

# West Virginia's Chesapeake Bay Trib Team



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## Old Area = New Ideas

Rashedul Hasan Deepon, City of Charles Town's City Planner, was tasked with developing a new design for the site when he joined the city in August 2018.

Find out how an abandoned parking lot has been converted into a multi-use, stormwater-friendly facility.

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## New Employee Spotlight

Sam Urban started as a Conservation Specialist with the West Virginia Conservation Agency in June 2021. He is headquartered in Moorefield.

He is a graduate of Elkins High School and he first attended West Virginia



University for two years and then West Virginia Wesleyan College for two years, where he earned his bachelor of science degree in biology.

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## Program Recaps



### Mineral County FFA Envirothon Team Places 19th in International Competition

The Mineral County FFA WV Envirothon team placed 19th out of 41 teams at the NCF Envirothon competition that was held virtually July 25-28, 2021. The team narrowly missed securing first place in the oral presentation category by .67 points. The presentation topic was Water Resources Management: Local Control and Local Solutions. Congratulations to the team and to the many resource professionals across West Virginia that helped to coach the team leading up to the competition.

The 2022 WV Envirothon will be held at Cacapon State Park April 20-22, 2022. For more information, please visit: [www.wvca.us/envirothon](http://www.wvca.us/envirothon).

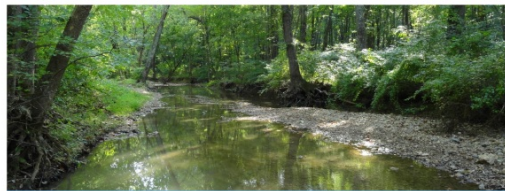
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### Watershed Group Gathering Highlights

On June 8, 44 participants attended the

first-ever virtual Watershed Group Gathering held via Skype. This annual gathering brings together local and state agencies, organizations, non-profits, and those interested in water resources and watershed health.

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Save the Date: Tuesday, June 8

## Virtual Eastern Panhandle Watershed Group Gathering

This year's event is going virtual!

Join us to find out what's new in watershed conservation around the panhandle and to learn about wetlands, flood mitigation, and more!

Tuesday, June 8, 2021, 9 am - 1 pm, via Skype

RSVP to Kristen Bisom to ensure you receive a link to the gathering and the final agenda: [kbisom@wvca.us](mailto:kbisom@wvca.us)

Share your organization's accomplishments!

To participate in the Watershed Highlights presentation, prepare one slide to accompany a three-minute update.

Send your slide to Tanner Haid: [thaid@wvriivers.org](mailto:thaid@wvriivers.org)



## Water Fair at Berkeley County Youth Fair a great success

The Water Fair was back in person this year! Martinsburg Stormwater, Berkeley County Public Service Stormwater District, Eastern Panhandle Conservation District, WV Department of Environmental Protection, and Cacapon Institute teamed together to bring the Water Fair back to the fair! Each organization brought their own spin on educating kids about water quality, watersheds, and ways to help clean up the environment.

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## Enhancing Widmyer Wetlands

In 2009, the Eastern Panhandle Conservation District restored the wetland area that had been destroyed in 1975 when Widmyer Elementary School (just south of Berkeley Springs in Morgan County) was constructed. A stone path bisecting the area gave students from the nearby elementary and high school access to the wetlands. Members of the Warm Springs Watershed Association have kept the path weed free, often with the help of students from the high school.

Find out what has been added this year, and see updated photos it is quite the transformation!

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## Upcoming Events

**The 16th Annual Chesapeake Watershed Forum**  
*"The Future is Now: Getting to (and Moving Beyond) 2025"*  
November 3 - 5, 2021 // Virtual

**Save the Date:**

**Registration and Scholarship Applications Opens Wednesday, September 8!**

Forum registration covers three days of online workshops, sessions, plenary speaker presentations, participation in virtual and in-person networking activities, in-person field trips, and access to session recordings and content after the event.

[Don't forget to register for the early bird tickets starting September 8th!](#)

More information about this year's incredible line-up of sessions, plenaries, and networking opportunities is coming soon, so be sure to [visit our website](#) for all the latest updates!

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