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In the News

Conditions in James River lead to proposal for new chlorophyll levels (*Bay Journal*)

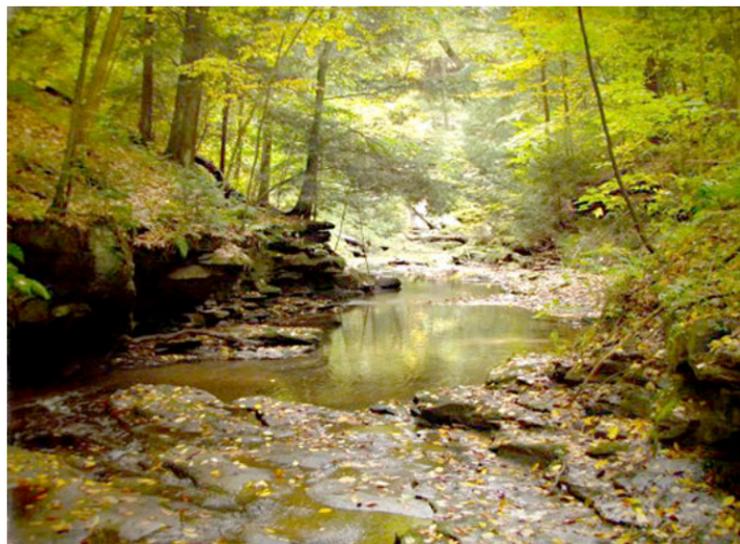


The James River poses one of the most perplexing cleanup challenges in the Chesapeake Bay watershed, according to researchers who have attempted to unravel its mysteries.

Its tidal waters range from nearly as salty as any ocean to as fresh as any inland lake. Its many twists and turns slow downstream flow to a crawl, providing a potential breeding ground for harmful algae blooms. And its shallowness only ensures that those blooms are never far from the sunlight they need to explode.

To read the full article by Jeremy Cox, click [here](#).

Henrico receives \$2.5 million for stormwater enhancements (*Henrico Citizen*)



Henrico County will receive \$2.5 million from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality to use toward the completion of five stormwater restoration projects. In total, the DEQ awarded \$20 million for such projects to 15 state localities. The money came from the Stormwater Local Assistance Fund, which provides matching grants to localities for improvement projects that implement cost-effective best management practices. The 24 projects to receive funding from the state this year will reduce water pollution.

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

Availability Of And Public Comment On Virginia's Draft Phase III Chesapeake Bay Watershed Implementation Plan (*VA Department of Environmental Quality*)



Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), announces the release of Virginia's Draft Phase III Watershed Implementation Plan for meeting the Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (the Draft Phase III WIP) for public review and comment.

The comment period is now open and will end June 7, 2019. The draft can be found on [DEQ's Phase III WIP website](#).

Written Comments:

Written comments on the Draft Phase III WIP can be submitted by any of the three methods listed below. Please include the name and mailing address (or e-mail address) of the commenter.

1. E-mail: chesbayplan@DEQ.Virginia.gov
2. Postal mail: DEQ, ATTN: Chesbayplan, P.O. Box 1105, Richmond, VA 23218
3. Hand-delivery: DEQ, ATTN: Chesbayplan, 1111 East Main Street, Richmond, VA 23219 (Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., except on state holidays and any other days on which state offices in the Richmond area are closed)

WIP WEBINAR:

A webinar will be held on May 13, 2019, at 9 a.m., and repeated at 6 p.m., to share information about the Draft Phase III WIP. The webinar will provide an overview of the plan and provide information about the comment submittal process. During the webinar, the public is invited to ask questions, which will be answered in the order they are received as time allows. All questions will be compiled and addressed in a Frequently Asked Questions document that will be available with the final WIP. The webinar will be recorded and available for future viewing on DEQ's Phase III WIP website.

To register for the 9 a.m. webinar on May 13, visit <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1461104016153487873> (if the link does not open, please copy and paste the link into your browser).

To register for the 6 p.m. webinar on May 13, visit <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1788373652161109249> (if the link does not open, please copy and paste the link into your browser).

Upcoming Events

31st Annual Clean the Bay Day (Chesapeake Bay Foundation)



The 31st annual Clean the Bay Day is happening on June 1, 2019 from 9am-12pm. Clean-up events are happening all around the state. This short, three-hour annual event has a massive cumulative impact. Since 1989, Clean the Bay Day has engaged over 158,200 volunteers, who have removed approximately 6.64 million pounds of debris from nearly 7,750 miles of shoreline in Virginia!

Use the link below to find out more about the event, clean-up locations, participation sign-up, and volunteer opportunities:

<https://www.cbf.org/events/clean-the-bay-day/>

2019 Chesapeake Watershed Forum-Request for Proposals (Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay)



The 2019 Chesapeake Watershed Forum Planning Committee is now accepting session and field experience proposals!

The Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay's 14th Annual Forum will be held November 15 - 17, 2019 in Shepherdstown, WV, and will reach over 400 restoration and protection practitioners to inspire and empower local action towards a healthier Chesapeake Bay watershed.

Our theme, "Better Together: Diverse and Innovative Collaborations for the Chesapeake Watershed," intends to highlight collaborative models from the Chesapeake Bay watershed that accelerate the protection and restoration of its lands and waters.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 11:59 PM on Friday, May 24, 2019

Submit here: <https://www.allianceforthebay.org/our-work/key-program-focuses/networking-education/chesapeake-watershed-forum/>

Well Water Testing

(Virginia Cooperative Extension-Henrico)



What's in YOUR water? Did you know that private water supplies like wells and springs are unregulated? It is the responsibility of the homeowner to regularly test water quality, maintain the water system, and address any problems. Affordable, confidential water testing and education will be offered through the Virginia Cooperative Extension offices in Henrico County. Participation is voluntary and confidential.

Water samples collected by participating homeowners will be analyzed for 14 parameters, including bacteria, metals, nitrate and hardness at a cost of \$60. Results and water system care and maintenance information will be shared at an information meeting. All information is kept strictly confidential and results are reported only to the homeowner. See program flyer (<https://blogs.ext.vt.edu/henricohort/files/2019/03/2019WellWaterTestingClinic.pdf>) for dates and locations and registration information!

For more information about the Virginia Household Water Quality Program, as well as many resources relevant to private water systems, please visit www.wellwater.bse.vt.edu.

Job Opportunities

Part-Time RiverTrends Program Assistant (Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay)



The Alliance is seeking an enthusiastic person with knowledge of basic chemical and physical water quality monitoring and volunteer management to coordinate the RiverTrends program. The position will work with and manage the network of volunteers that collect monitoring data throughout Virginia to ensure the quality of data collected.

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

Water Resources Engineer (Ecosystem Services)



Ecosystem Services is seeking a full-time Water Resources Engineer for our Charlottesville, VA office. This position has an anticipated start date of June 1, 2019.

For information visit the Ecosystems website at: <https://ecosystems-services.us/immediate-opening-for-a-water-resources-engineer/>

Interested candidates should send a cover letter and résumé via e-mail to our Business Administrator, Jackson Simmons at jackson@ecosystems-services.us. No phone calls, please. Qualified candidates will be contacted to schedule a phone or in-person interview.

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