









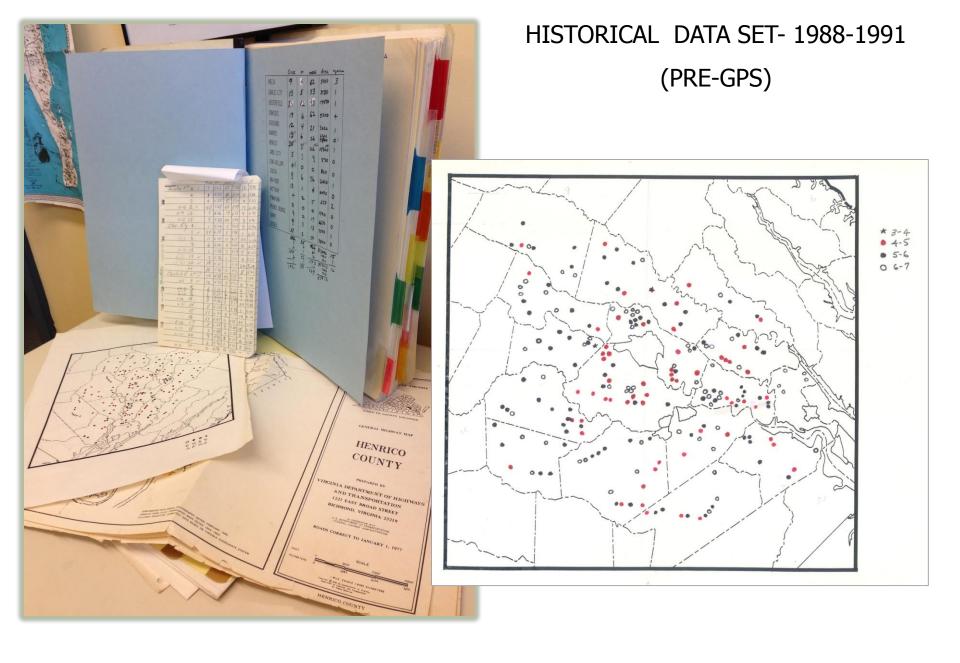
CRITICAL, THREATENED HABITATS



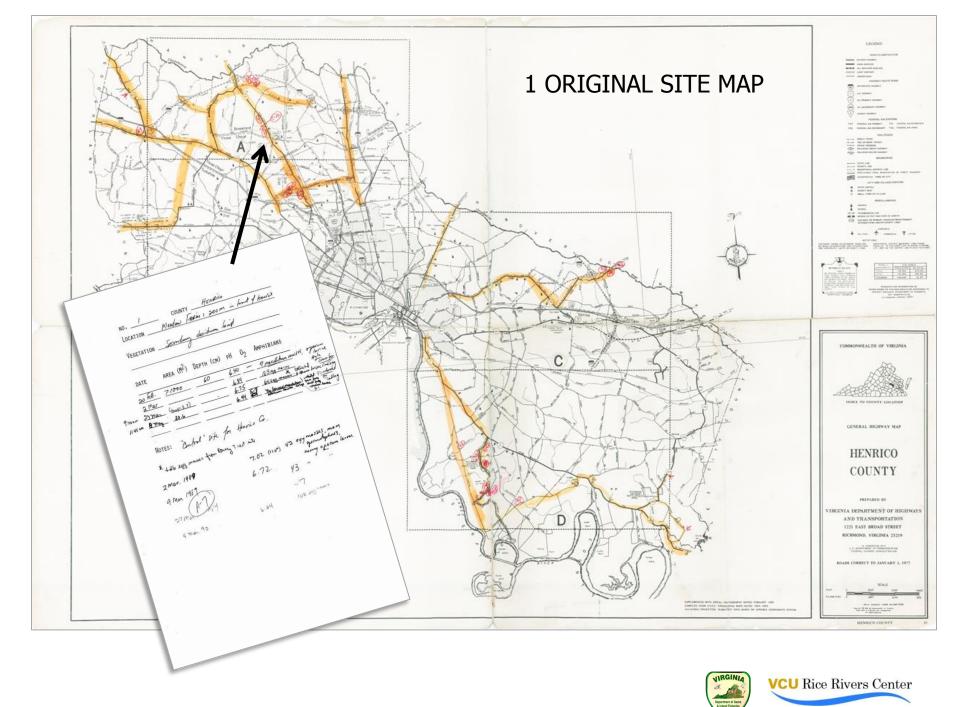












VCU COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT GRANT

VERNAL POOLS and the HUMAN FOOTPRINT

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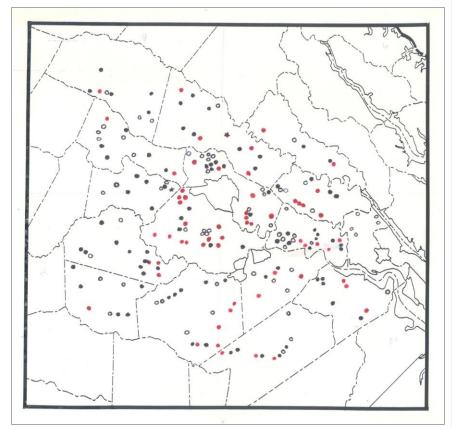


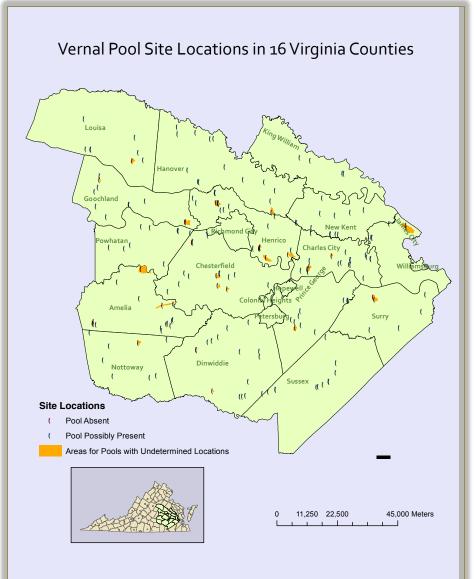






DIGITIZED DATA SET
216 SITES 16 COUNTIES







Phase I: Site Location	Phase II: Property Owner Information
Site Code (ex. CC_	
Date: DFVFI ()PFD	MATERIALS =
Participant Names	
A. Vernal Pool Present A vernal pool was at the location marked on the map. The	Parcel number:
latitude and longitude (WGS 84) are:	Landowner Info
C The second and benefit and a second and a second at the	Name:
B. The vernal pool location was questionable/ the written directions and the map do not agree.	
Please explain. Include the latitude and longitude if you have determined the likely	Address:
location of the sampling site based on Dr. Blem's written notes:	Other contact info (phone, email):
	Sampling Permission
	Do you have permission to sample? Yes No Maybe
C. Vernal Pool Absent The likely location of the vernal pool has been altered.	Was a letter or postcard mailed to the owner? Yes No
Please indicate cause (e.g. "parking lot over potential pool area"):	Have you made any other attempts to contact the owner?

Salamander Po	ool Project
YOU HAVE A VERNAL POOL! Can a Master Naturalist sample it in Spring 2011? Yes! Include my vernal pool in the Salamander Pool Project. I would like to receive an aerial image of my property, information about biodiversity in my pool, and A Field Guide to the Animals of Vernal Pools by L. P. Kenney and M.R. Burne.	To: Anne Wright 1000 W Cary St. PO Box 842012 Richmond, VA 23284-2012

☐ Please contact me with more information about the project. Phone number: _____

☐ No thanks.

