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In The News

How close to perfect must Bay water quality be to achieve goal?

(Bay Journal)



States in the Chesapeake Bay region are spending billions of dollars to stem the flow of nutrients that foul the Bay's water - but just how "clean" must the Bay be to declare victory?

The answer is a complex mix involving a lot of science topped off with some policy decisions, as well as one that could be subject to debate in coming months.

To read the full article by Karl Blankenship, click [here](#).

State and federal authorities converge on Hopewell chemical plant as part of undisclosed investigation

(Richmond Times-Dispatch)



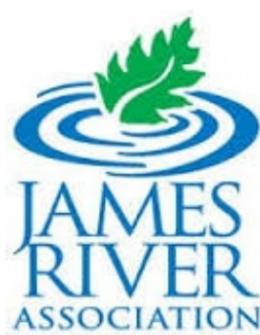
State and federal law enforcement and environmental agencies swarmed the AdvanSix chemical plant in Hopewell Tuesday, though authorities were tight-lipped about the nature of the investigation.

Ann Regn, a spokeswoman for the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, said the action stemmed from a "federal criminal action" involving the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, which referred questions to the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia. A spokesman for the office confirmed "law enforcement activity" at the plant, 905 E. Randolph Road, which has been the subject of a long string of past environmental violations, but wouldn't comment on the nature of the investigation.

To read the full article by Mark Bowes and Robert Zullo, click [here](#).

Upcoming Events

James River Association Upcoming Events *(March, 2018)*



For more information and to register for upcoming events, see <https://www.calendarwiz.com/calendars/calendar.php?crd=jamesriverassociation&>.

++ Mink Creek Native Plant Planting - March 24, 2018 (9:30am-12pm) - Scottsville, VA

++ Invasive Species Removal - March 26, 2018 (1-3pm) - Chapel Island, VA

++ Trash Clean-Up - March 31, 2018
(10am-12pm) - Great Shiplock Park, Richmond, VA

2018 National Watershed & Stormwater Conference (April 10, 2018)



Next Gen Watershed Protection:
Fresh Ideas for Funding and Management

Join us on April 10th for a unique conference, uniting in-person discussion with online participation while concurrently addressing local and national watershed issues and tools. The major conference focus is on emerging trends to protect and restore watersheds and manage stormwater. Learn about case studies, special regional considerations, and recent research from experts around the country highlighting effective tools and innovations!

To learn more about the conference go to <https://www.cwp.org/2018-national-conference/>.

How the 2018 National Watershed/ Stormwater Conference Works
As a registrant, you can choose to register on-line or at an in-person attendance location. Spots for both of these are limited.

As an on-line registrant, you will be able to:

- watch the nationally broadcast portions of the webcast from your computer
- ask questions online through a chat

If you register at one of in-person locations, you will be able to:

- Watch the nationally broadcast portions of the webcast with your peers and other registrants
- Hear local presentations and participate in discussions about issues in stormwater and watershed management that directly affect their community, locality, and/ or region.
- Network live with local speakers and peers and sponsors

Locations

* Baltimore, MD - Maritime Institute in Linthicum MD

* Falls Church, VA - Virginia Tech Northern Virginia Center

Register today at: <https://www.cwp.org/ways-to-attend-the-conference/>

. Be sure to check the website for special offers on attendance!

VWEA Stormwater Committee Presents: The Changing World of Stormwater

(April 26, 2018)

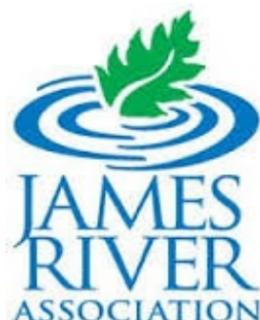


Join us on April 26, 2018 at the Westin Hotel in Richmond for our Annual Spring Seminar as we discuss the impacts of more frequent, intense storm events and

sea level rise on resiliency planning efforts across the nation and here at home in Virginia. The speakers will provide a national, regional and local perspective on this timely issue.

For more information and how to register, click [here](#).

James River Association Treeathlon (May 19, 2018)



The James River Association, in partnership with the Robert E Lee and Thomas Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation Districts, will be planting 3,000 trees at farms along various tributaries of the James River this spring as part of the [James River Tree-athlon](#)! If you love our River, join us to

protect the James by volunteering to help plant the native tree seedlings.

The plantings are at various properties within Albemarle, Amherst, and Nelson Counties. As a thank you to our volunteers, on May 19, 2018 we will host a James River Tree-Athlon Thank You Event at [James River Adventures](#) in Lynchburg. This fun day on the river will include lunch and a 6 mile paddle trip or 3 mile tubing trip. Each volunteer that participates in a tree planting day during James River Tree-Athlon will receive one voucher for a free river trip to be used at the event or at a later date.

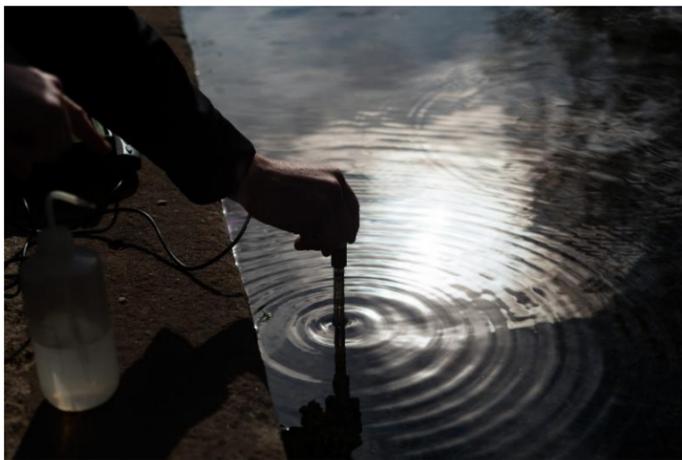
Festival of the River (June 8-10, 2018)



Brown's Island, Richmond, VA – Festival highlights will include contemporary art installations, performances under the Richmond Symphony's "Big Tent," cleanups along and around the River and family-friendly environmental education activities. For more information, see <https://www.richmondsymphony.com/who-we-are/media-press-kit/save-date-festival-river-three-days-music-art-environment-big-tent-browns-island-june-8-10-2018/>. Hosted by The City of Richmond, Venture Richmond, the Richmond Symphony, VCU Institute for Contemporary Art, Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, 1708 Gallery, James River Association, Capital Region Collaborative and other partners.

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer Opportunity (Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay)



Are you interested in learning more about your local stream? The Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay needs volunteers to collect important data on streams in Virginia. Through the River Trends program we will provide training and supplies. All you have to do is commit to attending a training and monitoring a site once a month.

You'll be analyzing water to collect data on core parameters such as dissolved oxygen, temperature, pH, water clarity and bacteria. All of these tests will be performed in the field using kits and equipment provided to you.

Next training date TBD. For more information, contact Amy Hagerdon at 804-793-8786 or ahagerdon@allianceforthebay.org.

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 to the entire 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.

