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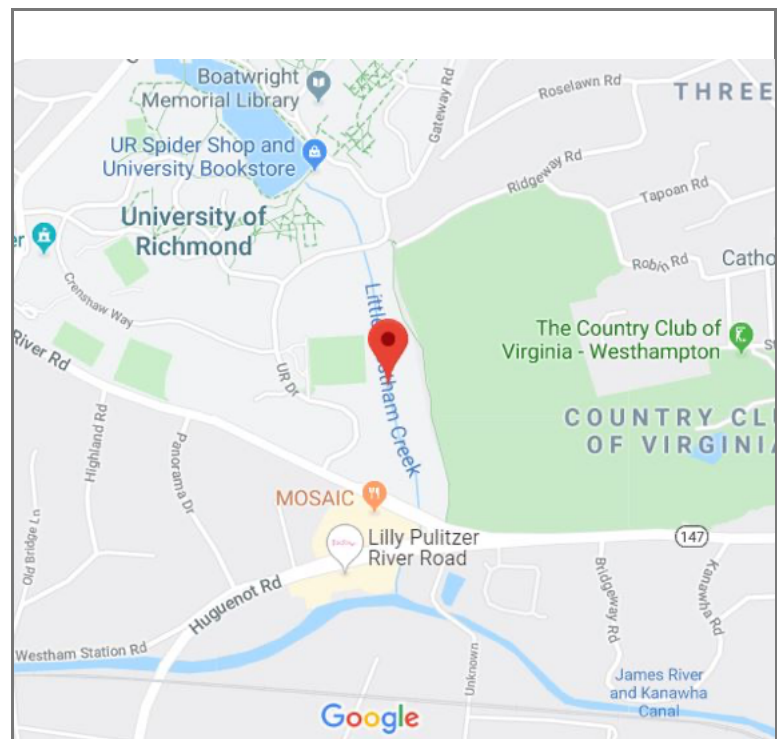
2020 Programs Below

Held the 2nd Tuesday of the month,
January through April
Free. All are welcome.

Tuesday, January 14, 7:00 p.m.
Science Museum of Virginia

Presenter: Dr. Todd Lookingbill

***Goats, Dams, and a Living Lab:
Stream Restoration
in the Gambles Mill Eco-Corridor***



Todd Lookingbill, Associate Professor of Geography, Environmental Studies and Biology at University of Richmond.

Graphic from Google Maps, showing location of Little Westham Creek.

Hear Dr Todd Lookingbill discuss the restoration of the University of Richmond's Little Westham Creek, which presently sends polluting fertilizer from neighboring properties directly to the James

River. To meet “pollution diet” requirements of the city, the creek path will be altered and will include a nearby recreational trail (we can hike on it later this year), removal of invasive plants and management of stormwater. Learn how goats, dams and science are being used to bring the creek and environs back to health.

**Tuesday, February 11, 7:00
Science Museum of Virginia**

Presenters: Andrea Butler and Bill Carlson

***Taking a Look Inside
Goodwill of Central and Coastal Virginia***

(Plan to arrive before the 7:00 program for a 6:00 Environmental Film Festival film, *Wild Africa* in the Dome of the Science Museum.)



Andrea Butler, Vice President, Mission Advancement



Bill Carlson, Chief Operating Officer

Do you ever wonder about the final resting place of the suitcase that you donated to Goodwill? Goodwill of Central and Coastal Virginia’s Andrea Butler and Bill Carlson will explain how Goodwill recycles and repurposes over 50 million pounds of goods annually. Information about Goodwill’s workforce development mission and the current local recycling situation will also be presented. On February 19, our speakers will conduct a tour of the large Goodwill Support Center on Midlothian Turnpike (details below).

Goodwill has been a vitally important partner in the annual UR/FOJG Sierra Club’s Big Yard Sale at University of Richmond.

Followup: Behind-the-Scenes Goodwill Tour

Wednesday, February 19
9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
Place: Goodwill Support Center
6301 Midlothian Turnpike
Richmond, VA 23225

Click to R.S.V.P.
[For 9:00 am tour](#)
[For 6:00 pm tour](#)

Two behind the scenes tours of the Goodwill Support Center (6301 Midlothian Turnpike, Richmond, VA 23225) will be held on Wednesday, February 19. Come either at 9:00 a.m. or 6:00 p.m.

The tour of the Goodwill Support Center is the most tangible way to witness how Goodwill refurbishes, recycles or resells everything from electronics to clothing and medical equipment, an effort that supports its workforce development mission. Witness a fast-paced public auction, featuring large items, useful merchandise and collectibles. Also included is Goodwill's renovated employment center that provides free services for job seekers.

After the 6:00 p.m. tour on Wed, Feb. 19

Tour participants are invited to meet after the evening Goodwill tour at Abuelita's Homemade Mexican Food. This low-key, family-owned restaurant is located .3 mile west of Goodwill, at 6400 Midlothian Turnpike 23225.