Site Code (ex. Co	C_1, GOO_3	3):						
Date:		Tim	ie:					
Participant Nam	es:							
Conditions in Poo	l:			Spotted Salam	ander	Egg Mass	es:	_
		Howing	Not Flowing	Egg masses in				
Outlet Observed No	Yes		0	Egg masses b Larval salama				
Percent Tree Cand 0% - 25% of poo 25% - 50% of po 50% - 75% of po 75% - 100% of p	ol is shaded ool is shaded ool is shaded	0		Total number of Did you sample or sample from Entire pool	by wa	lking throu		
Pool Substrate:				How long did yo	ou sam	ple?	min	utes
	Sand/Silt Silt/Clay		ock el/Cobble	Other Vernal Po			□ No	
Road Activity: Are the roads near				Fairy shrimp? Finned fish? Yo				
one car passes ever	y 10 minutes)?	Yes 🗌	No □	Wildlife Observa		Red-spott		
Weather:	Bull Frog Green frog	П	N. Water E. Garter		П			
	Please include a general description of the weather conditions (sunny, cloudy, rainy, etc.)				ä	Ribbon Sr		Н
	,	-,		Pickerel Frog		Wood Tur		
				Gray Treefrog		Snapping		
						E. Painted		п
				Spring Peeper Spadefoot Toad		E. Box Tur		_

ſ	Sketch of Pool:				-
l	Please sketch the general				
ı	shape of the pool. Include				
ı	features, such as logs and				
ı	islands. Pinpoint locations				
ı	of egg mass clusters.				
ı	Include a north arrow and				
l	an approximate scale.				
	Approximate Pool Area:				
ı	50 – 100 m ²	1			
ı	100 - 200 m ²	ı			
ı	> 200 m ²	1			
ı	_	1			
ı					
l	Photographs				
l	Did you take pictures?	1			
ı	Yes No	1			
ı		1			
ı		1			
ı	How many?	1			
l		I			
l					
ı	Macroinvertebrate Observat	ions: (optional)		Additional Notes:	
ı	Caddisfly	Backswimmer	Amphipod		
ı	Predaceous Diving Beetle	Water Boatman	Isopod		
ı	Crawling Water Beetle	Water Scorpion	Mosquito		
ı	Water Scavenger Beetle	Giant Water Bug	Leech		
ı	Whirligig Beetle Damselfly	Water Strider	Aquatic Worm		-
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ı	Dragonfly	Phantom Midge	Snail		





