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In The News

James River Park overgrown with ivy and invasive species, volunteer week kick off to remove them
(*Richmond Times-Dispatch*)



About 50 volunteers armed with pruning shears and handsaws headed into Pony Pasture on Sunday to "free a tree."

Wearing heavy gloves, they hacked at vines, pulled out ivy and clipped back privet growing over trees and rocks.

It's all part of National Invasive Species Awareness Week, a weeklong series of events in areas of the James River Park aimed at removing invasive species.

To read the full article by Colleen Curran, click [here](#).

Upcoming Events

2018 Natural Connections Educators Conference
(March 14-16, 2018)



This three-day collaborative conference provides valuable professional development opportunities for PreK-6th grade educators, administrators, and pre-service teachers. Join your colleagues for inspiring opportunities to make natural connections using interdisciplinary teaching approaches. Presenters model ways to blend science, social studies, language arts, and math standards for authentic learning experiences.

Session descriptions and registration: www.lewisginter.org.

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 test 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.

Volunteer Opportunity (Henricopolis Soil & Water Conservation District)



Learn how you can restore and protect Henrico's waters by collecting samples and carrying out scientific tests once a month. Join our Henrico Area Water Quality Samplers (HAWQS) Team on March 3, 2018 at Libbie Mill Library Conference Room from 9:15am. to 12pm. Registration is required. Equipment and supplies are provided, Monitoring is open to all ages. Contact Stacey at 804-501-5289 or hef001@henrico.us for more information.

Click [here](#) to register online.

Grant Opportunities

Chesapeake Bay Watershed Education and Training Program

(National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration)



B-WET supports programs that provide hands-on environmental education about issues affecting the Chesapeake Bay watershed for students and related professional development for educators who serve formal K-12 audiences. FY18 grants will expand into school districts that have never received funding for systemic programs. Application deadline: March 9, 2018. More information is available at <https://chesapeakebay.noaa.gov/education/education>. To view the full federal funding opportunity, see <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=299665>.

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.

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