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In the News

White House targets Chesapeake cleanup funding for 91% cut in 2021 budget

(Bay Journal)



Undeterred by previous rebuffs by Congress, the Trump administration has once again proposed slashing funding for the Chesapeake Bay restoration.

The budget released Monday by the White House would provide \$7.3 million to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for the Chesapeake Bay Program in the 2021 fiscal year, which begins Oct. 1. That's a 91% reduction from this year's funding for the federal-state effort.

It's the fourth time that the Trump administration has proposed slashing the Bay Program. In President Trump's first year in office, he called for completely eliminating its federal funding. The last two years, he has proposed 90% reductions.

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

Why human waste is allowed to flow into the James River: "We're not a third world country"

(WTVR CBS 6)



RICHMOND, Va. -- In the shadow of Interstate 95 where Richmonders fish, and just steps from where kayakers pull out of the James River, a mix of raw sewage and storm water runoff sometimes pours into the river when it rains.

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

Upcoming Events

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 VAEE 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://vae.wildapricot.org/VAEE2020/>.

James River Buffer Program (February-April and November-December)



This is a program that is carried out jointly between the Virginia Department of Forestry and the James River Association. Hoping to spread the word and help people manage non-point source pollution within the James River Watershed through a riparian buffer installation program which has very flexible guidelines.

To find out more, click here [James River Buffer Program](#).

Grant Opportunities

2020 Chesapeake B-WET Grant Program (NOAA)



Informational Webinars: January 14, 2020 (2pm) and January 31, 2020 (11am); Applications due: March, 6 2020 – The Bay Watershed Education and Training (B-WET) grant program solicits proposals that support two priority areas under Capacity Building for MWEEs (Meaningful Watershed Educational Experience): (1) Statewide K-12 Environmental Literacy Initiatives (to advance state efforts toward systemic MWEE implementation at the school district level) and (2) Regional MWEE Network Building Initiative (to support the development of systemic MWEEs in school districts and the networking of these school districts, their partners, and the larger environmental education community). To register for a webinar, visit <https://forms.gle/z4eVxcEkEshsomT87>. For more information on the program, see <https://www.grants.gov/> (search Opportunity Number: "NOAA-NMFS-HCPO-2020-2006338") or contact Elise Trelegan (elise.trelegan@noaa.gov; 410-226-1015). Offered through the NOAA Chesapeake Bay Office.

Job Opportunities

Engineering or Environmental Science Inter (Department of Public Works, Hanover County)



General Description: This is an engineering or environmental science intern position to join the Department of Public Works (DPW) conducting field and office activities for the time period of May through end of September 2020. The incumbent will assist with storm water outfall inspections, mapping storm water infrastructure in GIS, and analysis of the County's Chesapeake Bay TMDL obligations. Data collected during plan review and field inspections will be incorporated into databases, spreadsheets and related to the County's storm water management, erosion and sediment control, drainage, and Chesapeake

Bay Preservation Act programs, as well as construction inspection of DPW projects. Experience with database records/spreadsheets, principals of storm water management, hydrology (water resources), and GIS is desired.

To find out more and to apply, click [here](#).

TMDL Nonpoint Source and Data Coordinator
(Department of Environmental Quality)



The Department of Environmental Quality's Office of Watershed and Local Government Assistance Programs seeks a qualified applicant to support DEQ programs involving nonpoint source (NPS) data management and watershed planning. Specifically, this position supports data management for the statewide NPS program and coordinates NPS implementation activities with a focus in the Piedmont Region.

This position closes on February 28, 2020. For more information and to apply click [here](#).

NPS Conservation Programs Data Manager
(Department of Conservation & Recreation)



The NPS Conservation Programs Data Manager reports directly to the Division Director and serves as DCR's primary manager for data applications and data services, and provides guidance/leadership to assigned staff who provide data support and related services to Virginia's 47 Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) as well as for other program areas. This position is responsible for ensuring the data from each of the Division of Soil and Water Conservation program data systems applications are collected, maintained, managed, and reported appropriately, and coordinates data development and maintenance activities with application development contractors and VITA personnel for all division programs and services.

This position closes on March 6, 2020. To find out more and to apply click [here](#).

Environmental Communications Internship
(Green Fin Studio)



Are you looking for an opportunity to combine your interests in environmental and social change with marketing and communications? If so, consider applying for this paid, three month internship with Green Fin Studio.

Green Fin Studio works at this powerful intersection, providing creative and strategic communications support to a variety of mission-driven clients. Our team empowers other organizations to meet their goals through education, engagement, and action.

The Intern will have the opportunity to gain experience in the following: developing content for our own and client web and social channels, assisting in digital strategy development and implementation, writing press releases and other targeted content, supporting media relations and assisting in proposal/client pitch development, and graphic design.

We are located in downtown Richmond, Virginia and are looking for a motivated, qualified intern to work with us at least 16 hours/week.

To find out more and to apply, click [here](#).

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