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In the News

Governor Northam declares May 31 Dam Safety Awareness Day in Virginia

(Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation)



RICHMOND - Governor Ralph Northam has proclaimed May 31, 2020, Dam Safety Awareness Day in Virginia, encouraging individuals and communities to realize the flood risk associated with dam failures and to take actions that increase safety.

"Even in these challenging times, we must remain vigilant to threats like flooding and extreme weather," Governor Northam said. "Dam failures can be catastrophic, and the breaches we saw in Michigan last week should be a warning call. I urge all Virginians to be aware of dams in their communities, learn about dam safety, and take steps to help preserve this vital infrastructure."

Read the full text of the proclamation, 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.

Grant Opportunities

Virginia Environmental Endowment Grants



Virginia Environmental Endowment Grants - Extended Deadlines: July 15, 2020 (James River); August 1, 2020 (Virginia). For more information, see <http://www.vee.org/>.

++ **James River Water Quality Improvement Program:** Funds for improving the water quality of the James River and its tributaries in Virginia. See the [James River Water Quality Improvement Program](#) page and the associated documents for additional information and application instructions.

++ **Virginia Program:** Grant-making priorities are focused on water quality, Chesapeake Bay, land conservation and use, environmental education and awareness, climate adaptation, and other emerging issues. See the [Virginia Program](#) page for details and the [Proposal Submission](#) page for application instructions.

Job Opportunities

Full Time Office Administrator (Monacan SWCD)



We work with the people who work the land.

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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