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Weekly Watershed Announcements May 31, 2019

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In the News

Virginia, Maryland meet goals for cleaner bay, but Pennsylvania is still the "weak link"

(Daily Press)



Virginia and Maryland are close to hitting their pollution-reduction targets for the Chesapeake Bay - but Pennsylvania lags so far behind that environmentalists say they may sue the state.

The Chesapeake Bay Foundation and its partners are calling on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to sanction Pennsylvania if its leaders don't fund and implement anti-pollution measures.

To read the full article by Tamara Dietrich, click [here](#).

14 cool things to know about the James River

(Richmond Times-Dispatch)



You drive over the James River, linger by it, marvel at it. You might think you know it. But from its history to its nature, there is a lot more to the James than pretty views. So let's go beneath the surface - and above it - to learn more about this natural gem.

To read the full article by Rex Springston, click [here](#).

Availability Of And Public Comment On Virginia's Draft Phase III Chesapeake Bay Watershed Implementation Plan

(VA Department of Environmental Quality)



The Office of the Virginia Secretary of Natural Resources, through the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), announces the release of Virginia's Draft Phase III Watershed Implementation Plan for meeting the Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (the Draft Phase III WIP) for public review and comment.

The comment period is now open and will end June 7, 2019. The draft can be found on [DEQ's Phase III WIP website](#).

Written Comments:

Written comments on the Draft Phase III WIP can be submitted by any of the three methods listed below. Please include the name and mailing address (or e-mail address) of the commenter.

1. E-mail: chesbayplan@DEQ.Virginia.gov
2. Postal mail: DEQ, ATTN: Chesbayplan, P.O. Box 1105, Richmond, VA 23218
3. Hand-delivery: DEQ, ATTN: Chesbayplan, 1111 East Main Street, Richmond, VA 23219 (Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., except on state holidays and any other days on which state offices in the Richmond area are closed)

Upcoming Events

31st Annual Clean the Bay Day (Chesapeake Bay Foundation)



The 31st annual Clean the Bay Day is happening on June 1, 2019 from 9am-12pm. Clean-up events are happening all around the state. This short, three-hour annual event has a massive cumulative impact. Since 1989, Clean the Bay Day has engaged over 158,200 volunteers, who have removed approximately 6.64 million pounds of debris from nearly 7,750 miles of shoreline in Virginia!

Use the link below to find out more about the event, clean-up locations, participation sign-up, and volunteer opportunities:

<https://www.cbf.org/events/clean-the-bay-day/>

Job Opportunities

Virginia Conservation Assistance Program Assistant Coordinator

(Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts)



The Virginia Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts (VASWCD) is currently accepting applications for its full-time Virginia Conservation Assistance Program (VCAP) Assistant Coordinator position. Primary job responsibilities include receiving and reviewing project applications on a monthly basis, acting as liaison with district field staff, providing ongoing program and policy guidance for participating districts, assisting with onboarding of new district VCAP staff, managing project and grant files, leading ongoing improvements to program procedures and documentation, assisting with training programs and outreach events, presenting applications and project status updates to the VCAP Steering Committee, and providing ongoing assistance to the VASWCD Executive Director and VCAP Coordinator with program growth, management and promotion.

To apply for this opportunity, applicants must submit a (1) cover letter indicating relevant education and experience, (2) resume, as well as a completed (3) VASWCD application. A resume in lieu of a completed application will not be accepted. Applications should be submitted electronically to kendall.tyree@vaswcd.org. The deadline for the submission of applications is June 7, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

The full job description, required application, and other details are available at www.vaswcd.org/employment. Questions should be directed to the VASWCD Executive Director, Dr. Kendall Tyree. The VASWCD is an equal opportunity employer.

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