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## Weekly Watershed Announcements January 3, 2019

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### In The News

#### How can we understand a Chesapeake we've never seen? (*Bay Journal*)



Nowadays, around 350 million to 450 million blue crabs inhabit Chesapeake Bay, according to accurate surveys. That's not harvests, mind you, but all crabs - soft and hard, from thumbnail size up. It supports fishing that both watermen and chicken-neckers are fairly happy with.

But how happy should we be? Should we expect more in our quest to restore the estuary's health?

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

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#### City tackling polluted water (*Richmond Free Press*)



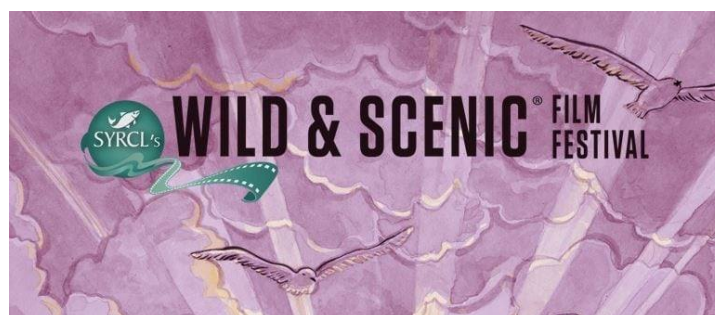
Richmond's most heavily polluted watersheds that drain into the James River will get some extra attention, thanks to a \$1 million grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, it has been announced.

According to the city's Department of Public Utilities, the money will allow the department to partner with the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay to create a "green master plan" that would propose methods to capture and treat stormwater runoff into Cannon's Branch/Shockoe Creek in North Side and Downtown, Gillie's Creek in the East End and Manchester Canal/Goose Creek in South Side.

To read the full article by Jeremy Lazarus, 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

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](#)

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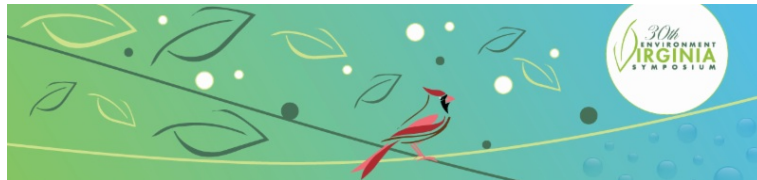
**2019 Virginia Environmental Education Conference**  
(February 7-9, 2018)



Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden  
February 7-9, 2019  
For more information and to register, see <https://vaee.wildapricot.org/conference/>

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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](#)

## Grant Opportunities

**eco-Tech Grants**  
(Captain Planet Foundation)



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/2019rfp.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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