Tuesday, March 10, 7:00
Science Museum of Virginia
Presenter: Bill Shanabruch

***Using Native Plants
and Conservation Landscaping
to Enhance Water Quality***

Tuesday, April 14, 7:00
Science Museum of Virginia
Presenter: Jay Epstein

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February Events In Brief

It's a short month, with lots going on:

Th., Feb. 7 - Th., Feb.13. *RVA Environmental Film Festival.*

Tu., Feb.11 - Film, *Wild Africa*, at Science Museum's Dome Theater. (Part of the EFF) Free. 6:00 pm.

Tu., Feb.11 - FOJG Program: *Taking a Look Inside Goodwill of Central and Coastal Virginia*. Science Museum. 7:00 pm. (see above)

Wed., Feb.19 - *Behind-the-Scenes Tour of Goodwill Support Center*. 9:00 am and 6:00 pm. (see above)

Wed., Feb. 19 - After the Goodwill tour, meet at *Abuelita's*. (see above).

Proposed Chickahominy Power Plant
(a continuing issue)

by Joe Brancoli

A brief recap: Permission to build a huge Chickahominy Power Plant in neighboring Charles City County is coming before Virginia's Department of Environmental Quality. This project by Dominion has gotten little publicity and therefore little opposition.

New developments: Finally, there is a clear cut action which I ask you to take. Please submit a comment to DEQ against the Groundwater Withdrawal Special Exception for the Chickahominy Power Plant. Give your name, address and phone number, as well as the name, address and special exception number below:

Chickahominy Power LLC.

13800 Coppermine Road, Charles City Virginia, 20171.

Gw0078700.

Send by email to withdrawal.permitting@deq.virginia.gov

Or fax to 804-698-4032

Or mail to Office of Water Supply c/o Joseph Grist, PO Box 1105, Richmond VA 23219.

The comment period runs through February 14th, and this is the last chance to halt this huge gas plant. Please take a few minutes to be heard.

There is also a meeting on January 28th 6:30 pm at Charles City High School, where you can make oral comments, after signing in at the door.

Any questions, please contact me--Joe at (804) 502-9502.

2020 Vision: A Year of Decision

A letter from Joe Brancoli,
Chair of FOJG Executive Committee
Vice Chair of the VA Chapter Ex Comm

Greetings fellow Falls of the James members,

It is becoming clear that this new year will be one of major importance. We face a plethora of elections this fall, from U.S. President, one U.S. Senator from Virginia, all U.S. Representatives, to Richmond mayor and City Council members. It seems likely that this year will see the completion or abandonment of the Atlantic Coast and Mountain Valley Pipelines, as delays and cost increases make backers of these projects restive. Similar can be said of numerous fracked gas power plants in Virginia proposed by Dominion and other companies.

I ask that you spend time in 2020 working on elections and working to defeat the unnecessary and ruinous projects above named. This can be done by attending State Water Board and State Air Board meetings held near Richmond quarterly, submitting comments on permits (see the above Chickahominy Plant article), and

volunteering on campaigns this summer and fall.

This is the last gasp for fossil fuels, but their backers are not going quietly -- they are too profitable for the few. Please join me in working smarter and harder than ever this year! Contact me at (804) 502-9502 or omethid@hotmail.com.

Joe

VA General Assembly

During the 2020 VA General Assembly's session (January 8 to March 7), Sierra Club's VA Chapter will be active with many environmental issues. Choose an issue of special interest to you, and then use the button below to view the [VA Chapter's calendar](#) which shows many opportunities for members' participation.

CALENDAR

A FEW JANUARY EVENTS YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS USE THE LINKS TO ACCESS MORE INFORMATION.

Tu., Jan.14 - [Rally and Lobby Day for Clean Energy](#). 7:30 am - 2:00 pm.

Tu., Jan.14 - FOJG Program at Science Museum. 7:00 pm. (see above)

Th., Jan.16 - [Richmond Green Drinks](#). Sponsored by the Environmental Film Festival. CraftedRVA, 4900 Libbie Mill E Blvd. 5:30-7:30 pm

Mon., Jan.27 - [OneVirginia2021 Lobby Day](#). Promoting redistricting reform constitutional amendment. 900 E Main St, Richmond. 9:00 am.

Tu., Jan.28 - [Conservation Lobby Day](#). Professionals and volunteers meet with state legislators to discuss a variety of environmental legislation. St Paul's Church, 815 E. Grace St. Richmond. 7:30 am - 1:00 pm.

Get involved! [Visit here to learn more](#) about the Sierra Club's Falls of the James Group.

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- **Conservation & Advocacy Committee** comprises conservation, legislative/political, pollinators, bike/pedestrian issues. Meets on the fourth Wednesday each month.

- **Membership Engagement Committee** comprises membership, programs, outings and fundraising. Meets on the last Thursday of each month.

**New members are welcome.
Interested?**

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