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Weekly Watershed Announcements October 19, 2018

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In The News

Sign Proclaims Cleaner Water in Western Powhatan (MJRT, Monacan SWCD)



There is a new sign at a cattle farm in western Powhatan. Its owner has proudly worked for nine years to fence out 150 cattle from all the streams flowing through the property.

The sign was purchased with a grant through the Middle James Roundtable. It was installed in partnership with Monacan Soil and Water Conservation District by staff member Betty McCracken.

Cattle on this farm are excluded from 5.6 miles of streambanks on over 325 acres of pasture. A 35 foot buffer is required through a practice within the Va. Agricultural Cost Share Program, which is administered by Monacan Soil and Water Conservation District. More than 46 acres of buffer were created between the fence and the streambank. This buffer area has become revegetated and benefits wildlife, controls erosion, and absorbs nutrient runoff from the pastures.

This is the 3rd sign installed in western Powhatan. The signs are an example of how the Roundtable and the District are promoting positive strides made by our local farmers to improve water quality.

Visit www.mjrt.org to see exciting things that the Middle James Roundtable is accomplishing for water quality improvement in our area. Join in! For more information about Districts or the VACS program, please call the Monacan office at (804)556-4936.

Upcoming Events

Join us for the Middle James Roundtable Annual Meeting (October 25, 2018)



Join us for our annual meeting at Goochland's new Historic Central High School. Speakers include: Anne Jennings, Deputy Secretary of Natural Resources, Wood Hudson (Local Stream Bank Restoration), Todd Janeski (VCU Oyster Restoration Project), Ben Watson (James River Watch), Justin Doyle (JRA) and Kevin Orlosky (Art On Wheels).

For more information on our meeting, click [here](#). For the meeting agenda, click [here](#). Attendance is free but registration is required. To register visit: <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=6m5cyfeab&oeidk=a07efnv72a2eef2c212>

James River Association Events (October and November 2018)



To learn more about these events and others see <https://jrava.org/>
++ October 22, 2018 -- Invasive Species Removal - Richmond
++ October 25, 2018 -- Annual Meeting and Oyster Roast - Richmond

Virginia Waterways Cleanup Event (September 1-November 7, 2018))

CLEAN VIRGINIA WATERWAYS

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

Stormwater Compliance Analyst

(Chesterfield County Dept of Environmental Engineering)



Application deadline is November 1, 2018. For information and to apply visit:
<https://www.chesterfield.gov/303/Apply-for-Current-Career-Opportunities#>

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 stew ards 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, fieldw ork, 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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