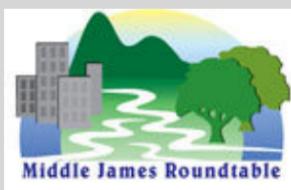


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In The News

Easement to Protect Historic Natural Resources on Four Mile Creek In Henrico

(RichmondOutside.com)



The Capital Region Land Conservancy announced yesterday that 81 acres, including nearly a mile of stream frontage on Four Mile Creek, in eastern Henrico County are now permanently protected from development. The CRLC facilitated the review and recordation of the conservation easement on the historically significant property in the Varina District. The Henricopolis Soil and Water Conservation District co-holds the conservation easement with CRLC. This initiative represents Phase I of a multi-phase, multi-year conservation easement project that ultimately will protect 341 acres including nearly one and a quarter miles of Four Mile Creek frontage, over half a mile along Roundabout Creek, and one-tenth of a mile of land adjacent to the James River.

To read the full article by Andy Thompson, click [here](#).

County's Stormwater Action Plan On Track

(The Mechanicsville Local)



HANOVER – Director of Public Works Mike Flagg told the Hanover County Board of Supervisors last week that a program to ensure the county's compliance with environmental runoff regulations has completed the first phase.

Reducing the county's storm water runoff to two river basins (James and York rivers) in the district has been the focus of Flagg's efforts, and he has utilized matching state funds to complete several creek improvement projects in the county. In addition, the current action plan seeks to reduce Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) to the Chesapeake Bay.

To read the full article by Jim Riddphi, click [here](#).

Upcoming Events

VAEE Certification Program Certifying Advisory Board Nominations

(Due December 1, 2017)



VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

At this year's Virginia Naturally Conference there were many conversations about the forthcoming Virginia Environmental Education Certification Program. For this process to move forward, we are now seeking nominations for members of the Certifying Advisory Board (CAB). Nominations are due December 1. Click [here](#) for the nomination form.

Before applying, review the documents on the VAEE Certification Trello Board. For access to this board, please email Dan Cohen at dcohen@roanoke.edu.

Virginia Department of Environmental Quality Training & Certification



DEQ's 2018 Stormwater and Erosion training schedules have been posted. Continuing education classes will be open for enrollment on November 13. Certification classes are available now.

For more information and to enroll in a class, click [here](#).

Grant Opportunities

Chesapeake Bay Trust Environmental Education (Chesapeake Bay Trust)



Applications are accepted from non-profits, state and local agencies, education institutions, community associations, and faith-based organizations for grants that build and/or expand pre-K through 12 environmental literacy programs using the Meaningful Watershed Educational Experiences (MWEEs) model. MWEEs are investigations into local environmental issues that include both learning in the classroom and learning outdoors and culminate in students addressing their issue through action projects in their community.

For more information on the program and how to apply, see <https://cbtrust.org/environmental-education-2/>. Direct questions to Tara Baker at tbaker@cbtrust.org. Offered by the Chesapeake Bay Trust. Application deadline is 5pm on December 8, 2017.

Five Star And Urban Waters Restoration Grant Program 2018 Request For Proposals (Environmental Protection Agency)



Full Proposal Due Date: Wednesday, January 31, 2018 by 11:59 PM Eastern Time

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and the Wildlife Habitat Council, in cooperation with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, USDA Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, FedEx, and Southern Company are pleased to solicit applications for the 2018 Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration program. The Five Star and Urban Waters program will award approximately \$2 million in grants nationwide.

INFORMATIONAL WEBINAR - Wednesday, Nov. 15 at 2pm - 3:30pm

Interested, but not sure if your project qualifies?
Projects include a variety of ecological improvements along with targeted community outreach, education and stewardship. Ecological improvements may include one or more of the following: wetland, riparian, forest and coastal habitat restoration; wildlife conservation, community tree canopy enhancement, water quality monitoring and stormwater management. Projects should also increase access to the benefits of nature, reduce the impact of environmental hazards and engage local communities, particularly underserved communities, in project planning, outreach and implementation.

Still interested, but not sure how to apply?

Go directly to the grant program website at <http://www.nfwf.org/fivestar/Pages/2018rfp.aspx> where you can find:

- The full "Request for Proposals"
- A "Tip Sheet" that walks you through the application process and describes what is needed for each question/information prompt. This "how to" document is extremely helpful and thorough.
- A webinar opportunity on Wednesday, Nov. 15 at 2pm-3:30pmat which you can interact with experts who can answer questions and you can learn about the 2018 Five Star and Urban Waters program including program priorities, funding availability and application review criteria. Register today.

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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