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## Weekly Watershed Announcements July 20, 2018

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Thank you for your continued support of the Middle James Roundtable (MJRT)!

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### In The News

#### Chesapeake partnership exceeds its 2017 pollution reduction goals

([delmarva.now](http://delmarva.now))



The Chesapeake Bay Program announced it has exceeded its 2017 pollution-reducing targets for phosphorus and sediment. However, according to while computer simulations also show a drop in the amount of nitrogen entering the nation's largest estuary, the partnership fell short of its pollution-reducing target for nitrogen by 15 million pounds.

According to the partnership's watershed model, pollution controls put in place between 2009 and 2017 in Delaware, Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia -- the Chesapeake Watershed states -- have lowered nitrogen, phosphorus and sediment loads by 11 percent, 21 percent and 10 percent, respectively.

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

### Upcoming Events

#### 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)

#### VMI 2018 STEM Education Conference

(October 2-3, 2018)



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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

### James River SWCD Employment Opportunities



We work with the people who work the land.

The Conservation Specialist is a full-time position and provides technical services related to soil and water conservation, within the counties of Prince George and Chesterfield. This position is under the supervision of the James River Soil & Water Conservation District District Administrator and Board of Directors. The conservation specialist provides support for the Virginia Agricultural Best Management Practices (BMP) Cost-Share and Tax Credit Program; they assist District, DCR and NRCS personnel with conservation farm and nutrient management planning; assisting with the equipment rental program; and assisting with district tours, exhibits and special projects. This position is based in the JRSWCD Prince George County Office (6380 Scott Memorial Park).

For the complete job description and link to the application visit <http://www.jamesriverswcd.org/>  
Please submit the completed application and a cover letter to [bmorrin@princegeorgecountyva.gov](mailto:bmorrin@princegeorgecountyva.gov).

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### Northern Neck SWCD Employment Opportunities



The Northern Neck Soil & Water Conservation District (NNSWCD), a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, is seeking to fill two permanent full-time positions. Selected individuals will assist in fulfilling the District's mission of promoting the stewardship of natural resources through leadership, education, and technical assistance within Lancaster, Northumberland,

#### Conservation Specialist

Shall have a B.S. degree in agriculture/natural resources field or related experience. Certification as a Nutrient Management Planner must be obtained within a reasonable period of time taking into consideration the experience requirements established. Job responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Promoting, administrating, and implementing the Virginia Agricultural Cost-Share Program;
- Identifying soil and water quality concerns within the District;
- Providing technical assistance to farmers, landowners, homeowners, citizen groups, partner agencies, local government, and non-governmental organizations.

Permanent full-time with maximum 40 hours/week. Salary Range: \$30,000 - \$60,000 based on qualifications; plus benefits

#### Non-Point Source Specialist

Shall have a B.S. degree or related experience in natural resources and/or grant writing. Certification as an E&S Plan Reviewer and/or Stormwater Management Plan Reviewer may be obtained within a reasonable period of time taking into consideration the experience requirements established and program funding availability. Job responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Assisting with the promotion/processing of nutrient, sediment, and stormwater reduction practices on all land in the Northern Neck;
- Seeking new funding opportunities;
- Providing administrative support and data management for NNSWCD programs.

Permanent full-time with maximum 40 hours/week. Salary Range: \$30,000 - \$60,000 based on qualifications; plus benefits

Complete Job Descriptions and fillable NNSWCD Employment Applications for each position are available at: [www.nnswcd.org/employment](http://www.nnswcd.org/employment). Submit cover letter, resume, and relevant NNSWCD Employment Application for each position by no later than 4:30PM on July 20, 2018. Email to: [kathy.clarke@nnswcd.org](mailto:kathy.clarke@nnswcd.org). Mail via postal service to: Northern Neck SWCD, Attn: District Managers P.O. Box 220 Warsaw, VA 22572.

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### Tri-County City SWCD Employment Opportunities



**Administrative Professional** - Open until filled -- Fredericksburg, VA --For more information and to apply, visits [http://tccswcd.org/?page\\_id=1215](http://tccswcd.org/?page_id=1215).

**Education Coordinator** -- Open until filled -- Fredericksburg, VA --For more information and to apply, visit: [http://tccswcd.org/?page\\_id=1215](http://tccswcd.org/?page_id=1215).

### Grant Opportunities

#### 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://vaswcd.org/vcap> for an overview or contact VCAP Coordinator Kevin Mclean at [kevin.mclean@vaswcd.org](mailto:kevin.mclean@vaswcd.org) for more information.