Site Code: _

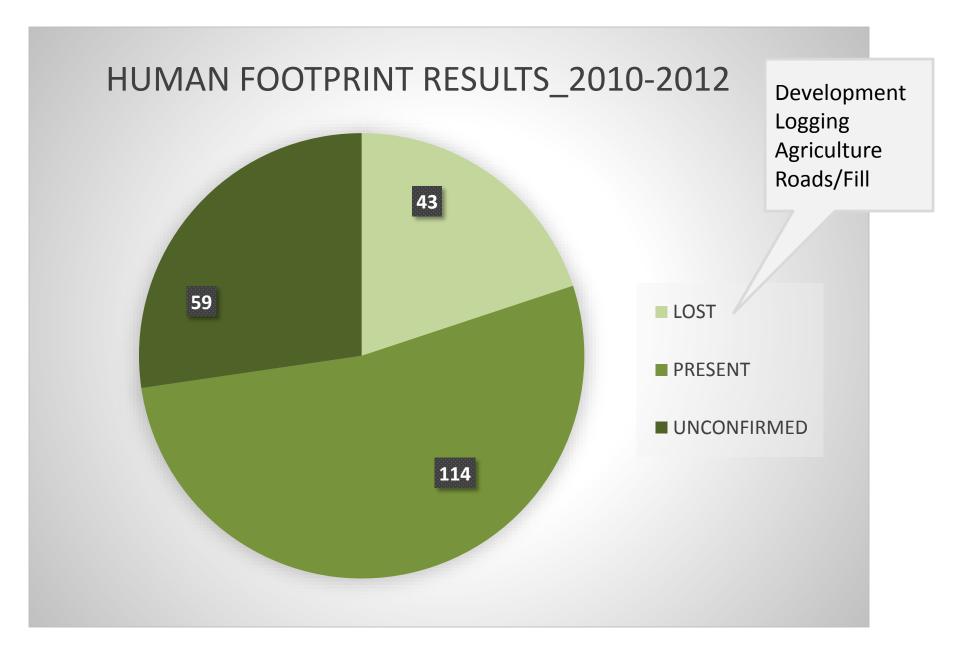
RECRUITED AND TRAINED 80 MN VOLUNTEERS FROM 3 CHAPTERS





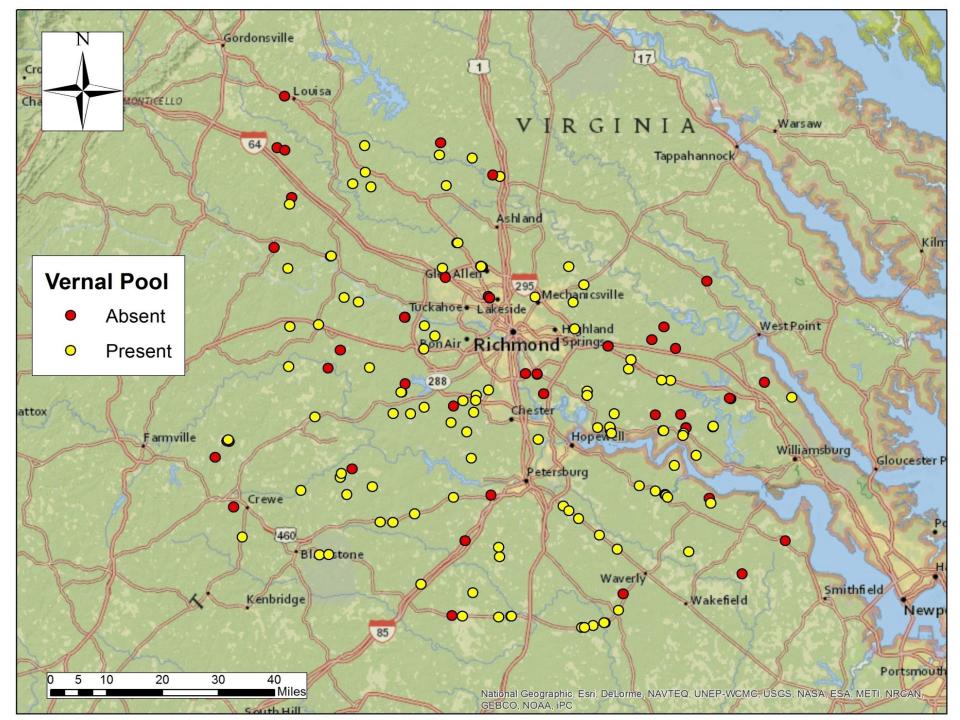












ACCOMPLISHMENTS and NOT....

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- 4_Statewide VA Monitoring Program Identify, register, and monitor vernal pools
- 5_ Vernal Pool Database VDGIF Wildlife Mapping





Lee and Jane Hesler, Pocahontas MN Chapter Mark Battista, Chesterfield Co.

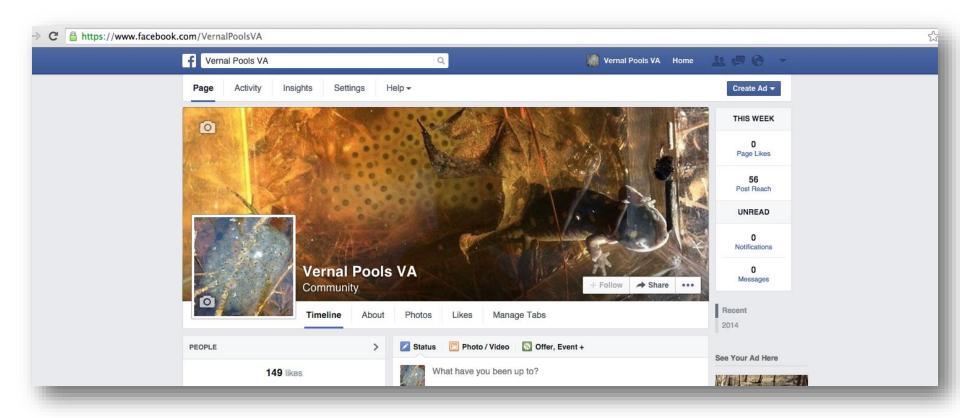
_COUNTY/CHAPTER LEVEL Identify, register, and monitor vernal pools on all *public* lands; Provide data for conservation and management

