

# Upper & Middle James Riparian Consortium 2020 Buffer Summit



**When:** Thursday, October 15th, 2020

**Where:** The Buffer Summit will be held virtually on Thursday, October 15, 2020 from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm (with breaks)

The Summit will be held virtually on Zoom

Register here: [www.t.ly/v4P8](http://www.t.ly/v4P8) for details and registration



**9:00 - 9:40 am**

**Welcome and State of our Buffers in the James Watershed - an update on WIP III progress**

With James Martin, Virginia DEQ



**9:40 - 10:15 am**

**Flash networking session**



**10:15 - 11:00 am**

**Panel: Buffers Beyond the Teenage Years: Stewarding your Buffer into Adulthood**

With Amber Ellis, JRA  
Patti Nylander, DOF and  
Lara Johnson, DOF



**11:10 - 11:55 am**

**Panel: Why Conservation Makes Sense: Stories from the Field**

With Bill Braford, a farmer in the Upper James and  
Matt Ehrhart, Stroud Water Research Center



**11:55 am - 12:20 pm**

**Alluvial/Riparian Natural Plant Communities of our Region: Biodiversity Assessment, Restoration, and Stewardship**

With Devin Floyd, Center for Urban Habitats



**12:50 - 1:05 pm**

**Celebrating riparian restoration through the SWCDs VACS program**

With Jim Echols, DCR



**1:05 - 2:00 pm**

**Panel: Reimagining the Conservation WorkForce: Restoring Communities and Water Quality and Closing**

With Christopher Rashad Green, Free\*Dome Unlimited and  
Shea Zwerver, PA DNR

## About the Upper and Middle James Riparian Consortium

Vision Statement: **“Growing partnerships to create healthy streamside ecosystems for clean water in the James River today and tomorrow.”**

The Upper and Middle James Riparian Consortium is a network of partners working together strategically and collaboratively to achieve their goals in riparian buffer implementation in order to improve water quality within the James River watershed. We work to achieve our vision through a holistic approach to riparian restoration that involves five areas of focus: riparian forest buffers, agricultural infrastructure, streambank stabilization, wildlife habitat, and buffer protection. The Consortium has four Action Teams that support the Vision through associated goals.

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