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In The News

Watershed State, EPA Call for More Technical Assistance to Region's Farmers

(Chesapeake Bay Magazine)



The Bay's six watershed states and Washington, D.C., the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Chesapeake Bay Commission all signed a new directive to ask for more technical assistance to farmers in the watershed.

The governors of Maryland, Virginia, and Delaware, acting EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler, and representatives from Pennsylvania, New York, Washington, D.C., and the Chesapeake Bay Commission, all met at Baltimore's Fells Point waterfront Tuesday for the annual Chesapeake Executive Council meeting.

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

Oops! Recycling Needs Your Help!

(Central Virginia Waste Management Authority)



Recycling containers are for [accepted recycling items](#), only. CVWMA's recycling vendors will no longer pick up unwanted items like plastic bags and other non-recyclables, including food contaminated containers, Styrofoam, batteries, hoses, etc. If you find an "Oops!" tag on your bin or cart and your recycling was not collected, then you may have included items that we do not accept. Unaccepted items are landfilled. <http://cvwma.com/programs/curbside-recycling/what-to-recycle/>.

Bon Air Elementary School Gets Rain Garden Sign

(Middle James Roundtable)

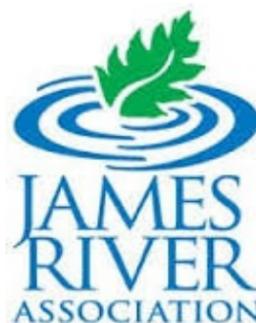


Bon Air Elementary School in Chesterfield County recently received an educational rain garden sign from the Middle James Roundtable. The Roundtable does conservation projects throughout the Middle James River Watershed as the result of a grant from the Department of Environmental Quality. To find out more, contact Betty McCracken at betty.mccracken@vasw.cd.org.

Upcoming Events

Upcoming James River Association Events

(Various dates in August)



- ++ August 15, 2018 -- Hike & Paddle Richmond's Riverfront - Richmond, VA
- ++ August 16, 2018 -- Explore Hopewell's Riverfront - Hopewell, VA
- ++ August 16, 2018 -- Explore Turkey Island Creek - Henrico, VA
- ++ August 27, 2018 -- Invasive Species Removal - Richmond, VA

To learn more, see <https://jrava.org>.

2018 Virginia Environmental Assembly

(September 7-8, 2018)



We are excited to announce that registration for the 2018 Virginia Environmental Assembly is now open! Bringing together conservation leaders from across Virginia, the Environmental Assembly provides a forum for discussion on key environmental issues facing the Commonwealth. Each year, this conference is hosted in a different region of the state to highlight Virginia's distinct natural resources. We're excited to partner this year with William & Mary Sustainability to host the event in Williamsburg.

The weekend will feature the work of local organizations - including Preservation Virginia, James River Association, and Chesapeake Bay Foundation - to protect the historic and scenic value of the region, especially as we approach Phase III of the Chesapeake Bay Cleanup Plan. Topics to be covered include sea level rise, environmental justice, pipelines, Chesapeake Bay cleanup, and more!

Virginia Environmental Assembly

William & Mary School of Education | Williamsburg, VA
Friday, September 7 - Saturday, September 8
Tickets \$40 (price includes field trips) | [Register today!](#)
Questions? Contact admin@vcnva.org

VMI 2018 STEM Education Conference

(October 2-3, 2018)



Attendee registration and presentation proposals are now open for the 7th Annual 2018 VMI STEM Conference. For Attendee Registration, click [here](#). For Presentation Proposals, click [here](#).

2018 Chesapeake Watershed Forum

(November 2-4, 2018)

The Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay's 13th Annual Chesapeake Watershed Forum (held November 2-4, 2018 in Shepherdstown, WV) is a watershed-wide event reaching over 400 restoration and protection practitioners annual to inspire and empower local action towards clean water.

We do this by sharing successful tools and techniques, building the capacity of local organizations and governments, building partnerships, educating new initiatives, networking amongst each other, and celebrating our successes.

This year's theme, "Connecting Our Communities: Celebrating Diverse and Innovative Partnerships" was chosen so that we may celebrate the many diverse partnerships that have proven successful in the restoration and protection of the Chesapeake Bay and its watershed. We are especially interested in engaging, interactive learning sessions that highlight innovative partnerships, leading to success. Each track will incorporate one or more sessions that demonstrate partnering success.

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

Teachers on the Estuary (TOTE) (Various dates and locations)



This research and field-based training program aims to improve teachers' understanding of the environment using local research. The program also promotes the stewardship of watersheds and estuaries. TOTE workshops are a minimum of 15 contact hours, giving teachers the opportunity to: Explore coastal habitats and conduct field investigations; Interact with local scientists and experienced coastal educators; Integrate local and national monitoring data into the classroom; and Learn hands-on field activities highlighting the Estuaries 101 curriculum. Hosted by the National Estuarine Research Reserve System.

For more information, including dates, see <https://coast.noaa.gov/estuaries/teachers-on-the-estuary/>.

Job Opportunities

Nonpoint Source Nutrient Trading Coordinator (Department of Environmental Quality)



Richmond, VA. Closing date August 17, 2018. For information and to apply visit:

<http://www.deq.virginia.gov/AboutUs/Employment/DEQJobs.aspx>

Grant Opportunities

Mini Environmental Education Grant (Chesapeake Bay Trust)



Funds are available to schools, organizations, and agencies to support educating students about their local environment and how they can become stewards and have an impact in their community. The program funds up to \$5,000 for Meaningful Watershed Educational Experience (MWEE) projects. Funds can cover field trips, fieldwork, transportation, substitute fees, supplies for student projects, etc. Deadline is August 2, 2018 and January 10, 2019. For more information, see <https://cbtrust.org/grants/environmental-education-mini/>.

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 in all soil and water district localities in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed.

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

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