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In The News

Chesapeake Bay Foundation Find E Coli Pollution Up 100 Times State Standards At Richmond Recreation Spots

(The Community Idea Stations)



The Chesapeake Bay Foundation says after a heavy rainfall, bacteria levels at some of the Richmond area's more popular waterways can be up to 100 times higher than Virginia Standards for swimming and recreation.

The Foundation just concluded a pilot project to measure the levels of E Coli. Highest was at the Mouth of Gillies Creek, a popular fishing spot where the creek meets the James. CBF Executive Director Rebecca LePrell, says it is also nasty.

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

Algal Blooms
(UVA Today)



Citizens living in the Chesapeake Bay watershed who want to live and eat healthy while helping the health of the bay now have a handy online tool with which to better understand how individual lifestyle decisions cascade into the environment. A newly released "Bay Footprint" calculator - which focuses on nitrogen pollution - helps citizens to see how diet and other choices affect the bay's health, and how changed behaviors can improve the bay.

The tool was developed by University of Virginia environmental scientists and Chesapeake Bay Foundation officials, and resides on the foundation's [website](#). To read the full article by Fariss Samarri, click [here](#).

Upcoming Events

Middle James Roundtable Annual Meeting (September 14, 2016)



Mark your calendar for the 2016 Middle James Roundtable Annual Meeting. This year we will return to Deep Run Recreation Center in Henrico County on September 14, 9am-3:30pm. Click [here](#) for updated draft agenda as of Aug 18! **Registration will close at noon on September 7.** Click here to register now!
<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=6m5cyfeab&oeidk=a07eczu48zb7067a5d>

Virginia Environmental Assembly (September 9-10, 2016)



University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA - This event provides a forum for discussion of key environmental issues and an opportunity to strategize. To see the assembly schedule and to register, go to <http://www.vcnva.org/virginia-environmental-assembly/>. Hosted by the Virginia Conservation Network.

Save the Date: Virginia Association of Wetland Professionals (VAWP) Fall Meeting
(November 16, 2016)



Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens, Richmond, VA - This meeting will include speakers from state regulatory agencies. More information and registration details will be posted at www.vawp.org. For more information, contact Brian Breissinger at brian.breissinger@timmons.com.

Save the Date: Environmental Education Conference and Virginia Association of Science Teachers (VAST) Professional Development Institute
(EED: November 16-17, 2016, VAST: November 17-19, 2016)



Williamsburg, VA - Theme: The Faces of Science in Virginia - This will be a combined conference starting with the Environmental Education Conference followed by the VAST PDI. Details about the environmental education conference will be posted at <http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/environmental-education/conference> as they become available. Registration for the VAST PDI is available at <http://www.vast.org/annual-pdi.html>.

Chesapeake Bay Monitoring Cooperative
(Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay)



Do you monitor water quality or benthic macroinvertebrates within the Chesapeake Bay Watershed?

The Chesapeake Monitoring Cooperative has been formed to unite monitoring groups and individuals in the watershed, provide technical support, and build a user friendly database that will facilitate the use of your monitoring data by federal and state agencies.

We are conducting a census of monitoring groups and we want to count you and hear about what you are doing. You can participate at <http://bit.do/ChesapeakeMonitoringCensus>.

Hate filling out forms? You could win one free registration for the 2016 Chesapeake Watershed Forum being held September 30 - October 2. Or if that doesn't float your boat, you could win one of two \$100 gifts for the water quality monitoring equipment of your choice.

To learn more about the Chesapeake Monitoring Cooperative visit chesmonitoringcoop.org.

This project is sponsored through a cooperative agreement with the Environmental Protection Agency for the Integration of Citizen-based and Nontraditional Monitoring into the Chesapeake Bay Program Partnership.

Job Opportunities

Soil & Water District Manager

(Deadline to Apply- September 17)

The Thomas Jefferson Soil & Water Conservation District (Charlottesville, VA) is seeking a District Manager. The DM is under the directions of the TJSWCD Board of Directors. A college degree or equivalent professional experience in a conservation-related field is required. An advanced degree is preferred. For more information on this position and how to apply, click [here](#).

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