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In The News

Ann Jennings to speak at Middle James Roundtable Annual Meeting



The Middle James Roundtable is honored to welcome Ann Jennings, Virginia Deputy Secretary of Natural Resources to our annual meeting scheduled for October 25. Ms. Jennings will share her thoughts on "**Restoring the Chesapeake Bay: Virginia's Progress and Path Forward**".

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

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](#).

VMI 2018 STEM Education Conference (October 2-3, 2018)



The 7th Annual STEM Conference is approaching fast!
Check out some program highlights::

- Hands-on Workshops
- Dynamic Speakers including John Antonetti & Ainissa Ramirez
- Networking
- Continuing Education Credits
- Tours of VMI

Come join the fun!
Share your hands-on lessons!
Limited Space, Get Registered: Workshop Selection SEPT 6!
For Attendee Registration, click [here](#).

2018 Chesapeake Watershed Forum (November 2-4, 2018)



The Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay's 13th Annual Chesapeake Watershed Forum (held November 2-4, 2018 in Shepherdstown, WV) is a watershed-wide event reaching over 400 restoration and protection practitioners annual to inspire and empower local action towards clean water.

We do this by sharing successful tools and techniques, building the capacity of local organizations and governments, building partnerships, educating new initiatives, networking amongst each other, and celebrating our successes.

This year's theme, "Connecting Our Communities: Celebrating Diverse and Innovative Partnerships" was chosen so that we may celebrate the many diverse partnerships that have proven successful in the restoration and protection of the Chesapeake Bay and its watershed. We are especially interested in engaging, interactive learning sessions that highlight innovative partnerships, leading to success. Each track will incorporate one or more sessions that demonstrate partnering success.

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

Job Opportunities

Ag Incentives Program Manager (Department of Conservation & Recreation)



The Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, Division of Soil and Water Conservation, is seeking an individual to serve as the Agricultural Incentives Program Manager. This position will manage and coordinate implementation of the Virginia Agricultural Best Management Practices Cost Share (VACS) Program, the Agricultural Tax Credit programs, Virginia's partnerships with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP), and Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP). The incumbent of this position will also be responsible for collaborating coordinating, and planning with the Department of Forestry regarding implementation of Silvicultural Best Management Practices, partnering with the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality on their Low Interest Loan Program, and with the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries on their Quail Action Plan Cost-Share Program.

Specifically, the incumbent of this position is responsible for but not limited to coordinating, planning, and documenting communications for incentive program meetings; providing responses to verbal inquiries from Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD's) and the general public, and administers/tracks/reports incentive program funds as necessary to ensure expenditures/disbursements are appropriate. The Agricultural Incentives Program Manager also provides guidance for the Virginia Agricultural BMP Cost share program, the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, (CREP), and agricultural tax credit incentives program, maintains and updates/maintains program materials, delivers presentations, addresses request for information and assistance, and presents agency recommendations to the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board.

Application deadline: September 28, 2018. Applications must be submitted at: <http://virginiajobs.peopleadmin.com/postings/124274>.

Executive Director (Rivanna Conservation Alliance)



As RCA's Executive Director Roberta (Robbi) Savage prepares to retire from an exceptional career in environmental nonprofit leadership, the search is

under way to find an experienced, motivated, and visionary individual ready to lead as RCA's next Executive Director (ED).

With the guidance of the RCA Board of Directors, staff, and experienced consultants, we have completed an assessment of RCA's processes, roles, and responsibilities throughout the organization. Details on the ED position and job description can be found at our website: www.rivannariver.org/exec.

To apply, please submit cover letter, resume, and references to: RivannaEDsearch@gmail.com with "Executive Director" in the subject line. No phone inquiries please. Applications will be accepted through September 30, 2018. The position will remain open until filled.

Conservation Education Specialist
Robert E. Lee Soil & Water Conservation District



**ROBERT E. LEE SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

Robert E. Lee Soil and Water Conservation District (RELSWCD) is accepting applications for a full-time Conservation Education Specialist. Primary duties of the position include coordination and promotion of the development of conservation education projects and activities by school and community groups and maintaining a strong public relations effort for the District. The position does require occasional evenings and weekend travel. Applicant must possess the ability to multi-task, communicate effectively and work independently. Computer application skills and grant writing abilities are required. Valid driver's license and criminal background check required. Applicant should be a graduate from an accredited four year college with a degree in education, agriculture, natural resources or related field and/or equivalent experience. Salary based on qualifications/experience. VA State application form and full job description is available at www.releeconservation.com. Send cover letter and application to Robert E. Lee SWCD, 7631-A Richmond Hwy., Appomattox, VA 24522. Applications must be received or post-marked by October 15, 2018. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of a completed State application. RELSWCD is an equal opportunity employer.

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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