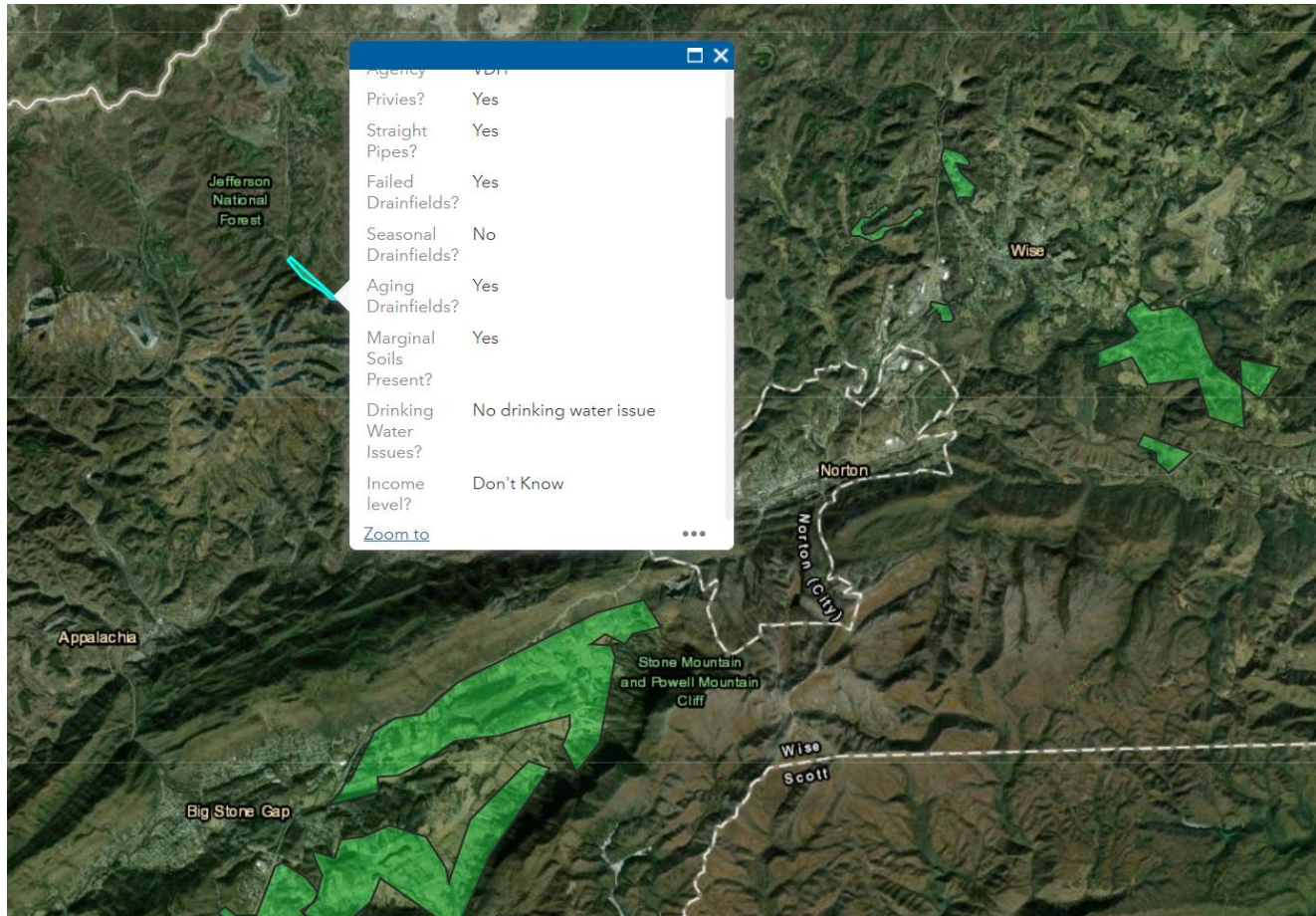
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# Next Steps

- Getting buy in from homeowners.
  - Identify projects.
  - Owners may be reluctant to come forward.
- Covering cost for designs.
  - Design completed prior to applications.
  - Multiple service providers involved.
- Covering O&M cost.
- Considerations for projects over \$40,000.

### ARPA Septic and Well Assistance Program

Thank you for reaching out to share information with us about your septic and well assistance needs. If you have a house with a septic system or private well that needs to be fixed, and your income is at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines, VDH may be able to help you fix your system at no cost under the Septic and Well Assistance Program funded by the American Recovery Plan Act. We are still in the process of developing the program framework, but we want to hear from you about your needs so we can help as soon as funding becomes available. Please fill out this quick survey as best you can, and we will follow up with you to help you determine if you are eligible for funding.

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Your answer

What is your full address (please include city and zip code)? \*

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Please provide the best telephone number for us to reach you at. \*

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