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### In The News

#### Town of Ashland Officials Celebrate Their Latest Clean Water Project (Virginia Currents)



Town of Ashland officials celebrate their latest clean water project with a ribbon cutting. The police department parking lot was redone with permeable pavers and the adjacent creek was restored.

To read the full article by Catherine Komp on the approaching deadline for Chesapeake Bay pollution reduction goals, click [here](#).

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#### Artists Invited To Submit Designs For Storm Drain Mural Contest (James River Association)



The James River Association is partnering with the City of Lynchburg and Skeo Solutions to host a Storm Drain Mural Project to remind the community to put "only rain down the drain" and to educate residents on how they can do their part to improve local water quality. A mural will be painted by the local artist selected through the contest on a storm drain at the Fairview Heights Recreation Center at 3621 Campbell Avenue in Lynchburg in the spring of 2017.

Deadline for entries is January 15, 2017. To read more about JRA's storm drain art project, visit the JRA website:

<http://jrava.org/programs/watershed-restoration/storm-drain-art-project/>

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#### What Will Become of Chesapeake Restoration Under Trump? (Delmarvanow)



Donald Trump famously has vowed to "drain the swamp." But what about cleaning up the bay?

The billionaire businessman's campaign and subsequent transition have raised more questions than answers about how a Trump administration would handle the massive Chesapeake Bay cleanup.

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

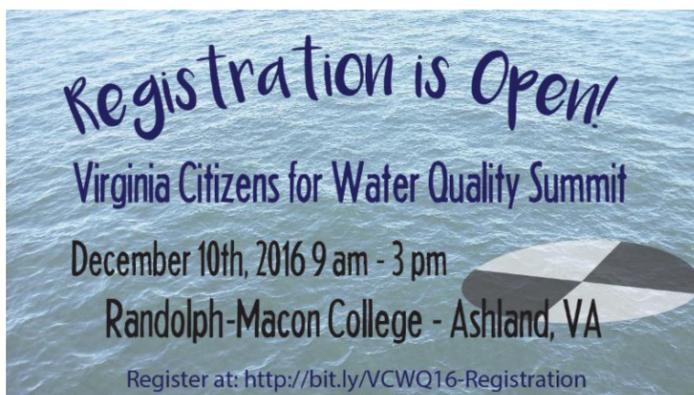
## Upcoming Events

### Virginia DEQ Stormwater BMP Training & Certification



Three new courses have been added related to Stormwater BMPs: Rooftop Disconnection for VSMP Inspectors, Sheetflow to Filter Strips for VSMP Inspectors, and Soil Compost Amendments for VSMP Inspectors. To access the online courses, login to the DEQ Knowledge Center at <https://covkc.virginia.gov/deq/external>, click on Course Catalog and search for "BMP." Click the course name and then "Access Item" to open a new window. In this new window, click the course title to access content. See <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/ConnectWithDEQ/TrainingCertification.aspx> for more information about DEQ Training and Certification programs. To receive notifications from DEQ regarding Stormwater Management and Erosion & Sediment Control Training & Certification Announcements use the [Training Notification Sign-up Link](#) and complete the form.

### 2016 Virginia Citizens for Water Quality Summit (December 10, 2016, 9am-3pm)



Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, VA. Intended for volunteer monitors to network, gain new skills, and learn how volunteer monitoring contributes to monitoring in the state. Workshops include: how to calibrate probes, how to ID aquatic bugs to the family level, storm water BMPs of Ashland, and expanding monitoring networks in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. See <https://vcwq.wordpress.com/> to register and see the agenda. The cost is \$20 (\$15 for students), which includes lunch. Direct questions to Anne Dunckel at [adunckel@allianceforthebay.org](mailto:adunckel@allianceforthebay.org).

### Save the Date: Virginia Water Monitoring Council Annual Conference (March 22, 2017)



Henrico County Training Center, Henrico, VA. This year's theme: Exploring Emerging Water Issues – Information will be posted at <http://www.vwmc.vwrrc.vt.edu/conference/>

## Job Opportunities

### Part-Time Program Assistant (Deadline to apply December 15, 2016)



The Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay is seeking an energetic and creative person to assist with implementation of its RiverTrends and RiverWise Education Programs. For more information on this position and how to apply, click [here](#).

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