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## Weekly Watershed Announcements August 16, 2019

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Thank you for your continued support of the Middle James Roundtable (MJRT)!

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### In the News

#### Watershed Moment: How Chesapeake Bay turned its H2O around

*(Christian Science Monitor)*



Sometimes progress comes drip by drip. That's true in the Chesapeake Bay, where decades of dedication to reducing pollution has helped turn the tide.

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

#### Warm Weather and Heavy Rain Make for Bay Dead Zone

*(Delmarva Public Radio)*



The warm weather and a good deal of rain could be bad news for the Chesapeake Bay with the prospect of a 2 cubic miles dead zone.

WBOC reports that the Maryland Department of Natural Resources confirmed that they found a two mile zone that was significantly worse than in previous years.

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

### Upcoming Events

#### American River Restoration Chickahominy River Clean Up

*(August 17, 2019)*



Non-profit American River Restoration is looking for 20 strong, able bodied volunteers who are comfortable in water for a Chickahominy River clean up event. If you are passionate about eliminating plastic pollution, you have a kayak, or you know your way around a river, we would love to hear from you. Call 804-441-5257 or email [hprendergast@arva.org](mailto:hprendergast@arva.org) for more information.

Date: August 17th

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**Richmond CBLP Level 1 Training**  
(September 10-11, 2019)



The Chesapeake Bay Landscape Professional (CBLP) Certification is a voluntary, regional credential for professionals who design, install, and maintain sustainable landscapes and green infrastructure practices in the Bay watershed. We now have over 400 Level 1 certified CBLPs in our network within the Chesapeake Bay Region, with approximately 160 in Virginia. Level 1 is our baseline credential emphasizing proper management of green infrastructure practices; while Level 2 is design and installation credential focused on advanced green infrastructure concepts and practices. Candidates can attend trainings and take exams anywhere they are offered. Level 1 CBLPs with green infrastructure experience are qualified to apply for Level 2 certification.

Level 1 consists of one two-day class that combines classroom learning about conservation landscaping (native plants, natural communities, habitat, soils, Invasives management) and stormwater BMPs, with a field-based maintenance practicum. The class also covers BMP inspection and verification protocols. Level 1 candidates are required to study independently and pass a written examination at a later date.

Who should get certified? Level 1 candidates must have a degree, certificate, or certification in a related green infrastructure field, or have professional experience. Attending a CBLP Level 1 training provides continuing education and professional development for several existing certifications including: certified horticulturalists, arborists, urban nutrient managers, DEQ SWM and ESC inspectors/planners, certified designers (APLD, VSLD).

We offer discounts to organizations that host trainings or send 3 or more staff to a training. For more information, visit <http://cblpro.org> or contact: Beth Ginter, CBLP Coordinator, [beth@cblpro.org](mailto:beth@cblpro.org).

Visit <http://cblpro.org/get-certified/> for information, and to apply for certification.

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**James River Regional Cleanup**  
(September 14, 2019)



Join the James River Advisory Council as we come together as a community to clean up the James River watershed.

THE 20TH ANNUAL JAMES RIVER REGIONAL CLEANUP WILL BE SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14.

Each year, hundreds of volunteers make the cleanup a success. They collect hundreds of bags of trash and recyclable materials. We invite you to be a part of this tremendous regional effort!

Registration is easy. Select from a list of official James River Regional Cleanup sites, complete the online registration and show up Saturday, September 14. Sign-in will begin at 8:30 a.m., and refreshments will be provided between noon and 1 p.m.

This annual event is open to individuals, families, groups, boaters and paddlers! Bring water and gloves and wear closed-toe shoes. For information and to register, visit [JRAC-VA.ORG](http://JRAC-VA.ORG).

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**Save the Date: Middle James Roundtable Annual Meeting**  
(October 17, 2019)



The Middle James Roundtable Annual Meeting is scheduled for October 17, 2019 at Victory Hall in Scottsville, VA from 12pm-4pm. This year's theme will be

**"Restore. Explore. Reconnect.  
The River is Closer Than You Think"**

More information will be coming soon. Registrations will open on September 1.

