WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, Congressman Rob Wittman praised the Nature Conservancy for placing 13,350 acres of land in Dragon Run Swamp on the Middle Peninsula in the largest conservation easement in Virginia history. This acquisition adds to existing protected land at Dragon Run, which now totals in excess of 20,000 acres.

"Dragon Run is one of the most ecologically important areas in the Chesapeake Bay region. This conservation easement, acquired entirely through private funds, ensures that it will continue to play that role for generations to come", said Wittman.

Wittman commented that, "The Commonwealth and our Nation alike have been blessed with rich resources that ought to be preserved. This is a cause which transcends party lines and I am pleased to congratulate the Nature Conservancy and all of those who worked so hard to see this major accomplishment through."

Congressman Rob Wittman represents the First District of Virginia. He was elected to his first full term in November 2008 and serves on the Natural Resources Committee and the Armed Services Committee where he is the Ranking Member of the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee.