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In the News

Report card: Chesapeake Bay health grade drops to C-minus

(Associated Press)



The health of the nation's largest estuary dropped from a C to a C-minus last year in an annual report card released Tuesday on the Chesapeake Bay.

That is the lowest score and first C-minus since 2011. While several indicators of the bay's health improved last year, the report found that they did not offset those that declined.

"Moderate and poor scores in 2019 were mainly due to above-average temperatures almost every month of the year," the report by the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science said.

To read the full article by Brian Witte, click [here](#).

Upcoming Events

James River Buffer Program

(February-April and November-December)



This is a program that is carried out jointly between the Virginia Department of Forestry and the James River Association. Hoping to spread the word and help people manage non-point source pollution within the James River Watershed through a riparian buffer installation program which has very flexible guidelines.

To find out more, click here [James River Buffer Program](#).

VRA/SWANA Conference Postponed

(Virginia Recycling Association)



New Dates: October 27-30, 2020
Location: Hilton Virginia Beach Oceanfront

The VRA Board has been monitoring the spread of COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) in Virginia, along with the concerns of our members and sponsors. The Board has conferred with our SWANA colleagues and agree that the best decision is to postpone the annual conference.

We are working together with SWANA to finalize the details for the rescheduled conference and we are now able to provide you with the new dates. Thank you for your patience as we took a measured approach to this decision.

Hotel Reservations:

Please cancel your individual reservations booked directly with the hotel as soon as possible. Neither VRA nor the hotel may cancel your reservation without your knowledge so it is very important that you do this immediately. VRA will not be responsible for any fees incurred due to not cancelling your hotel reservation.

VRA Board Elections:

The situation with the COVID-19 that caused us to postpone the 2020 conference also impacts the VRA Board Elections that were scheduled during the conference. The Board is determining how we will handle governance matters in the interim, and we will send out an election update as soon as possible.

Job Opportunities

Full Time Office Administrator

(Monacan SWCD)



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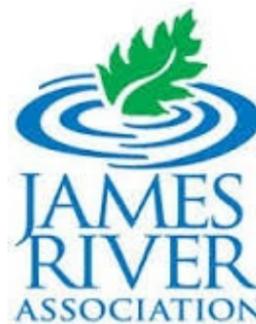
The Monacan Soil and Water Conservation District is accepting applications for a full-time Office Administrator. This position is the secretary, treasurer, payroll, and benefits administrator for District operations. Primary duties include administrative and financial record keeping and reporting. Applicant must be proficient in Microsoft Office and QuickBooks. Must have the ability to work independently and as a team member, manage multiple tasks simultaneously. Bookkeeping and administrative experience along with a valid driver's license required. Employment subject to background checks. Starting salary based on qualifications/experience ranging from \$33,000 - \$45,000 with retirement and health benefits.

Send a completed Commonwealth of VA (DPT Form 10-012) application, resume, and references to Monacan SWCD, PO Box 66 Goochland, VA 23063 or Keith Burgess, District Manager, at Keith.Burgess@vaswcd.org. This position is open until filled.

For a copy of the job description and more information contact Keith Burgess, District Manager, at 804-556-4936 or by email keith.burgess@vaswcd.org.

Staff Scientist

(James River Association)



The James River Association is seeking a Staff Scientist. The Staff Scientist is a key member of JRA's Advocacy Program, and acts as the lead staff person collecting, interpreting and translating scientific information to support JRA's policy agenda and broader advocacy work. JRA's Advocacy team develops strategies to address threats to river health utilizing a range of advocacy, science and legal tools as needed. This position will report to the JRA's Senior Advocacy Manager/Riverkeeper.

For more information, and to apply go to <https://thejamesriver.org/about-the-james-river-association/employment/>.

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