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**Save the Date: Virginia Association for Environmental Education Annual Conference**

(February 26-28, 2020)



This year's conference theme "EE for EverybodEE" is a celebration and call to action to make environmental education accessible to everyone in the Commonwealth. Featuring workshops, networking, field trips and a day and a half of concurrent session VAAEE 2020 promises to be our most exciting conference yet!

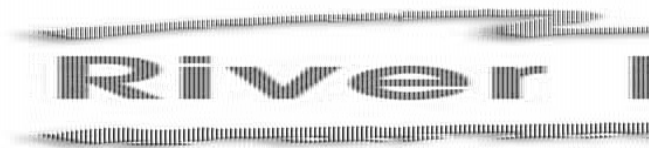
The 2020 Virginia Environmental Education Conference will be held at the Florence Elston Inn & Conference Center at Sweet Briar College in Amherst, Virginia from Wednesday, February 26th to Friday, February 28th.

For more information, go to <https://vaeewildapricot.org/VAEE2020/>.

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### River Management Training Symposium

(May 12-15, 2020)



Presented by The River Management Society in partnership with Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation and Virginia Commonwealth University Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Virginia's Scenic Rivers Program.

The Virginia Commonwealth University River Studies and Leadership Certificate program is proud to be co-hosting with the River Management Society and Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation the [biennial RMS training symposium](#) against the backdrop of the 50th anniversary of Virginia's Scenic Rivers Program. Join your colleagues in river management training, best practice presentations, posters, information-packed field workshops and fascinating evening programs. The meeting will be held at the VCU Monroe campus. We invite you to submit your 2020 River Management Training Symposium: From Mountain Creeks to Metro Canals abstract by COB Monday, September 9, 2019. We welcome presentations and panels from river management professionals (e.g., managers, planners, academics, consultants, or students) that show how you, your organization, and/or

the profession are protecting or enhancing river values. Come help us learn about innovations, creative approaches, successes, and visions for the future of sustainable river management!

Our objectives for this symposium are to:

1. Share current and cutting-edge research in the disciplines of river ecology, watershed science, recreation planning.
2. Connect river managers across geographic regions.
3. Spark interdisciplinary conversations.
4. Provide opportunities for attendees to sharpen skills, share accomplishments, investigate questions and build new alliances

We are seeking proposals that fit within one or more of these program broad thematic areas: 1. Mountain and Rural Rivers (Management Issues and Science): Applied research and management practice in applying ecological, biological, geomorphologic or social frameworks to river management especially in headwater areas. 2. Urban Rivers (Urban Renewal, Infrastructure, Issues and Economics): How rivers contribute to a community's identity and economic well-being. 3. Management Technology Tools: New technologies and how they are being used in transforming river management. 4. Policy and Practice (State and Federal River Management Legislation, Policies and Systems): The next river protection initiative - will it come from cities or states? Emerging policy or legislation that impacts how rivers are managed. 5. Partnerships and Community Building: Initiatives and successful models that join river management agencies, scientists, universities, advocacy groups and/or communities to support river projects and protection. 6. Water and River Corridor Trails: The relationship of trails to river management, resource protection, recreational use, and public support.

Call for Presentations

Propose a training workshop or presentation as a solo presenter or group or poster [HERE](#).

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### Virginia Environmental Assembly

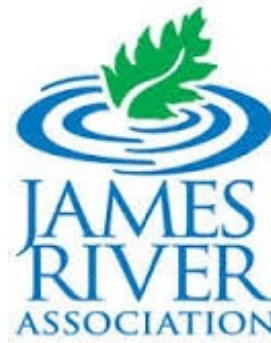
(October 12, 2019)



Presenting "Our Common Agenda - the 2020 Environmental Briefing Book" - Available at <http://www.vcnva.org/our-common-agenda/>

-- Showcases the environmental community's collective state-level policy priorities in the coming year. Printed copies of the book will be available in October. Registration information coming soon. Organized by Virginia Conservation Network (VCN).

