

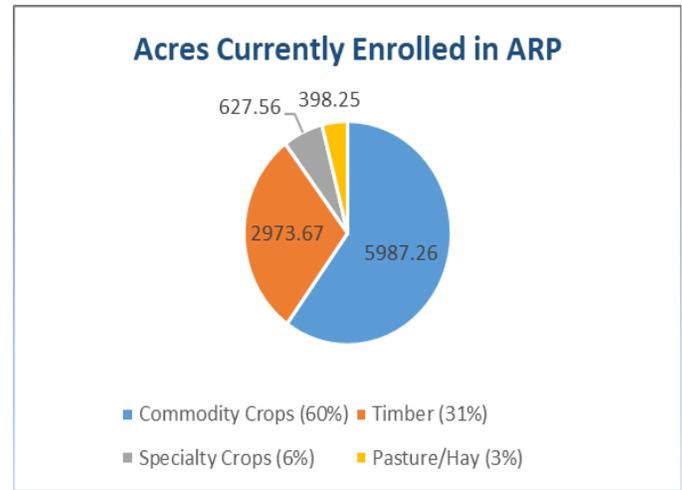
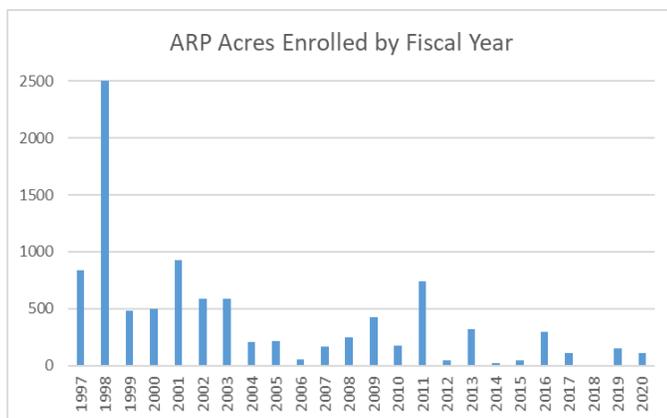
City of Virginia Beach Agricultural Reserve Program

ARP HISTORY:

On May 9, 1995, the City of Virginia Beach became a leader in farmland preservation by being the first locality in the Commonwealth of Virginia to approve a purchase of development rights (PDR) program. City Council enacted the Agricultural Lands Preservation Ordinance and the Virginia Beach Agricultural Reserve Program (ARP) to preserve and protect the agricultural industry and rich rural heritage of southern Virginia Beach. Today, the City's ARP compliment's Governor Northam's goal of protecting 400,000 acres of agriculture and forest land for future generations and preserving the Commonwealth's overall number one industry, agriculture.

ARP REQUIREMENTS:

- A parcel must be greater than 10 acres to be considered for the program.
- Must be zoned AG-1, AG-2 or P-1.
- The parcel must be capable of being subdivided.
- The parcel must be located below the Green Line as delineated by the Comprehensive Plan.
- Must be Class I or Class II soils.



ABOUT ARP:

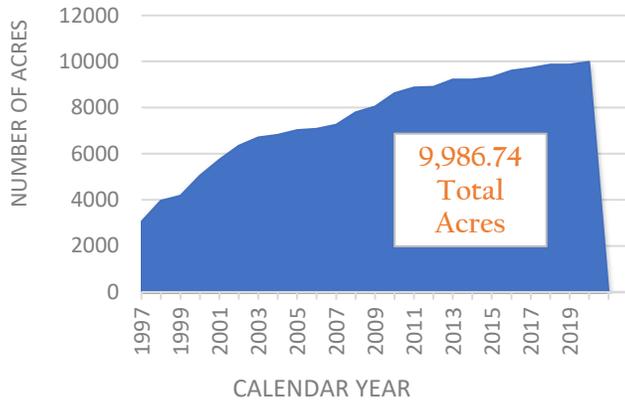
The ARP is a voluntary program that provides landowners a wonderful opportunity to capitalize on the development potential of their farmland without having to sell it. The recorded perpetual deed of easement protects the land for future generations, allowing certain agricultural uses while the landowner retains ownership of the property. The City compensates the landowner for their development rights with an innovative and attractive installment purchase agreement that includes tax free interest payments over 25 years.

IMPACTS:

- To date, we have purchased 876 development rights via 102 easements encompassing 225 parcels across 9,986 acres in southern Virginia Beach.
- Since FY 19, ARP has contributed \$2.39M to stormwater improvements in the Southern Watersheds.
- ARP annually contributes \$990,000 to Southern Watershed Projects.



Agricultural Reserve Program (ARP) Total Acres Enrolled Annually



| Year | Acres Enrolled |
|-----------------------------|----------------|
| 1997 | 835.32 |
| 1998 | 2692.90 |
| 1999 | 480.92 |
| 2000 | 499.46 |
| 2001 | 924.35 |
| 2002 | 585.47 |
| 2003 | 586.72 |
| 2004 | 206.22 |
| 2005 | 213.57 |
| 2006 | 53.81 |
| 2007 | 165.59 |
| 2008 | 246.44 |
| 2009 | 428.07 |
| 2010 | 173.21 |
| 2011 | 739.61 |
| 2012 | 47.21 |
| 2013 | 321.62 |
| 2014 | 23.12 |
| 2015 | 42.26 |
| 2016 | 293.77 |
| 2017 | 112.13 |
| 2018 | 0.00 |
| 2019 | 151.43 |
| 2020 | 113.07 |
| Total Acres Enrolled | 9986.74 |



Program Average: 416.14 acres per year
 5-Year Average (2016-2020): 134.08 acres per year
 10-Year Average (2011-2020): 184.42 acres per year

In the first 10 years.... We averaged 707.87 acres per year vs.
 The last 10 years..... Only 184.42 acres per year