

## News Release

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### Contractor Appreciation Program Recognizes First Project in 2020

**(Roanoke County, VA - June 10, 2020)** In the midst of the worldwide Covid-19 pandemic, good work has not gone unnoticed in Roanoke County, as the Department of Development Services has announced that the First Team Volkswagen project, located at 6614 Peters Creek Road, is the first recipient in 2020 of the prestigious Stormwater Clean Award.

First Team Volkswagen and its grading contractor, Jeff Holt of Holt, Inc., have taken the land-disturbing activities seriously on this project by properly installing and maintaining the required erosion and sediment controls and stormwater management measures shown on the approved plan. The project has remained in compliance throughout the construction process, which has helped to minimize the amount of sediment-laden stormwater runoff leaving the site, thereby reducing impacts to downstream receiving waterways.

Land development in Roanoke County presents difficult challenges in the management of stormwater runoff due to the very steep slopes and highly erodible soils in the region. Because of these challenges, Roanoke County implements the Contractor Appreciation Program to recognize land-disturbing contractors who conduct exemplary work within the County to protect its natural water resources.

Roanoke County inspectors submit candidate projects to a selection committee that meets monthly to evaluate the projects for recognition. Selected projects display a Stormwater Clean Award banner at the project site until the work is complete and such projects are recognized in the department's newsletter, on the County's website, and on social media.



*Stephen Lowe of First Team Volkswagen accepts Roanoke County's Stormwater Clean Award for the firm's work on its new Volkswagen Sales and Service Center. Roanoke County's Stormwater Program Manager, Cindy Linkenhoker, and Parker Design Group's Stormwater Inspector, Melissa Lanzara, presented the banner.*