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To learn more about these events and others, see <https://thejamesriver.org/> ("Upcoming Events" at the bottom of the page.) Organized by the James River Association.

- ++ James River Jubilee -- August 25, 2019 - Richmond, VA
- ++ Invasive Species Removal -- August 26, 2019 -- Chapel Island, Richmond, VA
- ++ James River Rx: Connect to Nature -- August 28, 2019 -- Chapel Island, Richmond, VA
- ++ Explore Turkey Island Creek -- September 7, 2019 - Richmond, VA
- ++ James River Regional Cleanup -- September 14, 2019 -- Lynchburg, Richmond, VA
- ++ Films on the Canal Walk -- September 18, 2019 - Richmond, VA
- ++ The Great Return of the Atlantic Sturgeon Canoe Paddle -- September 19, 2019 - Richmond, VA
- ++ The Great Return of the Atlantic Sturgeon Boat Tour -- September 20, 2019 - Richmond, VA
- ++ Stone's Throw Down -- September 21, 2019 - Richmond, VA

## Job Opportunities

### River Steward and Program Coordinator

*(The Rivanna Conservation Alliance)*



The Rivanna Conservation Alliance is seeking a part-time staff member to serve as a Rivanna River Steward and Program Coordinator. This position averages 20 hours per week and requires some day-to-day flexibility and occasional weekend availability. Pay starts at \$20/hour, depending on experience.

For more information, click [here](#) or visit <https://www.rivannariver.org/employment/>.

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### Natural Resources Manager

*(Albemarle County Community Development Department)*



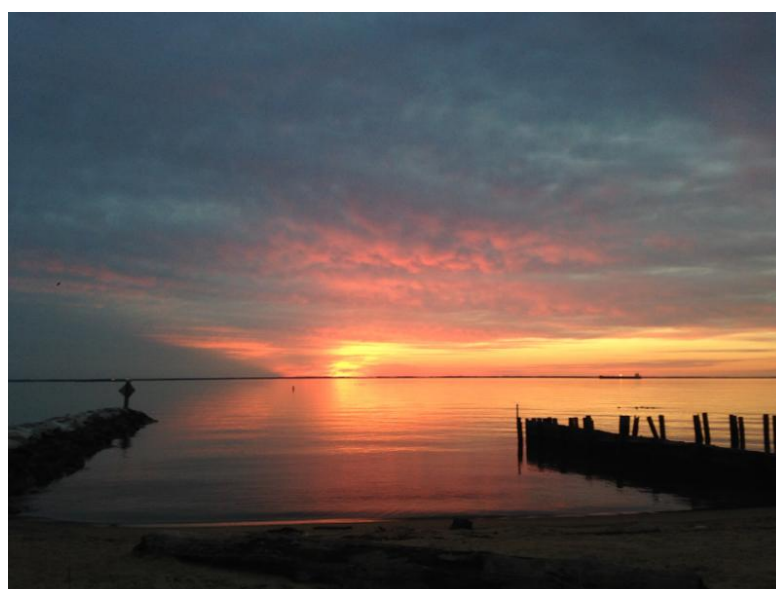
The Albemarle County Community Development Department is actively recruiting a Natural Resources Manager to join our team! The Natural Resources Manager performs difficult professional work developing, coordinating and administering natural resource protection, conservation and monitoring programs.

For more information and to apply:  
<https://albemarleva.tedk12.com/hire/ViewJob.aspx?JobID=4136>  
Deadline to apply is August 22, 2019

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### Program Coordinator

*(Sustainable Chesapeake)*



Sustainable Chesapeake is hiring a Program Coordinator to support our work to build organizational and collaborative operations and programs to restore the Chesapeake Bay watershed. The position will provide support for regional

partnerships, contract implementation, government grant administration, and executive-level assistance to the Executive Director and Board on business management, fundraising, communications, and administration. Interested applicants can learn more about the position and apply online at <https://susches.org/jobs/>. Deadline to apply is September 2, 2019.

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