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In The News

Chesapeake Bay dead zone size was average this summer, but lasted longer

(Daily Press)



Every summer, portions of the Chesapeake Bay see oxygen levels choked off when massive algal blooms decay - a natural phenomenon made even worse by nutrients dumped into the watershed, fueling those blooms.

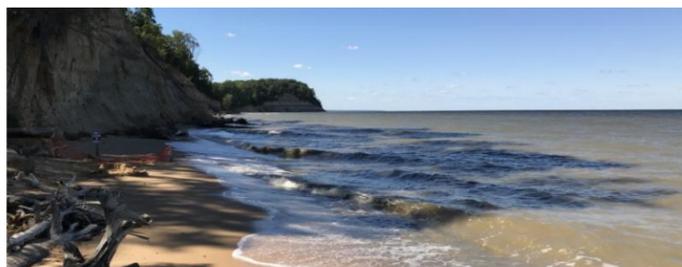
The size and duration of such oxygen-deprived dead zones can vary each year, acting as a bellwether for bay health.

Now scientists say that, while the total size of summer dead zones didn't change much from last year, its duration did: The season began earlier in the spring and lasted longer - a possible new normal for the bay because of global warming. Hot weather encourages algal growth.

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

Pesticides Plague Chesapeake Bay, Despite Nutrient Pollution Cuts

(Bloomberg Environment)



Pesticides like the neurotoxic bug-killer chlorpyrifos are widespread in the waters of the Chesapeake Bay, threatening the progress of a landmark plan to clean up pollution in the Mid-Atlantic watershed, according to a scientist in the region.

Chlorpyrifos, first registered as a pesticide in 1965, is the subject of legal battle between environmentalists who want to ban it for its effects on brain development in children and fetuses, and the Environmental Protection Agency, which...

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

Upcoming Events

Virginia Waterways Cleanup Event

(September 1-November 7, 2018)



Multiple locations across Virginia. There are more than 70 cleanup opportunities scheduled thus far. Help clean local waterways and collect data about trash & litter in the waterway. Consider hosting a site or volunteer to help with a cleanup. This statewide event is part of the Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Cleanup.

About the Virginia Waterways Cleanup

* This statewide event is part of the Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Cleanup!

* This annual statewide event not only cleans our waterways, it also collects valuable data about trash & litter in our waterways

* More than 104,000 Virginians have volunteered in Virginia since 1995

* It is hands-on stewardship of our water resources
* You CAN make a difference! Volunteer, lead a cleanup, or help support this important statewide effort by contributing to CVW.

Join Clean Virginia Waterways for the 24th Virginia Waterways Cleanup. This annual event is an affiliate of the global International Coastal Cleanup. Local community groups will be cleaning up local parks, streams and rivers throughout the state. Consider hosting your own site or volunteer at someone else's!"

For more information, click [here](#).

Job Opportunities

Water Withdrawal Permitting & Compliance Manager
(Virginia Department of Environmental Quality)



Closing date November 9. For details about this position and to apply, visit <https://virginiajobs.peopleadmin.com/postings/128964>.

Grant Opportunities

Mini Environmental Education Grant
(Chesapeake Bay Trust)



Funds are available to schools, organizations, and agencies to support educating students about their local environment and how they can become stewards and have an impact in their community. The program funds up to \$5,000 for Meaningful Watershed Educational Experience (MWEE) projects. Funds can cover field trips, fieldwork, transportation, substitute fees, supplies for student projects, etc. The next deadline is January 10, 2019. For more information, see <https://cbtrust.org/grants/environmental-education-mini/>.

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