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### In The News

#### **Baby Sturgeon Count Skyrockets in James River** *(Chesapeake Bay Magazine)*



There's cause for celebration among those working to restore the James River. An unprecedented nearly 150 baby sturgeon have been found in the river this fall.

Just two weeks ago, Bay Bulletin reported that riverkeepers were excited to find five babies of the endangered species. Now, researchers have counted 30 times that many- and it's becoming clear that it's a "bumper year" for sturgeon spawning.

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

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#### **VIMS welcomes new research vessel** *(Virginia Institute of Marine Science)*



The Virginia Institute of Marine Science community will officially welcome its new flagship research vessel-the R/V Virginia-at the Yorktown waterfront today. The public christening of the vessel is scheduled for April of 2019.

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

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#### **Chesapeake Conservancy Announces 2018 "Champions of the Chesapeake"**

*(Chesapeake Conservancy)*



(Annapolis, MD) - Last night, (Nov 1) Chesapeake Conservancy celebrated the 2018 "Champions of the Chesapeake" at an awards ceremony honoring The Department of Defense's Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) program, The Conservation Fund (TCF), and Ecosystem Investment

Partners (EIP).

Nearly two hundred people celebrated the honorees at the Carnegie Institution for Science in Washington, D.C., where Jeff Corwin, Emmy-winning television host, author, and biologist, served as keynote speaker. Corwin is also the host of "Expedition Chesapeake," a giant-screen film that journeys into the mysterious and beautiful watershed and explores the connections between the millions of people, plants and animals that call it home. An honor song in gratitude to the awardees was performed by members of the Upper Mattaponi and Chickahominy tribes. The event featured sculpture art by award-winning Chesapeake Bay driftwood artist Larry Ringgold.

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

## Upcoming Events

### 30th Annual Environment Virginia Symposium (Virginia Military Institute)



30th Annual Environment Virginia Symposium  
Tuesday-Thursday, 26-28 March 2019  
Learn more, visit the Website:  
[Environment Virginia Symposium](#)

### 2019 Virginia Environmental Education Conference (Save the Date)



Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden  
February 7-9, 2019

## Grant Opportunities

### eco-Tech Grants (Captain Planet Foundation)



Grants up to \$2,500 are offered to engage children in inquiry-based, STEM-related projects that leverage technology and/or use nature-based design to address environmental problems in local communities. To learn more, see <https://captainplanetfoundation.org/grants/ecotech/>. Funded with ongoing support from Voya Financial Foundation through Captain Planet Foundation.

### 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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