



CHESAPEAKE BAY COMMISSION

Virginia Delegation Retreat

Shenandoah River State Park

August 8 - 9, 2024

Agenda

Thursday, August 8th

Northern Virginia 4-H Educational & Conference Center

Peter's Lodge

600 4-H Center Drive

Front Royal, Virginia 22630

12:45 P.M. Call-to-Order & Roll Call

Peter's Lodge

1:00 P.M. Welcome by the Northern Virginia 4-H Education & Conference Center

Since 1981, the Northern Virginia 4-H Educational Center has offered year-round, research-based programming to the youth and families of Northern Virginia. In addition to its acclaimed camps, the Center hosts educational programs and outdoor recreational opportunities. We will learn about their work and how it impacts Virginia and the Bay.

Katie Tennant

Director, Northern Virginia 4-H Education & Conference Center

1:15 P.M. Virginia's Progress on Environmental Literacy

The Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement challenges us to empower K-12 students with the knowledge and skills needed to act responsibly to protect and restore their local watersheds. Are Virginia's Standards of Learning aligned with this goal? How is the development of Virginia's Environmental Literacy Strategic Plan going? What is the next step for the Commonwealth?

Dr. Anne Petersen

Director of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics, Department of Education

Cassi Camara

Environmental Education Specialist, Department of Conservation and Recreation

2:00 P.M. Break

2:15 P.M. Virginia Director's Lightning Round Updates

- Blue Crab Winter Dredge Fishery
- Water Quality Funding Needs Assessments & the Stormwater Local Assistance Fund
- Wetlands Restoration Legislation
- Soil and Water Conservation Board Letter

2:30 P.M. PFAS: Critical Updates and Moving Forward

Addressing PFAS has been an active priority for the U.S. EPA, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the Commission. With the passage of Senate Bill 243 and House Bill 1085 during the 2024 General Assembly's regular session, how is implementation of the new requirements unfolding? What next steps need to be taken?

Dwayne Roadcap
Director, Office of Drinking Water, Department of Health

Brandon Bull
Director of Policy, Department of Environmental Quality

Carrol Courtenay
Staff Attorney, Southern Environmental Law Center

3:45 P.M. Public Comment

4:00 P.M. Meeting Recess

Friday, August 9th

Shenandoah River State Park

Park Conference Room
350 Daughter of Stars Drive
Bentonville, VA 22610

9:00 A.M. Call-to-Order & Roll Call

Park Conference Room

9:10 A.M. An Introduction to Shenandoah River State Park

Shenandoah River Raymond R. "Andy" Guest Jr. State Park is on the South Fork of the Shenandoah River encompassing 1,600 acres, with 5.2 miles of shoreline. In addition to the meandering river frontage, the park offers scenic views of Massanutten Mountain to the west and Shenandoah National Park to the east. We will get an introduction to what the park has to offer and the needs that our state parks face.

Dustin Haymaker
Manager, Shenandoah River State Park, Department of Conservation and Recreation

9:30 A.M. The 2024 Virginia Outdoors Plan

The Virginia Outdoors Plan is the Commonwealth's comprehensive plan for land conservation, outdoor recreation, and open-space planning. The 2024 plan provides guidance and direction to local, regional, and state decision makers working to meet outdoor recreation and land conservation goals. With the Commission's commitment to land conservation and public access, how can we support the implementation of the plan?

Matt Wells
Director, Department of Conservation and Recreation

10:15 A.M. Field Excursion [Members Only]

11:30 A.M. Return from Field Excursion & Adjourn

Next Meeting: Full Commission, September 5th – 6th in Norfolk, Virginia

Virginia Delegation Members and Staff

Delegate David Bulova, VA Delegation Chair
Senator Richard Stuart
Delegate Alex Askew
Missy Cotter-Smasal
Adrienne Kotula, CBC Virginia Director

Delegate Robert Bloxom, Jr., Vice Chair
Senator Jeremy McPike
Secretary Travis Voyles
Anna Killius, CBC Executive Director