

November Currents E-Newsletter



Girl Scout Troop 1988

Consolidation with West/Rhode Approved!



Members of South River Federation unanimously approved the consolidation with West/Rhode Riverkeeper at the annual meeting held on October 30th.

Effective January 1, 2019, the Federation and West/Rhode Riverkeeper Inc. will become Arundel Rivers Federation and will serve an expanded area with

jurisdiction in the West and Rhode watershed and Herring Bay.

The members present at the meeting voted to approve the proposed bylaws with amendments including retaining rights to approve future Bylaw amendments. These new Bylaws will be posted on the website along with links to other watershed groups working in the county. All staff including both riverkeepers, Jesse Iiff and Jeff Holland, will serve in current roles and all current programs will continue. To [Continue](#).

Planting Power!

Fall Planting Season is almost over and we want to thank everyone that helped make it a success!

This past month, we planted hundreds of native trees and shrubs as well as hundreds of herbaceous plants at our stormwater wetland at [Tri-State Marine](#) in Deale, MD. We could not have done that without the 36 Volunteers from [RealTerm Inc.](#) Thank you for our \$2,620 donation and choosing the Federation for your community service day.



This fall we have also installed three more bioretention projects. In partnership with West Rhode Riverkeeper, we constructed a bioretention that was planted by [St. Anne students](#).

We also want to thank the Girl Scouts 1988, who came out to help the United Church of Christ plant their [bioretention project](#). Similarly, [CAT South](#) students helped plant a [similar project](#) that will alleviate flooding and treat water from their marine shop repair yard. Thanks too for [Maryland Conservation Corps](#) for helping finish our final fall plantings as well as [J.F. Johnson Lumber](#) for the donation of seed.

We deeply appreciate [MD Dept. of Natural Resources, Watershed Protection and Restoration Program](#), [Chesapeake Bay Trust](#), and [Community Foundation of Anne Arundel County](#) for funding the above projects.

Consider South River Federation for your end of year giving

Donate

Provide Fishable, Swimable Waters
for the Next Generation!

*Sometimes, the little things make the difference...
check out our "[wish list](#)" here.*



Bivalve Bash!

Thanks to Richard Weaver for teeing up Morgan Stanley as the sponsor for our Bivalve Bash for oyster growers and oyster enthusiasts. Jesse Iliff, our riverkeeper, gave an in depth presentation on our [oyster restoration](#) and the science behind it. Shayna Keller, our [Chesapeake Conservation Corps](#) volunteer shared her plans on the Federation will monitor the success of the oyster reef by scuba diving.

Upcoming Federation Events!



Thursday, December 6th Enjoy a taste of Germany at Old Stein Inn

On December 6th, [Old Stein Inn](#) in Edgewater, MD will be hosting a South River Federation and [West Rhode Riverkeeper](#) fundraiser. They are creating a special menu and beer offering for the evening and will donate 10% of the proceeds. [Kate Fleming](#), acoustic guitarist will be playing live!



Giving Tuesday is
November 27th!

Buy your Christmas tree from [Hemlock Farms](#) and support the Federation!

Changing Tides

The Federation wishes Francesca King, who served as program assistant since 2017, the best of luck in her new teaching job at Monarch Academy. We miss her upbeat personality and enthusiasm for outreach and education.

On December 3, Bernard Devlin will be joining the team as our new office administrator. Bernard received his degree in Environmental Science from Juniata College in 2016. After graduation, he joined the Chesapeake Conservation Corps with the Town of Edmonton to develop sustainability-focused programs for the residents and help create several bilingual resources.

In addition to an internship with biological monitoring Bernard worked in communications with the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments.

When he's not taking care of his ever-growing tropical plant collection, Bernard enjoys spending his free time hiking and exploring the outdoors with his fiancé and his dog. Please help welcome Bernard to the Federation's staff!



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