

Like 0

Share



Share



March 27, 2023

Dear Friend,

We are jammed packed with events -- fun, informative, and mission- based! Join us for as many as you can and be sure to share with your friends!

Tell the Navy that its proposed expansion of weapons testing may harm endangered Atlantic Sturgeon -- Attend the public forum on Wednesday, March 29

The [Atlantic Sturgeon](#) is an ancient, rare fish that has been around since the dinosaurs and is now endangered from human activities, including overfishing, pollution, and habitat destruction. We need to act now to preserve it!



PS – Believe it or not, the Navy wants to expand its weapons testing range on the river! Here's the [link](#) to the public comment page – please tell them no! Bad for recreational boating, commercial fishing and shellfish, in addition to the sturgeon.

Please attend the public forum: your voice counts!

Wednesday, March 29, 6-8 pm
Potomac River Fisheries Commission Building
222 Taylor Street
Colonial Beach, VA 22443

[More details here.](#)

Photo credit – Allen Sklar Fox 5 DC

Town Hall on Possum Point Coal Ash Landfill -- Thursday, March 30

Dominion is asking Prince William County whether its proposed landfill for dangerous coal ash needs any environmental review -- it sure does!

Join Dean Naujoks, Potomac Riverkeeper, at a town hall meeting and make your voice heard!

Thursday, March 30, 6-8 pm
Potomac High School
3401 Panther Pride Drive
Dumfries, VA 22026

[Registration and details here.](#)

And if you can't attend in person, please use this [link](#) to make your comment!

Become a certified Community Science Water Quality Monitor for Potomac Riverkeeper Network!

In the Lower Potomac

Be part of the water quality monitoring team! Join us for in-person training to become a certified Community Science Water Quality Monitoring Program! During this training, you will learn about Potomac Riverkeeper Network's role in preventing pollution in our watershed and the role of Community Science in our Swimmable Potomac Campaign, learn the field and lab methods for collecting and reading water quality samples, get hands-on experience practicing water sample collection and take our Community Science Water Quality Monitor Volunteer test to become certified within our program!

Sampling is every Wednesday from May to September.

To accommodate as many of you as possible, we have two dates and locations -- details below!

[National Harbor - April 19th](#)

[Colonial Beach - April 26th](#)

In the Upper Potomac

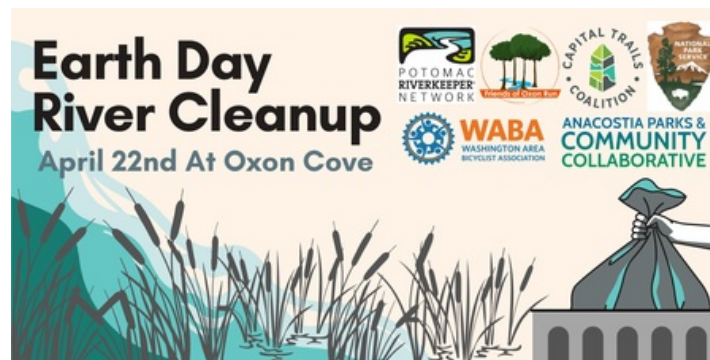
Join Upper Potomac Riverkeeper Brent Walls and his colleague from Hood College, Catherine Gaudlip, to be a summer volunteer to monitor bacteria in the Upper Potomac.

The informational meeting and training will be held on Tuesday, May 2, from 5-7PM, at Mount Aetna Retreat Center, 10375 Retreat Way, Hagerstown, MD 21742. You will learn about details and plans for this summer's monitoring and how you can be a part of it!

Note that sampling will begin Memorial Day weekend, and you need not commit to being available every week. [Register here.](#)



Earth Day Clean Up – Saturday, April 22



Join Potomac Riverkeeper Network and our partners as we bring our communities together to celebrate Earth Day by giving back!

In celebration of Earth Day, Potomac Riverkeeper Network volunteers will provide the hands and bodies to remove trash and debris from the recreational and natural areas along the Oxon Cove shoreline. At last year's cleanup at Oxon Cove, our 191

volunteers removed 281 bags of trash: over 7000 plastic bottles, 17 car tires, and 5 shopping carts! This year our volunteers will return to clean up the park to protect public lands and to create a safer place for the community to gather.

We welcome volunteers of all ages to help remove single-use plastics and trash along the shoreline of Oxon Cove and Oxon Run. Please be prepared and dress accordingly. Wear clothes you don't mind getting a little wet and muddy. If you have knee-high rubber boots or waders, we recommend wearing them so you can help us tackle the trash below the shoreline. Be sure to bring a snack and a reusable water bottle!

In order to not overcrowd our volunteers, our event will be running in two shifts. One from 9am - 11:30am and the other from 12pm - 2:30pm. There will be access points on both the DC and the Maryland sides of the Cove.

[Register here](#) to volunteer with us this Earth Day!

More Earth Day Clean Ups in the Shenandoah Valley

If the Shenandoah Valley is home or if you are dedicated to that river, stay tuned for our April River Report for details about the Earth Day clean ups Mark Frondorf, Shenandoah Riverkeeper and board member Frank Filipy are organizing!

Get Involved!

Use the [Water Reporter](#) app to send reports to our Riverkeepers!

Become a member

DONATE
(Please)



CFC/Earthshare #87828



