## Chesapeake Bay Foundation Fall 2018 VoiCeS in the Valley October 11-November 15, 2018

### Agenda

- Session 1: October 11 Local Waterways and the Bay
  - **1.** Welcome, introductions and overview of VoiCeS program, Bay 101—Robert Jennings, Grassroots Field Specialist
  - 2. Alliance for the Shenandoah—Kate Wofford, Executive Director
  - 3. Friends of the Middle River—Joe McCue

#### • Session 2: October 18 The Chesapeake Clean Water Blueprint

- **1.** The Blueprint to Save the Bay—Peggy Sanner, CBF Virginia Staff Attorney
- 2. Local Efforts to comply with the Blueprint—Kelly Junco and Rebecca Stimson, City of Harrisonburg Stormwater Division
- **3.** Impact of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline on Water Quality—Rick Webb, Chair of Compliance Surveillance Initiative, CSI

#### Session 3: October 25 Down on the Farm...Slowing Erosion and Reducing Nutrient Runoff from Agricultural Lands

- 1. Clean Water on the Farm: Solutions for Agricultural Lands—Bobby Whitescarver, Owner of Whitescarver Natural Resources Management
- **2.** Getting Money for Ag best management practices—Senator Emmett W. Hanger, Jr.
- 3. Bobby Drumheller—Bellvue Farm owner and recipient of Virginia Forage and Grassland Council's Outstanding Forage Producer of the Year

#### • Session 4: November 1 Natural History, Bay Critters in the Valley

- 1. History of Shenandoah Valley and how the river influenced development of the region—Nancy Sorrells
- 2. Clean Streams for Trout Habitat and Restoration—Seth Coffman, Trout Unlimited Shenandoah Headwaters Home Rivers Initiative Manager
- **3.** Freshwater mussels and their role in stream health and Bay recovery—Brian Watson, DGIF (tentative)

# • Session 5: November 8 The Homefront: Urban and Suburban Stormwater Solutions

- 1. Slowing Rain Before it Reaches the Drain—David Hirschman
- **2.** "Bayscaping"—How to create beautiful habitat that reduces runoff—Robert Jennings
- **3.** Virginia Conservation Assistance Program—Dale Chestnut, Shenandoah Valley, SWCD

#### • Session 6: November 15 Advocates for Life and Next Steps

- 1. State Legislative Process and Noteworthy Environmental Legislation—Delegate Tony Wilt, 26<sup>th</sup> district
- **2.** Regional responses to improve water quality—Richard Baugh, Vice-Mayor, Harrisonburg
- **3.** Your Voice Matters: Influencing Policy at the Local, State and Federal Level—Ann Jurczyk, CBF Virginia Director of Outreach and Advocacy
- **4.** Discussion of volunteer projects, field trips, evaluations