

# Charlottesville Water Conservation

#### MISSION & VISION

The Charlottesville Water Conservation Program educates and provides resources promoting water efficiency and conservation. The program utilizes rebates, incentives, community events, marketing, and other means to reach the Charlottesville community.

#### **GOING REMOTE**

Due to COVID-19, in-person events were cancelled. The program focused on remote outreach and engagement during this time.

- Increased marketing & advertising
- Redesigned and updated the Water Conservation Program's website

## IMAGINE A DAY WITHOUT WATER

Campaign asked kids to artistically convey "What Water Means to Me".

- Joint campaign with RWSA & ACSA
- 120 art submissions
- 870 online votes helped select the Fan Favorite winner

## ENERGY & WATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

This program continued to look to reduce energy and water usage throughout all City and Charlottesville City Schools facilities.

- Management of water for +70 facilities
- Quarterly educational materials and messaging was developed for students



2020 Highlights

35

Rain barrel rebates issued

130

WaterSense toilet rebates issued

121

Million gallons of water saved annually from the toilet rebates issued in 2020

150

WaterSense showerheads given out







### 2020 WATERSENSE SUSTAINED EXCELLENCE AWARD

The City of Charlottesville received its 6th consecutive EPA WaterSense Award, and Charlottesville was honored with a Sustained Excellence Award, WaterSense's highest honor, in October 2020 for water conservation efforts in 2019.

#### **2020 BY THE NUMBERS**

24 new Facebook page likes.116 new Twitter followers.133 new Instagram followers.

Over **4,800** total social media engagements. Over **209,000** total social media impressions.

Over **606,000** total impressions from paid online advertising content. Over **5,500** page views on the City's Water Conservation webpage in 2020. **49**% reduction in water consumption across all City and CCS facilities in 1 year due to reduced operations and occupancy impacted by COVID-19. **66.8** million gallons of water saved from the toilet rebate program since the

program started in 2002.

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