_COLLABORATORS VDCR, VDGIF, VDOF, VDOT, NPS, USFWS,
James River SWCD, VCU, W&M, 7 VMN Chpts

_CITSCI WEBSITE To house project data



SOCIAL MEDIA



https://m.facebook.com/VernalPoolsVA



Vernal Pools VA

- CitSci selected for data collection and storage.
- CitSci developed to promote citizen involvement in scientific research.

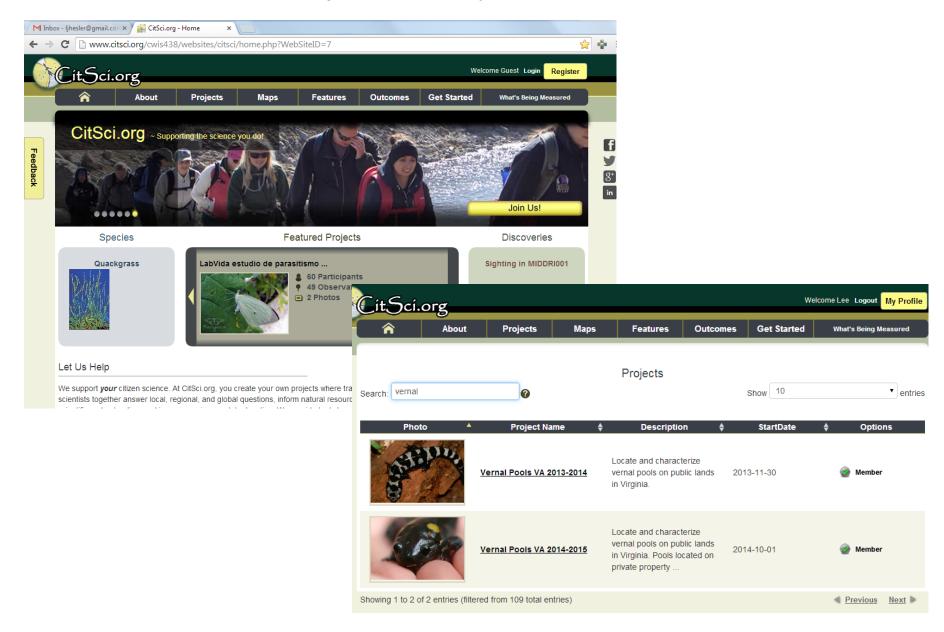
Colorado State University

NSF Grant

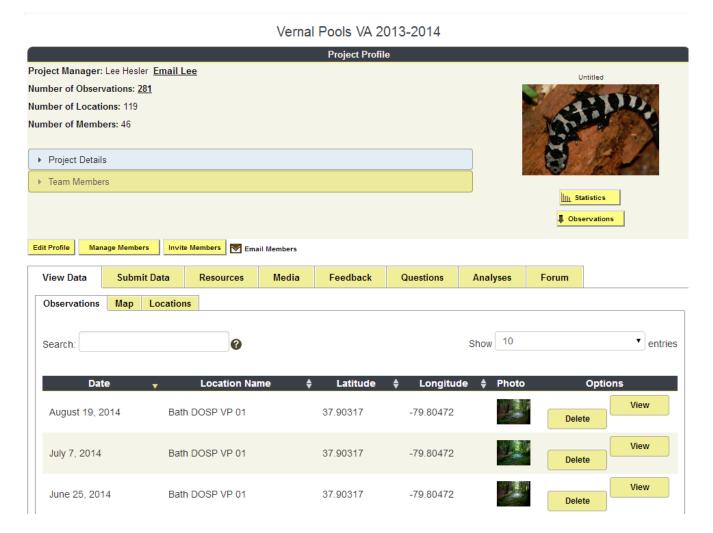
Partnering with Citizen Science Central and DataONE.

