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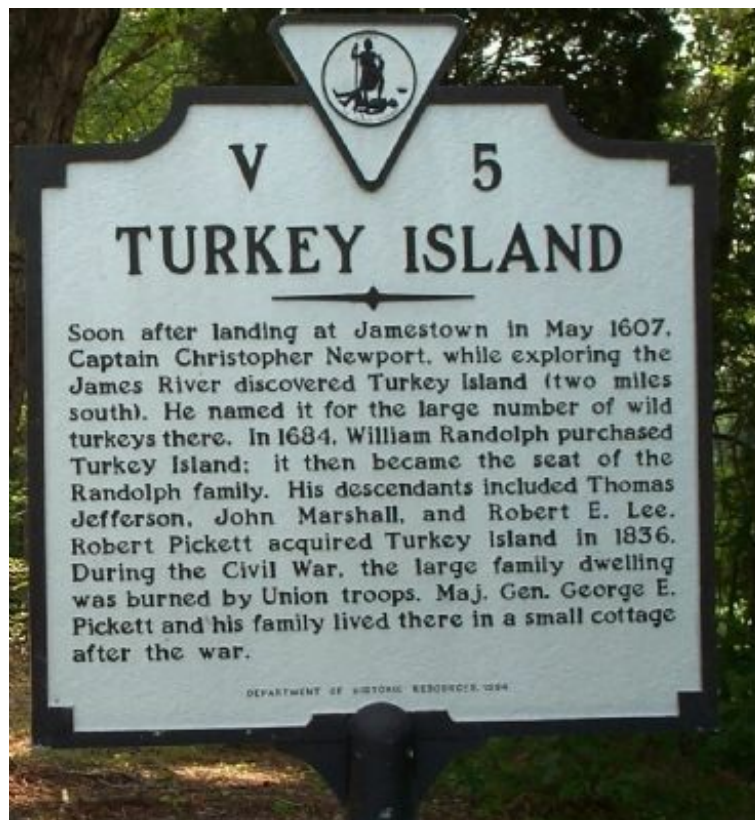
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### In The News

#### Conservation groups protect 24 acres of Henrico's Turkey Island Creek

*(Henrico Citizen)*



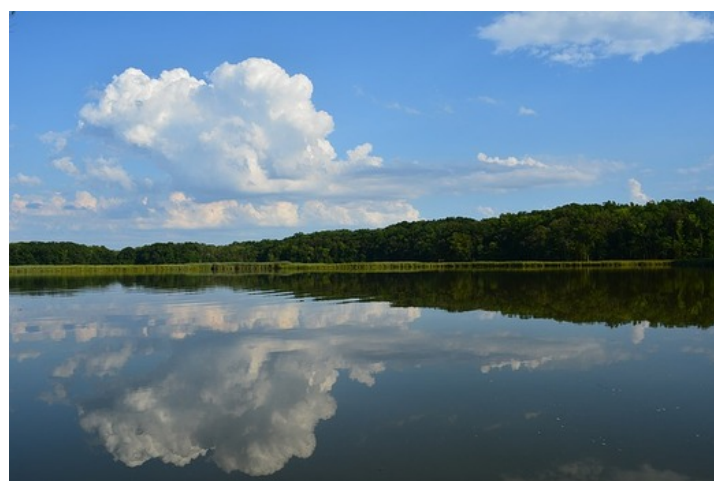
Three conservation groups have combined to permanently preserve 24 acres of land on Turkey Island Creek in Varina.

The Capital Region Land Conservancy, James River Association and the Virginia Outdoors Foundation recorded a deed of easement July 11 that protects the land in perpetuity and allows for future public access for outdoor recreation purposes. The creek is a tributary of the James River.

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

#### Will All States Meet Chesapeake Bay Program's Pollution-Reduction Goals?

*(Public News Service)*



At the halfway point toward their unified goal of cutting pollution that flows into the Chesapeake Bay by 2025, states around the Chesapeake Bay are fighting among themselves over lackluster progress on pollution-reduction goals for the bay. At last week's Chesapeake Executive Council meeting, Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan, who was re-elected as chairman of the council, criticized Pennsylvania and other upstream states for not doing more to stop the flow of pollution into the bay.

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

### Upcoming Events

#### Upcoming James River Association Events

*(August 27, 2018)*



++ August 27, 2018 -- Invasive Species Removal - Richmond, VA

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

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**Virginia Waterways Cleanup Event**  
(September 1-October 31, 2018))



About the Virginia Waterways Cleanup

- \* This statewide event is part of the Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Cleanup!
- \* This annual statewide event not only cleans our waterways, it also collects valuable data about trash & litter in our waterways
- \* More than 104,000 Virginians have volunteered in Virginia since 1995
- \* It is hands-on stewardship of our water resources
- \* You CAN make a difference! Volunteer, lead a cleanup, or help support this important statewide effort by contributing to CVW.

Join Clean Virginia Waterways for the 24th Virginia Waterways Cleanup. This annual event is an affiliate of the global International Coastal Cleanup. Local community groups will be cleaning up local parks, streams and rivers throughout the state. Consider hosting your own site or volunteer at someone else's!"

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

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**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](mailto:admin@vcnva.org)

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**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](#).

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**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](#).

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### **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/>.

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### **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](mailto:kevin.mclean@vasw.cd.org) for more information.

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