



# January 2019 River Currents

## Legislative Session Has Started!



In the 2019 General Assembly, Arundel Rivers is continuing to push for legislation that will deliver clean water to our rivers, such as the proposed MD constitutional green amendment.

Specifically, we are working to ensure that local jurisdictions make their enforcement efforts publicly available online when they inspect construction sites. We are also working with allies to ban takeout

Styrofoam containers, protect oysters, and define, locate, and fix failing septic systems.

While it is still early in the session and these bills do not yet have numbers, we do have sponsors lined up, and are working on bill language. Stay tuned to our email alerts and newsletters as the session unwinds for more info on bill numbers, petitions, rallies, and other ways to get involved.

## Restoration Update



What great news to start 2019! Arundel Rivers received a Watershed Assistance Grant from [Chesapeake Bay Trust](#) to design and permit a project to address approximately 3,400 linear feet of actively eroding stream in [Broad Creek Park](#). The park, located between the Health Department and Annapolis High School, is a popular hiking destination. Due to severe erosion, the stream has become much lower than its flood plain and has lost the majority of its wetland hydrology which is vital to slowing, absorbing, and filtering stormwater. If Arundel Rivers

receives funds for construction (anticipated for 2021), the project will prevent significant loads of nitrogen, phosphorus, and sediment from entering Broad Creek, one of the South River's most impaired creeks.

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## Education and Outreach

[Chesapeake Bay Trust](#) also awarded a grant to Arundel Rivers to work to solve a severe trash issue impacting a community located adjacent to one of our restoration projects in the Church Creek watershed. We will be partnering with [Center of Help](#) and [Water Words That Work](#) to engage the community and help champion the environmental issues they have identified.

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## We're Looking for a King or Queen of Trash!

We need volunteers to be Waste Warriors and help us measure the amount of litter being caught in our Crab Creek trash trap. One lucky warrior will be chosen as King or Queen to help arrange regular clean ups. Email [Nancy@ArundelRivers.org](mailto:Nancy@ArundelRivers.org) to talk some trash!!



## Great German Fare!

Thanks to [Old Stein Inn](#) for hosting a December fundraiser and everyone who joined us for some fine German fare. Thank you [Hemlock Farms](#) and [Homestead Gardens](#) for providing raffles items as well as [Kate Fleming](#) for the live music and Eric Montgomery for shucking the oysters!



## Upcoming Events

**Wednesday, February 13th at 10am**

*A New Paradigm for Oysters in the Chesapeake Bay*

Professor Stan Allen, Director of the Virginia Institute of Marine Science Aquaculture Genetics & Breeding Technology Center, will be a guest speaker at [Historic London Town Visitors Center](#). The hatchery currently operates the most extensive breeding program for oysters in the U.S., and arguably the largest in the world.

The lecture is hosted by the Arundel Rivers Federation and Historic London Town and is free and open to the public, but advance registration is required. Coffee and refreshments will be available. Seating is Limited. SIGN UP [HERE](#).



**Saturday, March 2nd at 8 pm**

*Eastport Oyster Boys Reunion Concert*

[The Eastport Oyster Boys](#) will appear with West & Rhode Riverkeeper Jeff Holland at the [Galesville Memorial Hall](#) on from 8 to 11 p.m. in their fourth

annual reunion concert, this year to benefit Arundel Rivers Federation. Beer and wine will be served for a modest additional charge. Tickets are \$20 in advance, or \$25 at the door. Buy Tickets [HERE](#).



**Thursday, May 9th--Save the Date!**

South River on the Half Shell will be at Historic London Town & Gardens overlooking the South River. Interested in being a sponsor for the 15th anniversary of this annual signature event? Please contact [Denise Swol](#) or view information on sponsorship opportunities [HERE](#).

# Support Arundel Rivers



## Love Clean Water?

Help support Arundel Rivers Federation to ensure that the South, West, and Rhode Rivers, and Herring Bay are fishable and swimmable! Click here for a [map](#) of our expanded jurisdiction.

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## River News



## Joining Forces

Prop Talk Magazine highlighted Arundel Rivers in its December Issue! Read [HERE](#).

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