Currently have over 100 active projects.

Enter the CitSci website www.CitSci.org Select the Projects tab and type in "vernal"



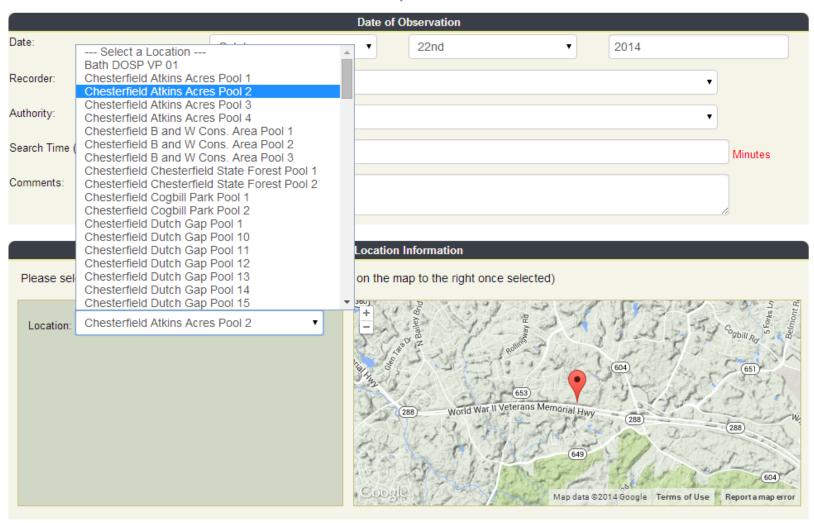
- Projects contain historical and current experience.
- Vernal pool observations entered via DataSheets in CitSci.



Vernal Pools VA 2014-2015

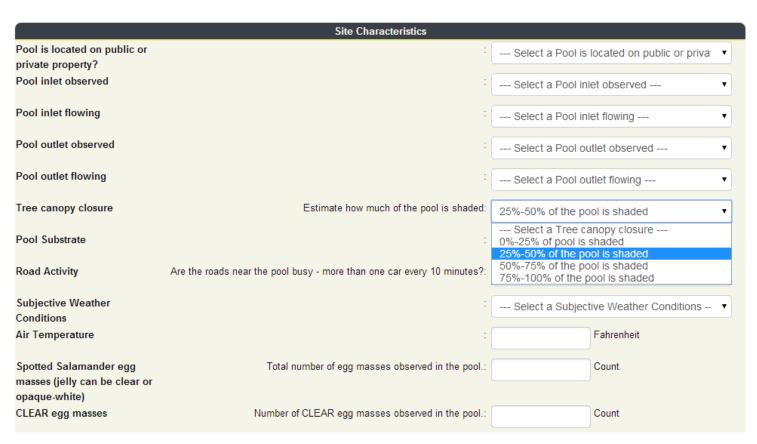
To Project Profile

If you made a new sketch of the pool or took pictures, please insert them into the Datasheet if necessary or needed.



