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In The News

Chesapeake Bay Dead Zone This Summer Worst Since 2014

(The Daily Press)



In June, federal scientists predicted a bigger-than-average oxygen-deprived dead zone in the Chesapeake Bay this summer, and it turns out they were right.

Researchers with the Virginia Institute of Marine Science who study bay hypoxia announced Monday that the total amount of dead zones this summer was the worst since 2014, and a 10 percent increase over last year.

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

DEQ Declares Drought Watch

(CBS19 News)



The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality has issued a drought watch advisory for several rivers in the Commonwealth.

According to a release, the watch covers the Middle James, Roanoke River and Shenandoah drought evaluation regions due to existing conditions and to increase public awareness for a significant drought.

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

CVWMA Customer Service Survey Inquiry

(Central Virginia Waste Management Authority)



CVWMA is seeking feedback from the public regarding program participation, customer service experiences, and how the public want to receive information from the Authority. To complete the survey click [here](#).

Upcoming Events

Middle James Roundtable Annual Meeting (October 23, 2017)



Mark your calendar for the 2017 Middle James Roundtable Annual Meeting. This year we will return to Deep Run Recreation Center in Henrico County on October 23, 2017 from 9am-3:30pm. Click [here](#) to see the current agenda. To register, click [here](#).

Biophilic Cities Conversation (James River Association-October 17, 2017)



Learn about efforts to conserve and explore nature in Richmond and about the larger biophilic cities movement, where global cities are working together to promote abundant and accessible nature in the daily lives of their residents. Join local leaders at University of Richmond Downtown Tuesday, October 17, at 6:30 pm to discuss the role Richmond can play as a biophilic city.

Panelists: Tim Beatley of the University of Virginia and Biophilic Cities Project, Nathan Burrell of the James River Park System, Justin Doyle of the James River Association, and Anne Wright of VCU Life Sciences and Science in the Park.

For more information, visit: <http://biophilicities.org/>.

Virginia Waterways Cleanup Events (Various dates: September 1-November 11, 2017)



This statewide event is part of the Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Cleanup. This event cleans waterways across Virginia and collects data about trash & litter in waterways. Volunteers and site captains are needed. To learn about a cleanup event near you or to learn more about being a site captain, see <http://www.longwood.edu/cleanva/CleanupEvents2017.html>. Additional events are expected to be added to the website. Organized by Clean Virginia Waterways.

Virginia Association of Wetland Professionals Fall Meeting (November 16, 2017)



Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens, Richmond, VA. This meeting will focus on state and federal laws, regulations, and policies across Virginia. Speakers will include regulators and other staff from a number of different state and federal agencies and local environmental lawyers. More information will be coming soon at <https://www.facebook.com/vawp.org/>.

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.

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.

Job Opportunities

Water Resources Engineer (City of Richmond)



The City of Richmond is hiring for an Engineer I to work in the Water Resources Division for the Department Public Utilities. The position will perform complex plan review for E & S, Stormwater, Chesapeake Bay and floodplain regulatory issues. For more information please go to the city website at www.richmondgov.com. Closing date is November 5, 2017.

Stormwater Utility Administrator (City of Charlottesville)



The City of Charlottesville, Virginia is currently searching for its next Stormwater Utility Administrator. This position performs complex professional tasks associated with management of the City's Stormwater Utility; implements the Water Resources Master Plan and associated capital projects; supervises operational and technical staff; directs financial aspects of the Stormwater Utility; provides customer service to Stormwater Utility rate payers; and works with various other departments and divisions that have stormwater responsibilities. The position closes on October 12, 2017 at 5:00pm.

To learn more about the City's Stormwater Program, please visit: <http://www.charlottesville.org/departments-and-services/departments-h-z/public-works/environmental-sustainability/water-resources-protection-program>

To view the full job description and benefits associated with the position and to apply please visit <https://tinyurl.com/yufr7lm7>.

Stewardship Assistant (Virginia Outdoors Foundation)



The Virginia Outdoors Foundation is currently seeking a Stewardship Assistant for the Piedmont Region.

The Piedmont Assistant will work with assigned duties including, but not limited to, open-space easement monitoring, interpretations and approvals, landowner education, digital and paper file organization, as well as additional duties found in detail in the job description. Work in both the Warrenton and Charlottesville offices, may be primarily based out of either, with frequent travel required throughout the Piedmont.

Click [here](#) for more information on this position or visit our website <http://www.virginiaoutdoorsfoundation.org/jobs/>.

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