

2026 CHESAPEAKE WATERSHED FORUM SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, November 13, 2026	10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Forum Registration 8am-6pm (Confluence Center)	Forum Welcome & Friday Plenary (Confluence Center: Auditorium)									
	12:00 - 12:30 PM		Lunch (Headwaters Lodge)					Forum Buddies Introduction (Confluence Center: Auditorium)				
	12:30 - 1:30 PM											
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	1:30 - 3:00 PM	Sessions	A	Strategic Questions Workshop: Lead Better Discussions	Exploring Chesapeake Climate Education & Resilience	Culture as Infrastructure: Joy, Community, Conservation	Decision-Support Tools for Resilient Stormwater Management	Private Foundations 101	Voces de la Cuenca Rising	NFWF's 30-Year Plan for the Chesapeake		
	3:30 - 4:30 PM			B	Building a Community-based Climate Stewards Academy	Making the Case: Ecosystem Service Valuation	GSI Maintenance: It Takes a Village!	Freshwater Mussel Reintroduction to the Potomac	Trees for Shade: Virginia Silvopasture Establishment	Algal Turf Scrubbers: Kidney for Watersheds	Evaluating and Defining Watershed Stream Restoration	
	5:30 - 7:30 PM	Dinner (Headwaters Lodge)										
	7:30 - 8:30 PM	Poster Session (Headwaters Lodge: Roosevelt Room)										

Saturday, November 14 2026	6:30 - 8:30 AM	Forum Registration 7:30am-2pm (Confluence Center)	Breakfast (Headwaters Lodge)											
	7:30 - 8:30 AM		Optional: Nature Walk (Headwaters Lodge: Ground Level Foyer)											
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7. Computer Lab G24				
	9:00 - 10:00 AM		Sessions	C	D	Darling Blight Tolerant American Chestnut Restoration	You (Yes, You!) Are Part of the Donor Cycle	Birding: Gateway to a Better World	When the Backyard Becomes the Basin	Nature-Informed Resilience for Environmental Professionals* Maximum Capacity: 20	Retrofit Assessment 101* Maximum Capacity: 30	Create Interactive Maps for Watershed Action* Maximum Capacity: 24		
	10:30 - 11:30 AM				E	Culinary Experiences Advancing Habitat Stewardship	Creative Community Engagement for Impact	BSEC Lessons Learned for Climate-Ready Communities	Stewarding Data: Practical Organizational Strategies					
	11:30 -12:00 PM													
	12:00-1:30 PM		Lunch (Headwaters Lodge)											
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	1:30 - 3:00 PM	Sessions	F	Ethical & Intentional AI for Practitioners	Building School Partnerships for Real-World Impact	Unpacking Capacity Building for Watershed Groups	Unexpected Conflict Skills	Connect, Monitor, Act: CMC Volunteer Toolkit	Conservation Speed-Dating: Connecting Landowners with Conservation	Chesapeake Bay Watershed Strategic Plan (Draft)				
	3:30 - 4:30 PM			G	Practical Solutions for Agricultural Nutrient Loss	The Case for "In-Situ" Rain Gardens	Piloting Community Forestry in Frederick, MD	Biochar Implementation Opportunities in the Chesapeake	Science-Based Storytelling That Moves People	State & Local Governments Shape Restoration	Troubleshooting RAS for Sustainable Food Production			
	5:30 - 7:30 PM		Dinner (Headwaters Lodge)											
	8:00 PM		Oysters (Headwaters Lodge)											

Sunday, November 15, 2026	6:30 - 8:30 AM		Breakfast (Headwaters Lodge)									
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SESSION TOPIC KEY	
Color	Category
	Organizational Development
	Restoration, Science & Conservation
	Communications
	Education and Engagement
	Personal Development
*Advance Registration is required.	

