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Weekly Watershed Announcements June 15, 2018

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

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In The News

Experts Warn Virginia Rivers May Be Unsafe for Swimming (Radio IQ)

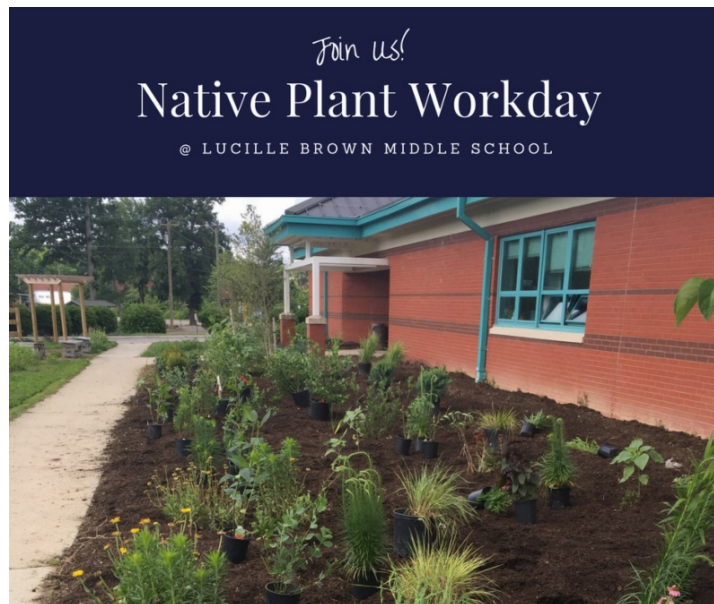


With weekend temperatures climbing into the 90's, many people may be tempted to cool off with a dip in the nearest river, but experts are warning that may not be safe after last week's torrential rains in the central part of the state. Sandy Hausman spoke with officials in Richmond and Charlottesville, then filed this report.

To read the full article by Sandy Hausman, click [here](#).

Upcoming Events

Native Plant Workday (June 16, 2018)



Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay has planted a bed of native plants along the front entrance at Lucille Brown Middle School and are hosting a workday to maintain the practice.

Saturday, June 16th, 9am-12pm at Lucille Brown Middle School.
Register here: <https://www.handsonva.org/partner-portal/volunteer-opportunity-details/a0N1J00000IsbwUAF>

National Green Infrastructure Certification Program (June 15-19, 2018)



A NGICP exam training course is being offered at the City of Richmond Department of Utilities during the week of June 25, 2018. This training course provides the 35-hours of classroom and field training regarding green infrastructure (GI) construction, inspection, and maintenance training program

necessary as part of the NGICP certification process. The training course is being combined with the opportunity to take the certification exam upon completion of the exam for those who meet the application requirements.

Training Opportunity: Combined NGICP Training Course and Certification Exam

- Dates: June 25-29, 2018
- Location: Richmond Department of Utilities
- Costs: NGICP Training - \$995, NGICP Exam - \$200

For information regarding training registration, please see <https://www.ngicptraining.com/product/richmond-training/>

For information regarding exam registration, please see <http://ngicp.org/program/for-applicants/>

Hometown Habitat

(Virginia Department of Game & Inland Fisheries, J Sargeant Reynolds Community College)

June 21, 2018



HOMETOWN HABITAT: STORIES OF BRINGING NATURE HOME is an environmental film by Catherine Zimmerman, an award-winning director of photography and independent documentary filmmaker (<https://themeadowproject.com>).

The movie features community habitat landscaping projects that use NATIVE PLANTS to support the survival and vitality of local ecosystems. Included are helpful pointers by Dr. Doug Tallamy, author of Bringing Nature Home, about how our landscape choices can sustain insects, birds, and other wildlife around us.

To learn more about this special screening scheduled for June 21 at 6:30pm in the Jeanette S. Lipman Auditorium at J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College, click [here](#).

James River Association Events

June 21 and 25, 2018



More information about these events is available at <https://jrava.org/> (see "Upcoming Events").

- ++ June 21, 2018 -- Summer Solstice Paddle - Richmond, VA
 - ++ June 25, 2018 -- Invasive Species Removal at Chapel Island - Richmond, VA
 - ++ June 25, 2018 -- Hike and Paddle Richmond's Riverfront - Richmond, VA
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Well Water Testing Clinic

(Virginia Cooperative Extension)



What's in YOUR water? Did you know that private water supplies like wells and springs are unregulated? It is the responsibility of the homeowner to regularly test water quality, maintain the water system, and address any problems. Affordable, confidential water testing and education will be offered through many Virginia Cooperative Extension offices. To find out who to contact for your locality, visit <http://www.wellwater.bse.vt.edu/events.php>.

Water samples collected by participating homeowners will be analyzed for 14 parameters, including bacteria, metals, nitrate and hardness at a cost of \$55. Results and water system care and maintenance information will be shared at an information meeting. All information is kept strictly confidential and results are reported only to the homeowner.

For more information about the Virginia Household Water Quality Program, as well as many resources relevant to private water systems, please visit www.wellwater.bse.vt.edu. For information on meeting dates and how to register, click [here](#).

Rain Barrel Workshops

(June 28, 2018)



Join Henricopolis Soil and Water Conservation District for its Spring 2018 Rain Barrel Workshops.

June 28, 2018 at the Henrico Human Services Building, 8600 Dixon Powers Drive. To register for this workshop, click [here](#).

For more information on our workshops, click [here](#).

Rain Barrel Workshops

(Multiple dates)



Join James River Soil and Water Conservation District and Chesterfield Environmental Engineering for our Annual Rain Barrel Workshops. Create a customizable Rain Barrel to help keep your garden green all summer long. Conservation starts in your own backyard!

Click here for more information and to register:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/o/james-river-swd-17107705488>

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](#).

Job Opportunities

Manager of Environmental & Outdoor Education

(Maymont Foundation)



Maymont foundation is seeking a full-time Manager of Environmental and Outdoor Education. For more information on this position and to apply, click [here](#).

Grant Opportunities

VEE James River Grant Program

(Virginia Environmental Endowment)

Virginia Environmental Endowment

The Virginia Environmental Endowment (VEE) recently launched the new James River Water Quality Improvement Grant Program.

We have posted on the VEE website a host of documents that describe the details of the new grant program including a fact sheet which lists the initial funding priorities, the solicitation notice, and the application process. They can be found at:

<http://www.vee.org/grant-programs-application/james-river-water-quality-improvement-program/>

The first applications are due no later than June 15. Grant decisions will be announced in October.

Please take a look at the website and let us know if you have any questions. We would also appreciate it if you pass this along to others who you think may be interested in knowing about the program.

I think you will find that the VEE James River Program reflects a thoughtful and strategic approach that we hope will help to accelerate water quality improvements in the River.

For more information, please contact jrw.qip@vee.org

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 for more information.

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