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In the News

Trump administration makes another bid to slash Chesapeake Bay cleanup funds

(Bay Journal)



The Trump administration has once again called for deep cuts in federal funding for the Chesapeake Bay cleanup, despite failing twice before to convince Congress to approve similar proposals.

The move, announced Monday, drew immediate criticism from environmentalists and vows from lawmakers to maintain or even increase spending on the long-running restoration effort.

To read the full article by Timothy Wheeler, click [here](#).

James River grants to pay for riparian buffers, precision ag techniques

(Bay Journal)



The Virginia Environmental Endowment is handing out the first round of grant funds in a multiyear program to benefit the James River - and "precision" is its key watchword.

"We were very deliberate about the way we were going to spend the money," said VEE Executive Director Joseph Maroon. "We were hoping right from the beginning that the projects we would be able to select would help to fill a critical gap or really make a substantial improvement in the water quality of the James."

To read the full article by Sarah Vogelsong, click [here](#).

Upcoming Events

Well Water Testing

(Virginia Cooperative Extension-Henrico)



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 the Virginia Cooperative Extension offices in Henrico County. Participation is voluntary and confidential.

Water samples collected by participating homeowners will be analyzed for 14 parameters, including bacteria, metals, nitrate and hardness at a cost of \$60. 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. See program flyer (<https://blogs.ext.vt.edu/henrico-hort/files/2019/03/2019WellWaterTestingClinic.pdf>) for dates and locations and registration information!

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.

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)

Grant Opportunities

eco-Tech Grants (Captain Planet Foundation)



**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.

Job Opportunities

Administrative Professional (Hanover Caroline SWCD)



Hanover-Caroline Soil and Water Conservation District is seeking an Administrative Professional. Click [here](#) to see the position description and instructions for applying.

Water Resources Engineer (Ecosystem Services)



Ecosystem Services is seeking a full-time Water Resources Engineer for our Charlottesville, VA office. This position has an anticipated start date of June 1, 2019.

For information visit the Ecosystems website at:
<https://ecosystems-services.us/immediate-opening-for-a-water-resources-engineer/>

Interested candidates should send a cover letter and résumé via e-mail to our Business Administrator, Jackson Simmons at jackson@ecosystems-services.us. No phone calls, please. Qualified candidates will be contacted to schedule a phone or in-person interview.

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