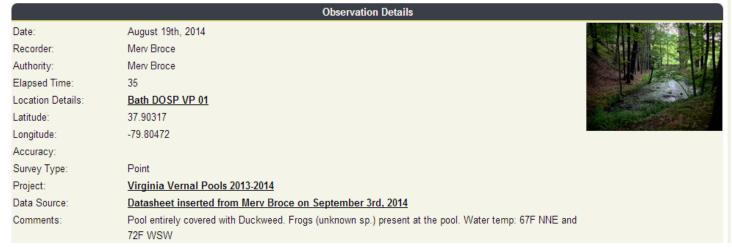
Straight forward data entry





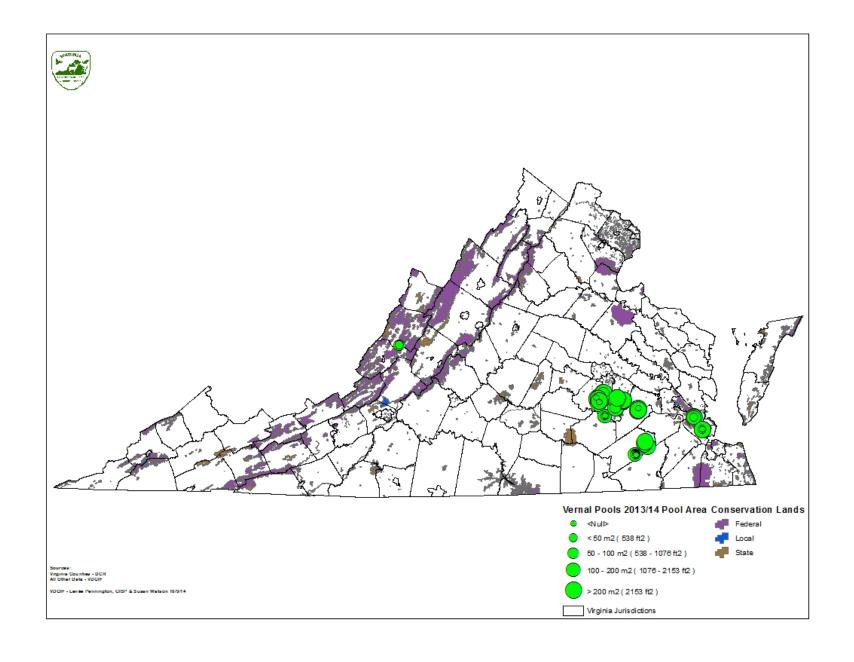
- Pool locations are mapped and photos or sketches can be added.
- Data can be downloaded to Mac or PC machines for further analyses or saving.

