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In The News

Virginia Green Recognizing Local Brewery (CBS19 News)



VirginiaGreenTravel.org

RICHMOND, Va. (CBS19 NEWS) -- A local brewery has been named the 2017 Green Brewery of the Year by the Virginia Green program.

According to a release, the Virginia Green Travel Star Awards will be presented to 19 tourism operations across the Commonwealth on March 2 at the Virginia Green Travel Conference and Travel Star Awards Celebration.

Another 16 tourism businesses will also be recognized for their efforts to protect the environment and promote green tourism.

The conference will feature educational workshops, speakers and panels, and a green tourism business expo.

Wild Wdf Brewing Company in Nellysford has been selected as the Green Brewery of the Year. Other award winners include Khamaira Farm in Luray, Oak Grove Plantation B&B in South Boston, Full Circle Catering in Lexington, Lansdowne Resort and Spa in Leesburg, the Virginia Beach Convention Center, Venture Richmond and Sportsbackers, Hostelling International Richmond, Hilton Richmond Downtown, Cary Street cafe in Richmond, Fairfield Kingsgate Property in Williamsburg, Vastly in Richmond, Sandswept in Virginia Beach, Williamsburg Winery, the Virginia Aquarium and Marine Science Center, the Virginia Living Museum in Newport News, Virginia State Parks, Clean Virginia Waterways of Longwood, and Keep Virginia Beautiful.

Chesapeake Stormwater Network News
(Northern Virginia SWCD)



From time to time, the Chesapeake Stormwater Network, led by Tom Schueler of Center for Watershed Protection fame, puts out an interesting e-newsletter and hosts a variety of webinars. For the most recent one which includes fact sheets that describe some of the challenges urban and developing watersheds face that could easily be translated into PowerPoint slides, click [here](#).

Upcoming Events

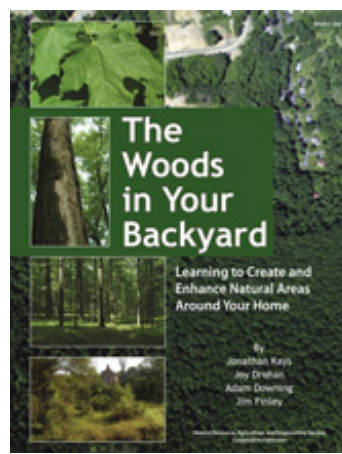
2018 Natural Connections Educators Conference (March 14-16, 2018)



This three-day collaborative conference provides valuable professional development opportunities for PreK-6th grade educators, administrators, and pre-service teachers. Join your colleagues for inspiring opportunities to make natural connections using interdisciplinary teaching approaches. Presenters model ways to blend science, social studies, language arts, and math standards for authentic learning experiences.

Session descriptions and registration: www.lewisginter.org.

Woods in Your Backyard Workshop: Hanover County (March 24, 2018)



Small lots are a big deal. The vast majority of landowners in Virginia own less than 10 acres. By enhancing wooded areas or creating natural areas on your lot, you can enjoy recreation, aesthetics, wildlife and improved water quality and the air you breathe. Owners of even just a few acres can make a positive difference in their environment through planning and implementing simple stewardship practices learned at this workshop.

This workshop is held by the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay and the Forests for the Bay program, in partnership with the Virginia Department of Forestry and Hanover-Cardinal Soil and Water Conservation District.

March 24, 2018, 8:30am-4:00pm
Room 401, Smyth Hall
Virginia Public Safety Training Center
7093 Broad Neck Road
Hanover, VA

Registration is required for this workshop. Click this link to register: <https://allianceforthebay.wufoo.com/forms/z1z01dvl0ybrurd/>. Registration is \$20/individual and \$10 for each additional person registered. Lunch will be provided. Each registrant will also receive a *Woods in Your Backyard* resource guide.

If you have any questions, please contact Jenny McGarvey at (804) 977-1657 or jmcgarvey@allianceforthebay.org.

VWEA Stormwater Committee Presents: The Changing World of Stormwater

(April 26, 2018)



Join us on April 26, 2018 at the Westin Hotel in Richmond for our Annual Spring Seminar as we discuss the impacts of more frequent, intense storm events and sea level rise on resiliency planning efforts across the nation and here at home in Virginia. The speakers will provide a national, regional and local perspective on this timely issue.

For more information and how to register, click [here](#).

James River Association Treathon

(May 19, 2018)



The James River Association, in partnership with the Robert E Lee and Thomas Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation Districts, will be planting 3,000 trees at farms along various tributaries of the James River this spring as part of the [James River Tree-athlon](#)! If you love our River, join us to protect the James by volunteering to help plant the native tree seedlings.

The plantings are at various properties within Albemarle, Amherst, and Nelson Counties. As a thank you to our volunteers, on May 19, 2018 we will host a James River Tree-Athlon Thank You Event at [James River Adventures](#) in Lynchburg. This fun day on the river will include lunch and a 6 mile paddle trip or 3 mile tubing trip. Each volunteer that participates in a tree planting day during James River Tree-Athlon will receive one voucher for a free river trip to be used at the event or at a later date.

Volunteer Opportunity

(Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay)



Are you interested in learning more about your local stream? The Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay needs volunteers to collect important data on streams in Virginia. Through the River Trends program we will provide training and supplies. All you have to do is commit to attending a training and monitoring a site once a month.

You'll be analyzing water to collect data on core parameters such as dissolved oxygen, temperature, pH, water clarity and bacteria. All of these tests will be performed in the field using kits and equipment provided to you.

Next training date TBD. For more information, contact Amy Hagerdon at 804-793-8786 or ahagerdon@allianceforthebay.org.

Volunteer Opportunity

(Henricopolis Soil & Water Conservation District)



Learn how you can restore and protect Henrico's waters by collecting samples and carrying out scientific tests once a month. Join our Henrico Area Water Quality Samplers (HAWQS) Team on March 3, 2018 at Libbie Mill Library Conference Room from 9:15am. to 12pm. Registration is required. Equipment and supplies are provided, Monitoring is open to all ages. Contact Stacey at 804-501-5289 or hawqs001@henrico.us for more information.

Click [here](#) to register online.

Grant Opportunities

Chesapeake Bay Watershed Education and Training Program

(National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration)



[B-WET](#) supports programs that provide hands-on environmental education about issues affecting the Chesapeake Bay watershed for students and related professional development for educators who serve formal K-12 audiences. FY18 grants will expand into school districts that have never received funding for systemic programs. Application deadline: March 9, 2018. More information is available at <https://chesapeakebay.noaa.gov/education/education>. To view the full federal funding opportunity, see <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?opId=299665>.

Virginia Conservation Assistance Program

(Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts)



This program provides incentive payments for several Best Management Practices such as rain gardens, cisterns, green roofs, and conservation landscaping. This program is now available to the entire Chesapeake Bay watershed.

See <http://vaswcd.org/vcap> for an overview or contact VCAP Coordinator Kevin Mclean at kevin.mclean@vaswcd.org for more information.

Job Opportunities

Virginia Director
(Chesapeake Bay Commission)



This position is based in Richmond, VA. For more information and to apply:
<http://www.chesbay.us/Assets/Job%20Descriptions/CBC%20VA%20Dir%20Job%20description%202018.pdf>. Closing date: February 28, 2018.

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