



The Upper & Middle James Riparian Consortium presents: 5th Annual 2023 Buffer Summit & Celebration

October 18th | 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

In-person at [Pocahontas State Park](#) | Powhatan Hall

10301 State Park Rd., Chesterfield, VA 23832 | RSVP below for more details



Join Consortium partners to inspire new connections and opportunities around buffer creation in the watershed and celebrate the benefits of buffers.

Morning Presentations

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Registration + Refreshments

Welcome + Introductions

Buffer Progress Update from DEQ

- Hear from **Kevin McLean** with **VA Department of Environmental Quality** on progress toward reaching our state goals for riparian buffers.

Growing Career Paths through the Consortium

- Hear from **Jordan Bennett**, intern alum, on her career path and what she is doing now!

Let's Talk Turkey – Management Practices to Benefit Wildlife and Create Diversity

- Hear from **Cully McCurdy** with the **National Wild Turkey Federation** on turkeys and their dependence on our riparian forests.

Connecting and Protecting Riparian Corridors

- Hear from **Kim Biasioli** with the **Piedmont Environmental Council** on elements of a good riparian wildlife corridor and initiatives to connect and protect them.

Lunch

12:15 - 1:00 pm

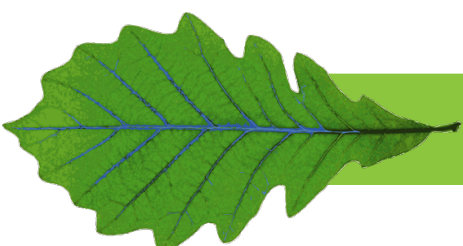
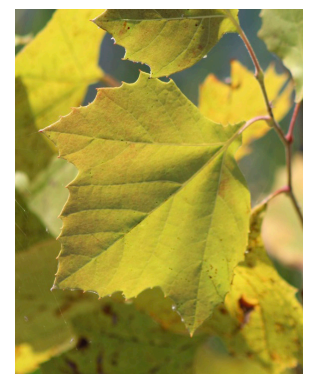
Outdoor Activities 1:30 - 4:00 pm

Please join us for outdoor activities to celebrate and explore riparian buffers.

- Riparian Tree ID Walk at Beaver Lake with **Joey Thompson, Virginia Department of Conservation Resources**
- Riparian Understory ID Walk at Beaver Lake with **Ashley Moulton, Capital Region Land Conservancy** and **Moulton Hot Natives**
- Stewardship activities at the park
- Creek Crawl with **Claire Sanderson, Rivanna Conservation Alliance**
- Self-led activities (hike or bike trails, paddle Swift Creek Lake, network with others, etc.)

Get ready for the release of the Native Riparian Tree Guide!

Sycamore (*Platanus occidentalis*)



Register and see more details at <https://form.jotform.com/231984885360973>

When you arrive, please follow signs for parking. To learn more about the Upper & Middle James Riparian Consortium, visit www.jamesriverconsortium.org. Please contact **Philippa Belsches** of Dialogue + Design at philippa@dialogueanddesign.com or **434-989-6874** with any questions.