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## Weekly Watershed Announcements March 22, 2019

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### In the News

#### Could James City County be a stop on the proposed James River Heritage Trail?

*(Williamsburg Yorktown Daily)*



From the Allegheny Mountains to the Chesapeake Bay, the James River runs from west to east through most of Virginia.

Belonging only to Virginia, the James River carries significant history along its banks: It is the site of the first permanent English Settlement and democratic government in America, and the home of Native Americans for thousands of years before that.

For hundreds of years, the river has also been a main trade route and the site of various battles during war times.

In recent years, the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation has been working to put together a system of land and bicycle trails - called the James River Heritage Trail - celebrating the river's rich history and current offerings.

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

#### Experts warn against cutting Chesapeake Bay Program funding

*(Associated Press)*



The Washington Post reported Friday that scientists say the nation's largest estuary is the healthiest it's been in generations. And they credit various efforts coordinated by the Environmental Protection Agency's Chesapeake Bay Program.

But the Trump Administration has proposed slashing the program's funding by 90 percent. It received \$73 million in federal funding this fiscal year.

Marine consultant and environmental activist John Flood said this is the worst time to cut funds to the program. He and others said the bay is like a sick patient in the early stages of remission from a disease. Democratic and Republican law makers in Congress have promised to fight to keep the program adequately funded.

### 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](http://www.wellwater.bse.vt.edu).

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### 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)



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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.

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#### 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](mailto: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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