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VIRTUAL BREAKOUT SESSION OFFERINGS

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 25

9:00-9:30 a.m.

Opening Plenary Session

<https://nwf-org.zoom.us/j/93792644305>

Join us as we kick off the 2022 Choose Clean Water Conference!

10:00-10:45 a.m.

Advancing DEIJ Outcomes through NFWF's Chesapeake Bay Grantmaking

<https://nwf-org.zoom.us/j/93360143446>

Presenter: Jake Reilly

Echoing a foundation-wide commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice in our conservation funding programs, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Chesapeake Bay Stewardship Fund has undertaken new efforts and began deploying new tools to advance meaningful engagement of diverse communities through our Chesapeake Bay grant programs. In this session, you'll learn about key considerations and prospective directions as NFWF continues to reorient its Chesapeake Bay programs to enhanced DEIJ outcomes, as well as new tools developed by the foundation to understand the nature of communities impacted by our grant projects and the depth and quality of community engagement.

Wednesday continued....

11:00-11:45 a.m.

The Results Are In: Reviewing the Capacity of the Bay's NGO Community

<https://nwf-org.zoom.us/j/92803295907>

Presenters: Jenny McGarvey, Steve Raabe, and Lauren Sauder

Working in collaboration with respected research and strategy firm OpinionWorks, the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay and the Choose Clean Water Coalition conducted a comprehensive assessment of the capacity levels of the Bay's NGO community. From this assessment, we seek to build a strategic roadmap forward to help bridge and close the capacity gaps. Join this session to hear preliminary findings from the assessment and learn how you can get involved to increase the collective capacity of all organizations fighting for clean water throughout the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

12:15-12:45 p.m.

Plenary Session: Fighting for Justice in the Old Dominion

<https://nwf-org.zoom.us/j/92660348535>

Moderator: Queen Shabazz

Panelists: Renada Harris and La'Veesha Allen Rollins

Throughout Virginia, as developers, corporations, and energy conglomerates pursue projects with harmful environmental outcomes, they frequently target and adversely impact marginalized communities overburdened by pollution. These projects not only harm the environment but also come with severe consequences to local economies, public health, and quality of life. Hear the stories of activists from the Virginia Environmental Justice Collaborative as they describe the projected harm of proposed projects in their community and how they organized, empowered, and mobilized their community to fight back.

Wednesday continued...

1:15-2:00 p.m.

“A River Reborn” in Coal Country: Screening and Director Discussion

Use this link for the Zoom:

<https://nwf-org.zoom.us/j/97605716178>

Use this link if you would like to view the video outside of the livestream:

[Link to video](#)

Presenters: Stephanie Wein and Ben Kalina

PennEnvironment presents A River Reborn, a new 28-minute film about the remediation of acid mine drainage along the Little Conemaugh River. The film captures how we heal the legacy of mining waste in our rivers, increase access to clean water, and spur a new outdoor recreation economy in a region left behind by the decline of coal. Following the film, we will dive into Q&A with award-winning filmmaker Ben Kalina about making the film and the ways in which the dramatic revitalization of the Little Conemaugh can serve as a blueprint for other coal country conservation and reclamation efforts.

THURSDAY, MAY 26

10:00-10:45 a.m.

Pennsylvania's WIP and Working with Plain Sect Farmers

<https://nwf-org.zoom.us/j/92717381328>

Presenters: Renee Reber and Mauricio Rosales

It is well known that Pennsylvania has a long way to go to meet its Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) goals. Fortunately, the state approached the Phase 3 Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) through a stakeholder engagement process that has mobilized planning and implementation efforts through County Action Plans. In this presentation, we will examine Pennsylvania's progress and the hurdles towards meeting WIP goals. We will also explore the challenges and opportunities of working with farmers and Plain Sect communities in Lancaster County.

Thursday continued...

11:00-11:45 a.m.

It Starts at Home: Certifying Residential Best Management Practices for TMDL Credit

<https://nwf-org.zoom.us/j/95485484018>

Presenters: Barbara Gavin and Mary Bennett

To meet our water quality goals, it's critical that homeowners implement projects that reduce the onslaught of polluted runoff into our waterways. Elizabeth River Project began implementing residential Best Management Practices (BMPs) for pollution reduction (nitrogen, phosphorus, and sediment) credit in 2014. These BMP projects range from rain gardens and lawn care plans to living shorelines and riparian buffer plantings. The Elizabeth River Project has created a re-verification process that is transferrable among organizations and localities working with property owners to cost share residential BMPs for pollution reduction credit. This session will review our BMP re-verification procedures in depth, diving into the data, tools used in the process, and highlighting opportunities to adapt to climate change as we design new residential BMPs.

12:15-12:50 p.m.

Plenary Session: Keynote Address featuring Adam Ortiz and Martha Shimkin, US EPA Region 3

<https://nwf-org.zoom.us/j/93592905723>

With the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency playing a crucial role in the restoration of the rivers and streams that feed the Chesapeake Bay, Administrator Ortiz will discuss his experiences in politics and regulatory offices as a champion for clean water. Addressing issues of environmental justice, the impact of increasing polluted runoff, and excess nutrients from agriculture, he will share remarks on the challenges and opportunities of protecting and restoring local waterways across a region as large and diverse as the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

Thursday continued...

1:15-2:00 p.m.

Purpose Park: Conservation Landscaping with Teens

<https://nwf-org.zoom.us/j/96154286302>

Presenters: Lisa Renee Jennings

Beginning in January of 2021, CBF worked alongside Teens with A Purpose, a youth engagement movement to plant 13 native trees and install a 1,200-square foot rain garden. Located in Purpose Park, a parking lot reimagined into a safe community space, the project was developed in collaboration with the City of Norfolk's Stormwater department and Virginia Tech's Agricultural Experiment Station. Persevering despite difficult conditions, the presentation will dive into the logistics, joys, and challenges of planning and implementing a tree planting and rain garden in an urban public housing area.

2:15-3:00 p.m.

Agroforestry: Trees, Profits, and Clean Water

<https://nwf-org.zoom.us/j/94717988743>

Presenters: Audrey Epp Schmidt

Bringing the forest to the field, agroforestry is the strategic integration of fruit, nut, and timber crops into existing agricultural operations. We will share case studies of how Propagate is piloting innovative agroforestry systems that measurably benefit ecological outcomes (e.g. water quality and soil health) while also achieving farmer goals for production and income. Agroforestry has the potential to "unlock" the adoption of conservation practices on additional acreage by speaking to farmers' bottom line. We will share case studies how we are advancing 'extreme buffers' that couple traditional riparian buffers with commercial agroforestry cropping systems. With the Chesapeake Bay watershed well-suited for agroforestry, we will share the nuances and considerations when designing, installing, and operating perennial cropping systems.