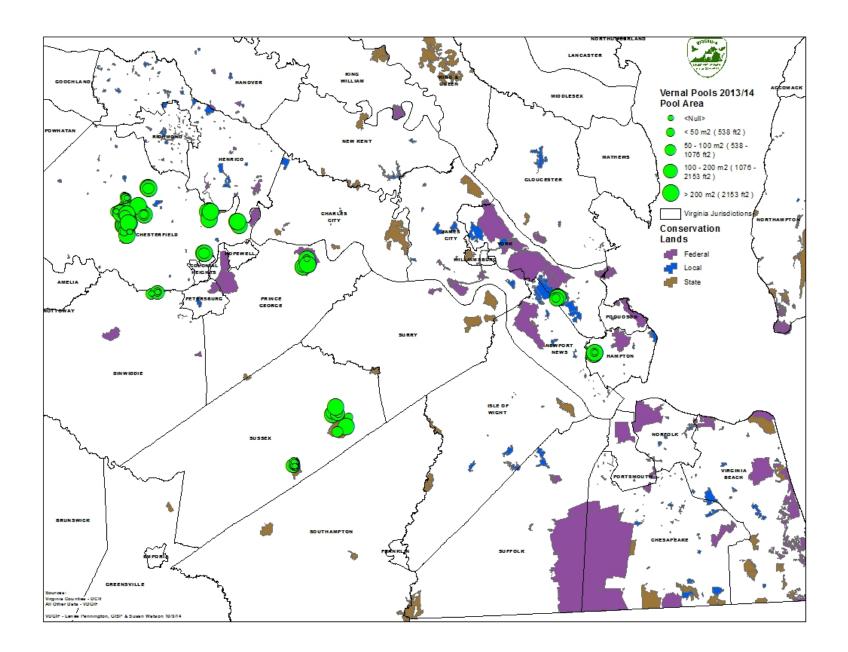


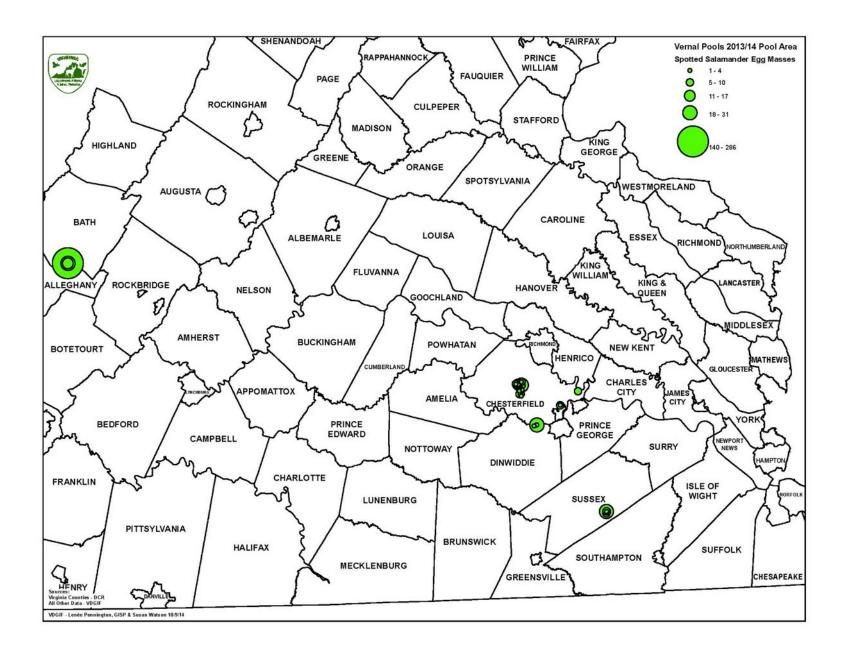


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1434694	2013-03- 04	Chesterfield POSP Pool 1		Jane Hesler	Lee Hesler	10	37.38273	-77.59193	No	No	No	No	75%-100% of the pool is shaded	Leaf Litter	No
1434695	2013-03- 04	Chesterfield POSP Pool 2	Pool is very deep.	Jane Hesler	Lee Hesler	10	37.3827	-77.5925	No	No	No	No	50%-75% of the pool is shaded	Leaf Litter	No
	2013-03- 04	Chesterfield POSP Pool 3	Deep in center.	Jane Hesler	Lee Hesler		37.38168			No	No	No	75%-100% of the pool is shaded	Leaf Litter	No
	7 2013-03- 04	Chesterfield POSP Pool 4	Estimate ~6 inches deep.	Jane Hesler	Lee Hesler		37.38013			No	No	No	75%-100% of the pool is shaded	Leaf Litter	No
1434698	2013-03- 10	Chesterfield POSP Pool 4	Found more egg masses.	Lee Hesler	Lee Hesler	10	37.38013	-77.5903							
1437687	7 2013-03- 04	Chesterfield POSP Pool 5	With a little more water this pool would connect to pool #5. This is probably Blem pool #17.	Jane Hesler	Lee Hesler	10	37.38182	-77.59158	Yes	No	Yes	No	75%-100% of the pool is shaded	Leaf Litter	No
1437693	2013-03- 04	Chesterfield POSP Pool 6	With a little more water this pool would be connected to Pool #5. This pool is probably Blem Pool #17.	Jane Hesler	Lee Hesler	10	37.38181	-77.59157	Yes	No	Yes	No	75%-100% of the pool is shaded	Leaf Litter	
1437694	2013-04- 16	Chesterfield POSP Pool 7	Located by Steve. Off Boundary Forest Trail to the left where water crosses the trail.	Lee Hesler	Unknown		37.37608	-77.53418	Yes	No	Yes	No	75%-100% of the pool is shaded	Leaf Litter	No
1437695	2013-04- 16	Chesterfield POSP Pool 8	Pool located by Steve. Estimated to be 250 feet from Pool #7. I was not able to find it.	Lee Hesler	Unknown		37.37652	-77.53486							
1437696	2013-04- 14	Chesterfield POSP Pool 9	Retention pond located across the road from the new playground. Road is close but little traffic. Lots of tadpoles.	Lee Hesler	Unknown		37.37953	-77.5769	Yes	No	No	No	0%-25% of pool is shaded	Mud/mu ck	No







Next Steps

- Determine if VMN Chapter is interested.
 - Chapter leaders contact Lee or Anne.
- Training is required
 - Species identification (QA/QC of this data by agencies)
 - Sanitation protocols
 - Permits needed or not

