

## Reasons Farmers Did It:

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Need for more water
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Herd health
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Eliminating calving risk areas
- 4<sup>th</sup>: Herd movement/grazing distribution
- 5<sup>th</sup>: Program assistance
- 6<sup>th</sup>: Conservation Ethic
- 7<sup>th</sup>: Fear of future regulation

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“Clearly, at least 50% of all cattle diseases in the mid-Atlantic states are transmitted through the fecal oral pathway.”



- Dr. Scott Nordstrom, DVM
- It cannot be healthy to drink the same water you defecate in.

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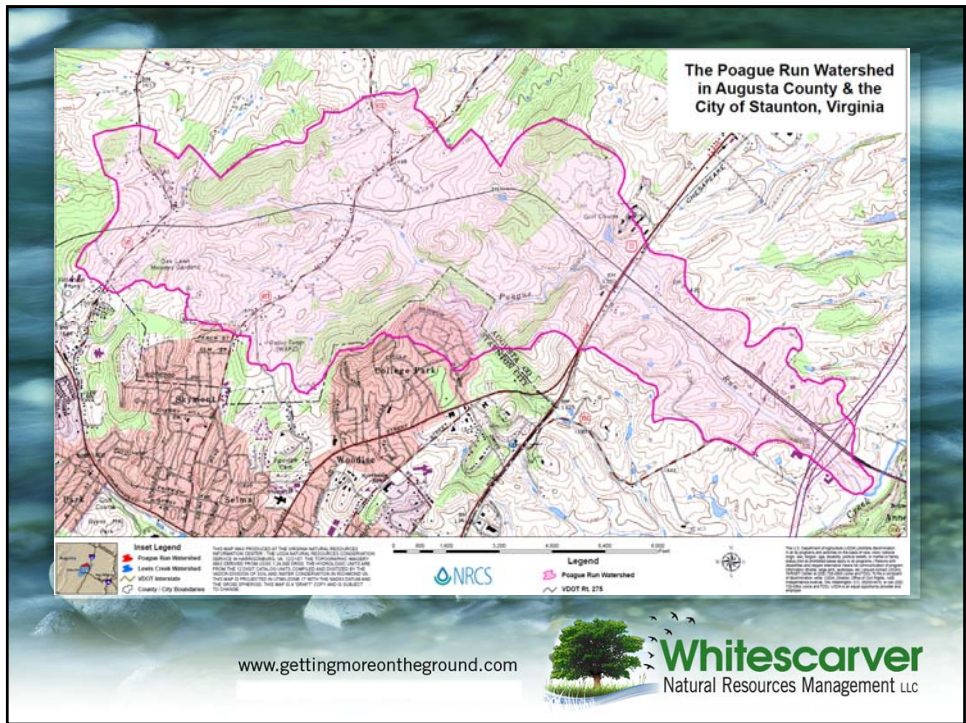
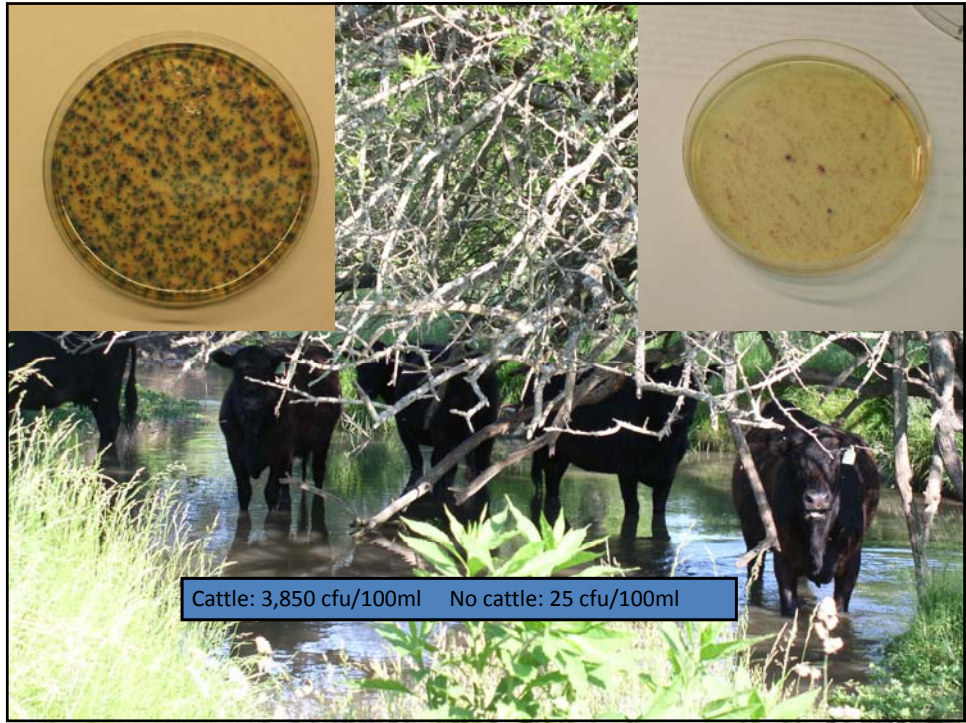
## Livestock Illnesses Associated with Polluted Water:

- Mastitis
- Scours
- Lepto
- IBR, BVD
- Cryptosporidiosis
- Foot Rot
- Parasites



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## Obstacles to Overcome:

- Change
- Fence Maintenance
- Buffer Maintenance
- Loss of Land
- Apathetic Bureaucrats
- Stigma of government intrusion
- Too much paperwork and complicated procedures

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## Upper South River Restoration

1. Break it down into smaller watersheds.
2. Hire personnel to build relationships with the landowners.
3. Long term, positive relationships work.
4. Market your science.

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