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## Weekly Watershed Announcements January 11, 2019

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### In the News

#### Chesapeake Bay's health receives D-plus on foundation's report card

*(The Washington Post)*



Scientists rated the health of the Chesapeake Bay a D-plus in a report released Monday, the first time in a decade that the health of the bay has decreased.

Officials at the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, which issues a report card every two years, cited record regional rainfall as the cause of increased pollution and poor water clarity in the bay, which had seen substantial improvements to its health in recent years.

"Simply put, the bay suffered a massive assault in 2018," William Baker, president of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, said in a news conference Monday. "The bay's sustained improvement was reversed in 2018, exposing just how fragile recovery is

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

### Upcoming Events

#### Wild and Scenic Film Festival

*(Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay)*



Wild and Scenic Film Festival  
The Science Museum of Virginia, 2500 W Broad St, Richmond, VA 23220  
January 24th, 2019, 5:30 - 9:30 p.m.  
[Purchase your tickets here!](#)

The Wild & Scenic Film Festival works with environmental groups across the globe to host the film festival as a way to outreach into their communities and bring together a diverse audience. The goal is to use film to inspire. [To keep up to date on the event and films we will be screening, check out the event Facebook page](#)

#### 2019 Virginia Environmental Education Conference

*(February 7-9, 2019)*



Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden  
February 7-9, 2019

For more information and to register, see <https://vaeewildapricot.org/conference/>

**Paint Out Pollution in Chesterfield**  
(James River Association)



Friday, February 22, 2019

10am-1pm

Rain Date - March 1

This is a unique volunteer opportunity to create awareness with art! Paint Out Pollution is a project that increases public awareness of stormwater pollution and celebrates the native plant and animal species that call the James River home.

The James River Association, Art on Wheels, and Chesterfield County are looking for 25 volunteers to install art on storm drains using spray paint and stencils. Volunteers should meet at the Community Development Building at 9800 Government Center Parkway, Chesterfield 23832. From there, we will split into teams. Please contact [volunteer@jrava.org](mailto:volunteer@jrava.org) with any questions.

To register, go to <https://form.jotform.com/90066635292964>

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**30th Annual Environment Virginia Symposium**  
(Virginia Military Institute)



30th Annual Environment Virginia Symposium

Tuesday-Thursday, 26-28 March 2019

Learn more, visit the Website:

[Environment Virginia Symposium](http://EnvironmentVirginiaSymposium.com)

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**Grant Opportunities**

**eco-Tech Grants**

(Captain Planet Foundation)



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Grants up to \$2,500 are offered to engage children in inquiry-based, STEM-related projects that leverage technology and/or use nature-based design to address environmental problems in local communities. To learn more, see <https://captainplanetfoundation.org/grants/ecotech/>. Funded with ongoing support from Voya Financial Foundation through Captain Planet Foundation.

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**Five Star & Urban Waters Restoration Grant**

(National Fish & Wildlife Foundation)



Full Proposal Due Date: Thursday, January 31, 2019

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) and the Wildlife Habitat Council (WHC), in cooperation with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and others, are soliciting applications for the 2019 Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration program. The Five Star and Urban Waters program will award approximately \$1.7 million in grants.

This grant program seeks to develop community capacity to sustain local natural resources for future generations by providing modest financial assistance to diverse local partnerships focused on improving water quality, watersheds and the species and habitats they support. Projects may include a variety of ecological improvements along with targeted community outreach, education and stewardship. Ecological improvements may include wetland, riparian, forest and coastal habitat restoration; wildlife conservation, community tree canopy enhancement, water quality monitoring and green infrastructure best management practices for managing run-off. Projects should also increase access to the benefits of nature, reduce the impact of environmental hazards and engage local communities, particularly underserved communities, in project planning, outreach and implementation.

For more information, visit: <https://www.nfwf.org/fivestar/Pages/2019fp.aspx>

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**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. The next deadline is January 10, 2019. For more information, see <https://cbtrust.org/grants/environmental-education-mini/>.

## Job Opportunities

**Director of Stormwater and Resource Protection Division**  
(James City County)



Open until filled. For information and to apply visit: --  
<https://jobs.jamescitycountyva.gov/applications/externalapplicants/login/default.aspx>  
and search "stormwater".

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