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In The News

Dead Zones Larger than Normal this Summer, Bay Health Still Improving (WBOC16)



A new report from scientists at the University of Maryland of Environmental Science and University of Michigan predicts dead zone will likely grow larger in size this year, making it a possibly tough summer for the Chesapeake Bay.

Dead zones happen when algae blooms in an area, usually caused by nutrients in the water, and then dies and sucks up oxygen in the water. If there's no oxygen, marine life will suffer. Still, scientists are hopeful the problem won't last long.

The report says the amount of nutrients, mainly nitrogen, is "above average" in the Bay. Alan Girard of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation says wet and hot weather is to blame.

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

Upcoming Events

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](#).

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 annually 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](#).

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

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, Richmond, and Westmoreland Counties.

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, administering, 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. 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. Mail via postal service to: Northern Neck SWCD, Attn: District Managers P.O. Box 220 Warsaw, VA 22572.

Tri-County City SWCD Employment Opportunities



Administrative Professional - Open until filled -- Fredericksburg, VA --For more information and to apply, visit http://tccswcd.org/?page_id=1215.

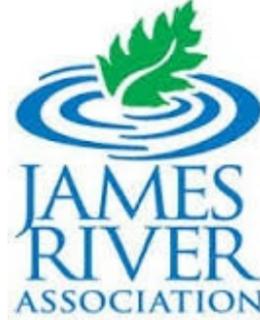
Education Coordinator -- Open until filled -- Fredericksburg, VA --For more information and to apply, visit: http://tccswcd.org/?page_id=1215.

Nonpoint Source Nutrient Trading Coordinator (Virginia Department of Environmental Quality)



(DEQ; P4027) - Closing Date: July 13, 2018 - Richmond, VA --For information and to apply: <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/AboutUs/Employment/DEQJobs.aspx>

Seasonal Environmental Education Intern
(James River Association)



Applications requested by July 10, 2018 -- Presquile National Wildlife Refuge, Chester VA -- Internship dates: August 13, 2018-November 30, 2018; late March-late June, 2019 -- For more information, visit <https://jrava.org/about-the-james-river-association/employment/>

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://vasw.cd.org/vcap> for an overview or contact VCAP Coordinator Kevin Mclean at kevin.mclean@vasw.cd.org for more information.

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