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In the News

Virginia once feared some cities would run out of groundwater. But conservation efforts are working.

(Daily Press)



Water's rising in the well in southern Suffolk that state officials use to keep an eye on one of eastern Virginia's key sources supply of drinking water - the underground aquifer they'd worried people and businesses were drawing too heavily upon.

Heavy use of the Potomac aquifer, a thick wedge of water-filled sand that lies about 300 feet to more than 1,500 feet below Hampton Roads, has been making the ground sink and pressure in drinking water wells fall for a century.

The aquifer stretches from the shore west to Richmond and north to the Washington suburbs. Water levels are down 200 feet in parts where use is heaviest, such as around the paper and pulp mills Franklin and West Point.

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

Upcoming Events

Save the Date: Virginia Association for Environmental Education Annual Conference

(February 26-28, 2020)



VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

This year's conference theme "EE for EverybodEE" is a celebration and call to action to make environmental education accessible to everyone in the Commonwealth. Featuring workshops, networking, field trips and a day and a half of concurrent session VAAE 2020 promises to be our most exciting conference yet!

The 2020 Virginia Environmental Education Conference will be held at the Florence Elston Inn & Conference Center at Sweet Briar College in Amherst, Virginia from Wednesday, February 26th to Friday, February 28th.

For more information, go to <https://vaee.wildapricot.org/VAAE2020/>.

Job Opportunities

Natural Resources Manager

(Albemarle County Community Development Department)



The Albemarle County Community Development Department is actively recruiting a Natural Resources Manager to join our team! The Natural Resources Manager performs difficult professional work developing, coordinating and administering natural resource protection, conservation and monitoring programs.

Deadline to apply is December 6, 2019. To find out more and to apply, go to: <https://albemarleva.tedk12.com/hire/ViewJob.aspx?JobID=4310>.

Grant Opportunities

Virginia's Environmental Endowment announces \$3.7 million in grants

(Augusta Free Press)

Virginia
Environmental
Endowment

The Virginia Environmental Endowment is providing more than \$3.7 million in new grants to 22 partner organizations dedicated to advancing water quality and Chesapeake Bay improvements, land conservation practices, environmental literacy, climate resiliency, and invasive species control.

These awards - together with those announced last spring - bring the total VEE grants for calendar year 2019 to over \$4 million, which is the second highest yearly amount awarded in its 42 year history. The list of awards includes \$3.45 million in grants to seven partners to directly improve water quality in the James River.

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

Mini Environmental Education Grant Program
(Chesapeake Bay Trust)



Deadline to apply is 4pm on January 9, 2020.

Provides up to \$5,000 for projects that involve students investigating a local environmental issue, problem, or phenomenon through indoor and outdoor research culminating in developing solutions and taking action in their school or community - also known as the Meaningful Watershed Educational Experience (MWEE) model. Funds can cover costs for field trips, fieldwork, transportation, substitute fees, and supplies for student projects. This grant program also funds attendance to or development of professional development trainings for educators. Projects must be complete by September 1, 2020 due to NOAA funding source restrictions. For more information, see <https://cbtrust.org/grants/environmental-education-mini/>.

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