



VA Governor Ralph Northam speaks with membership on current STAC efforts, STAC and Executive Council priorities, and the impact of COVID on the watershed.



Together again but different.



Andy Miller, STAC Chair, has clearly won the contest he has started, Best STAC Meeting Background.

STAC September Quarterly Meeting Follow-up

Thank you for participating in the September Quarterly Meeting. We appreciate your continued work and efforts on STAC during this time of abrupt adaptation. With life, work, and school looking different these days, our quarterly meetings understandably, should too. There is a short poll below addressing alternative formats for future quarterly meetings. Please fill out your availability so that we can better design STAC events for STAC members.

There was a lot of great discussion and references for more reading during the meeting that are linked below. Following STAC business, you will find links to related content and related events happening around the watershed. Recordings from the meeting are unlisted and unsearchable to the public, but as always, final presentation slides will be available and posted to the [STAC website](#).

Finalized 2021 STAC meeting dates: 3/23-3/24; 6/15-6/16; 9/13-9/14; 12/7-12/8
Google calendar invites will be sent for these 2021 dates!

[Final August 12 Executive Board \(EB\) Meeting Minutes](#)

[Final STAC June Quarterly Meeting Minutes](#)

Which of the following time slots work best for you regarding future 2021 Quarterly Meetings?

Same as before

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2 days, both noon - 5 PM

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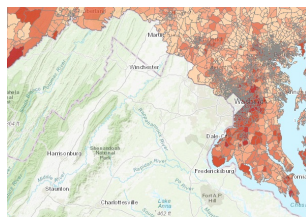
2 days, both 8 AM - 1 PM

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Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice (DEIJ) Panel

A conversation with [Dr. Sacoby Wilson](#) (UMD), [Gabrielle Roffe](#) (Chesapeake Conservancy), and [Dr. Brandon Jones](#) (NSF) on shifting focus to environmental justice as a foundation for successful Bay restoration. Please see additional

resources and links from the conversation below.



Gabrielle Roffe's recent piece for the Bay Journal discusses her recommendations for the Chesapeake conservation movement. [Read it here.](#)

The CEEJH Lab, founded by Dr. Sacoby Wilson, has two Lab products (the Maryland EJSscreen and Park Equity Mapper v2.0) available for public use. [Learn More.](#)

Active Societal Participation In Research and Education (ASPIRE), part of the GOLD (NSF) program, directed by Dr. Brandon Jones. [Learn More.](#)

[Technical Assistance Panels \(ULI Washington\)](#)

[Thriving Earth Exchange \(NSF/GEO\)](#)

[It's Time for Environmental Studies to Own Up to Erasing Black People \(VICE\)](#)

[Environmentalism's Racist History \(New Yorker\)](#)

[The Characteristics of White Supremacy Culture \(SURJ\)](#)

Outreach and Communications Update

[Caitlyn Johnstone](#) (Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, CBP Communications) discussed strategies to communicate Bay Program science to the public. To date, there has been over 20,000 views on articles related to STAC reports.

Johnstone presented **Learning to Confront Fear and Bias in Communicating Controversial Topics** at the Restore America's Estuaries conference, on taking social science into account when communicating environmental science. Read more on the conference [here](#).



Learning to Confront Fear and Bias in Communicating Controversial Topics
Presented by Caitlyn Johnstone (Alliance)

[Small plastics are a big problem](#)

[A look back at 30 years of water clarity](#)

[Nature Rx](#)

[What's in a tree?](#)

[Planting buffers for the future](#)

COVID-19 Impacts on the Bay

COVID-19 has created impacts and changed dynamics for the Chesapeake Bay and its watershed. A new effort is underway to identify these impacts and changing dynamics as a result of the

Lessons from the Baltic

Lara Fowler spent last year in Sweden, exploring in part dynamics with the Baltic Sea and how they compare with the Chesapeake.

pandemic. This effort will focus on both short and longer term dynamics.

We are still in need of a co-chair to lead this effort with Lara Fowler. If you are interested, please reach out to [STAC Staff](#). More information on the workshop can be found [here](#).

Suggestions for further reading:

- [The COVID-19 lockdowns: a window into the Earth System](#)
- [NASA Funds Eight New Projects Exploring Connections Between the Environment and COVID-19](#)

Read more on the 2021 Baltic Sea Science Congress [here](#).

Suggestions for further reading: [Comparing Ecosystem Structures: The Chesapeake Bay and the Baltic Sea](#)

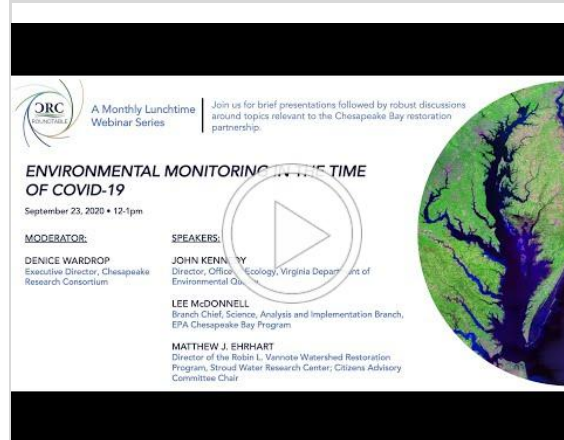


Previously Recorded Webinars



Bridging the Gaps between Environmental Quality and Public Health

Presented by the The Chesapeake Bay Program's Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC). [Learn More.](#)



September Roundtable: Environmental Monitoring in the Time of COVID-19

Presented by the Chesapeake Research Consortium (CRC). [Learn More.](#)

Related Events Coming Up Around the Watershed



October 8

Conservation Café: Grappling with racism, diversity, and justice in the environmental movement. [Learn More.](#)



October 10

University of Maryland Symposium on Environmental Justice and Health Disparities. [Learn More.](#)



October 21

Chesapeake Research Consortium Monthly Webinar Roundtable. [Learn More.](#)

