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In the News

Chesapeake Bay funding preserved in both state Senate and House budgets

(Daily Press)



Before the pandemic hit state revenues, Gov. Ralph Northam called for multi-million-dollar increases in clean water projects to help the Chesapeake Bay. But even as the General Assembly cut other spending, those bay plans remain on the books.

When he called the legislature into special session in August, seeking to revise the state's two year spending plan to account for lower revenue due to COVID-19, Northam asked that the spending increases he proposed late last year to protect the bay remain in place.

To read the full article by Dave Ress, click [here](#).

Washed Away

(Henrico Citizen)



Sylvia Wright, a fifth-generation county resident, lives on the Lakeview Farms land off Hungary Road in western Henrico that has been in her family for more than 180 years.

"A grandfather homesteaded the area in 1838," Wright recently told the Citizen. "Four of five of my children reside in the community with me, including their children - they are the seventh generation."

Since the 1980s, more than 200 acres of land have been developed surrounding the site, which contains a water retention pond known as the Hoehns Creek Reservoir. One of the byproducts of increased economic development was that the potential for more stormwater runoff increased in the area.

To read the full article by Dave Crocker, click [here](#).

Upcoming Events

River Hero Home Month

(James River Association)



River Heroes pledge to follow at least three of five actions to help reduce stormwater runoff from their property. Members will learn about upcoming rain barrel workshops and have presale access for the opportunity to purchase a rain barrel. More information is available at Richmond Public Libraries during October and at <https://thejamesriver.org/2020-river-hero-home-month/>. Organized by the James River Association.

James Buffer Summitt

(Upper and Middle James Riparian Consortium)



Upper & Middle James Riparian Consortium

The Summit is Oct. 15, 2020 -- 9:00 am - 2:00 pm (with breaks).
The registration [here](#). This [flyer](#) includes more information about the presentations and panels.

CBF Virtual VoiCes Class

(Chesapeake Bay Foundation)



CHESAPEAKE BAY FOUNDATION

Saving a National Treasure

Registration is now open for a clean water stewardship course offered online by the Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) for residents of Virginia, Maryland, and Pennsylvania. The annual course provides in-depth online sessions on environmental issues, preparing participants to advocate for clean water in local waterways.

VoiCeS (Volunteers as Chesapeake Stewards) classes will be held on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., from October 6 through November 17, except for Nov. 3. The sessions feature speakers from CBF and other regional organizations.

Course topics include:

- * Causes and solutions for pollution to your local waters and the Chesapeake Bay;
- * Local geography and ecology;
- * Environmental justice;
- * Local river and Chesapeake Bay science and fisheries;
- * Urban and rural pollution issues, and;
- * How you can play an important role in restoring your local rivers and the Chesapeake Bay.

The course will include one to two hours of pre-recorded videos to watch at any point in the week. The weekly live online classes will provide an overview of key topics and Q&A with expert speakers. A field trip will be held for each region at a later date when we can safely gather.

Following the course, participants are encouraged to perform a minimum 20 hours of clean water volunteer service. Successful graduates receive CBF's designation as a "Chesapeake Steward." Space is limited, registration is available on a first come first served basis online using the links below:

[Virginia](#)

[Maryland](#)
[Pennsylvania](#)

A \$25 fee per household will cover the costs of materials. Given the financial challenges many people are facing this year, a limited number of spaces are available for those who cannot pay the registration fee at this time. For more information, contact Gabby Troutman at gtroutman@cbf.org

Project Learning Tree to Offer Fall Workshops
(Virginia Department of Forestry)



Due to a generous grant from the Virginia Forestry Educational Foundation, Virginia Project Learning Tree is able to offer these blended online workshops this Fall. Click [here](#) to see the offerings and how to register.

Connect with the James - Various dates in August-October 2020
(James River Association)



The James River Association is offering guided paddle sessions and other river events in Richmond, Hopewell and James City County.. For more information and to register for an event, visit <https://thejamesriver.org/whats-happening/connect-with-the-james/>. Offered through the James River Association (JRA).

Job Opportunities

Stormwater Plan Reviewer
(Department of Environmental Quality)



Full details and application instructions may be accessed at the following link: <https://virginiajobs.peopleadmin.com/postings/199963>.

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