

# Chesapeake Conservation Conference & 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Environmental Awards Luncheon

Friday, March 6, 2020

Chesapeake Conference Center



Parks, Recreation and Tourism  
**Chesapeake**  
VIRGINIA

# Chesapeake Environmental Improvement Council

## \* Purpose:

To promote interest in improving the environment of Chesapeake, Virginia thereby making Chesapeake a greener, cleaner and healthier city in which to live, work and visit.

The CEIC will accomplish its purpose through outreach, education, and volunteer efforts to include litter and pollution prevention, waste reduction and recycling, beautification, conservation landscaping, and other environmental and conservation issues.

## \* Membership:

Eighteen volunteers are appointed by the Mayor to serve three-year terms on the governing board. However, thousands of other volunteers are actively involved in CEIC projects and sub-committees. Visitors are welcome to attend CEIC monthly meetings.

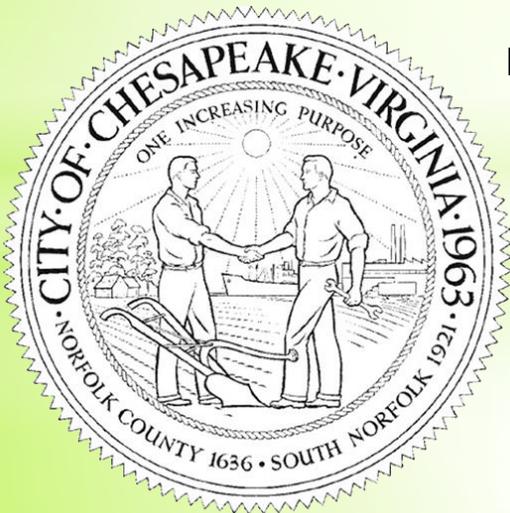
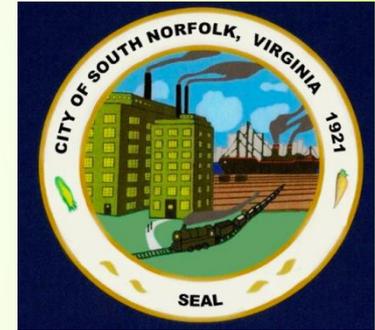




Map of Virginia - Jansson - c.1639

“[on] the Southerne shore, we sayled up a narrow river up the country of Chisapeack ... the shores overgrowne with the greatest Pyne and Firre trees wee ever saw in the Country. ” - Captain John Smith, Generall Historie of Virginia, 1624

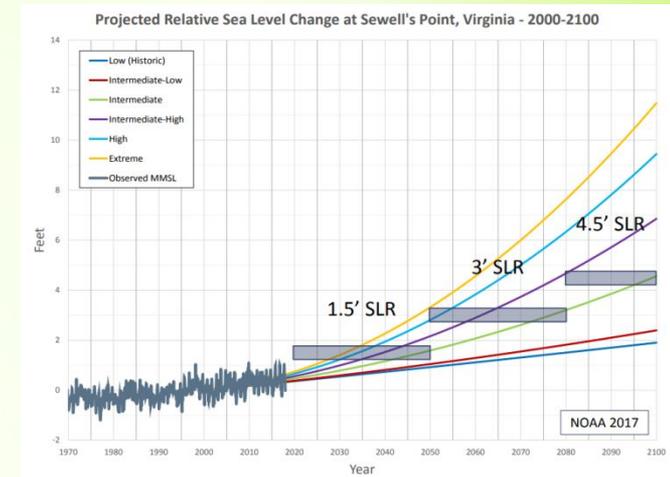
- 1636 Lower Norfolk County established
  - 1665 Governor William Drummond explores Great Dismal Swamp
  - 1682 City of Norfolk established
    - 1775 Battle of Great Bridge
      - 1805 Dismal Swamp Canal Opens
      - 1859 Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal Opens
        - 1921 City of South Norfolk established
        - 1963 Norfolk County and City of South Norfolk merge to form the new City of Chesapeake



- 1970 First Earth Day
- Chesapeake Population - 89,580
- 2020 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Earth Day
- Chesapeake Population - 245,745
- Second biggest incorporated city in Virginia

## More change is coming

- By 2040, City population projected to reach 288,000 persons per Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service, University of Virginia
- HRPDC recommends to plan for 1.5' of sea level rise between now and 2050 and 3' sea level rise by 2080
- City tree canopy has decreased by an estimated 5% in past decade
- Severe storm events are increasing in frequency resulting in increased flooding
- Add to these
  - Aging population, aging infrastructure, changing business models, and new technologies



## In 2020, the City of Chesapeake is about to embark on an update of its Comprehensive Plan

- City Council adopted blueprint outlining the policies and principles that guide the City's development over the coming decades
- Opportunity to chart out a more robust path toward a sustainable and resilient future in our city

**9 - 9:10 am:** Welcome

**9:10 - 9:30 am:** Comprehensive Plan Introduction  
Chesapeake Planning Department

**9:30 - 10:30 am:** Panel, Parks and Natural Areas  
Chesapeake Parks, Recreation and Tourism  
Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries  
US Fish and Wildlife Service  
Chesapeake Bicycle and Trails Advisory Committee

**10:30 - 10:45 am:** Break

**10:45 - 11:45 am:** Panel, Land and Water Conservation  
Chesapeake Public Works  
The Nature Conservancy  
Dare Soil and Water Conservation District  
Chesapeake Bay Foundation

**11:45 am - noon:** Break

**12 - 1:20 pm:** 38th Annual Environmental Awards Luncheon  
Program and Presentation of Awards

**1:20 - 2:20 pm:** Public Input Session  
Led by Chesapeake Planning Department

**2:20 - 3:20 pm:** Panel, Home and Garden  
Virginia Cooperative Extension Office/Chesapeake Master Gardeners  
Chesapeake Public Works  
Friends of Indian River  
Healthy Chesapeake

**3:20 - 3:35 pm:** Break

**3:35 - 4:35 pm:** Panel, Coastal Resilience  
Hampton Roads Planning District Commission  
Elizabeth River Project  
Wetlands Watch  
City of Norfolk Resilience Office

**4:35 - 4:50 pm:** What's Next

**4:50 - 5 pm:** Closing Remarks

# Thank You to Our Generous Sponsors

Level 1: Eastern Redbud (\$100)

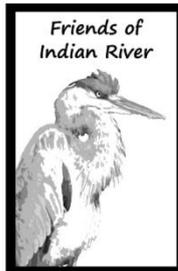


VIRGINIA MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART

Level 2: Black Cherry (\$250)

The Perry Family

City Council Member Debbie Ritter and Ron Ritter



Level 3: River Birch (\$500+)



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