

From Mountain Creeks to Metro Canals – River Management Symposium Draft Program – March 18, 2021 – *subject to change*

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Monday, April 12, 2021 – pre-symposium events				
	Appomattox River Room	Rivanna River Room	Chickahominy River Room	James River Room
1:00 pm	<p>Orientation & Visual Resource Workshop (DOI Talent¹)</p> <p>Lynn Crump, Leighton Powell: Opening Session: Welcome, introductions, why we’re here, why it matters, and what we’re going to do.</p> <p>John McCarty, Karla Rogers, Mark Meyer: Why scenic resources matter: Basic need, vitality & economic development, VA & other state support of the importance of scenic resources & documenting & rating them. (overview, drivers & outcomes)</p>	<p>Orientation & Workshop – Risa Shimoda, Moses Chun, Nathan Burrell: Adding depth to understanding diversity in the workplace</p> <p>1) We will identify the components of equity in attendees’ environments based on participants’ experiences.</p> <p>2) We will learn about one of the nation’s first state-wide program for hiring, interviewing, promoting, allocating resource, and developing job descriptions through a diversity lens; and how one department is applying them.</p>	<p>Orientation & Drone piloting & custom mapping workshop (DOI Talent)²</p> <p>This workshop is designed for individuals who desire knowledge using Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) for mapping projects. Attendees will learn skills to safely capture UAS imagery and will be given examples of recent projects involving UAS.</p>	<p>Orientation & Policy and Practice</p> <p>Dusty Vaughan Liz Lacy, Elizabeth Townley: WSR 101 – An introduction to the Wild & Scenic Rivers Act (DOI Talent³)</p>
2:00	Break – all rooms			

2:15	<p>Visual Workshop</p> <p>Mark Meyer: Language of Landscapes: Describing the Scenic Attributes of the landscape and visual resources vocabulary. Landscape Character & Scenic Quality. EXERCISE</p> <p>Julie McGrew, Mark Meyer, Leighton Powell: Overview of different agency approaches to visual landscape inventory/assessment presentation with panel on commonalities & complementary & unique aspects of each</p>	<p>(Adding depth to understanding diversity in the workplace, continued)</p> <p>3) Participants will consider what they can do themselves, in their organization and with their communities to create and support change.</p>	Drone mapping/GIS Workshop (continued)	<p>Christopher Armatas, Bill Borrie, Alan Watson: A public engagement protocol to apply social science in planning efforts: An application in support of comprehensive river management planning on the Flathead River system, Montana, USA</p>
				<p>Steve Chesterton, Eric Sanders: Creating data tools to inform Wild & Scenic River planning</p>
				<p>Kevin Colburn: New Wild & Scenic River Coalition Launched for Rivers</p>
3:15	Break – all rooms			
3:30	<p>Visual Workshop</p> <p>Julie McGrew, Mark Meyer, Leighton Powell: Scenic Value Inventory (Continued): Overview of different Agency approaches to visual landscape inventory/assessment</p>		Drone mapping/GIS Workshop (continued)	<p>Technical Tools</p> <p>Mike Foreman: What factors help ecosystem collaboratives succeed?</p>
4:30	Wrap up & end day – all rooms			

¹**Visual Resource Management**

NPS-NRS1804 <https://doitalent.ibc.doi.gov/course/view.php?id=17765>

²**Drone Piloting and Custom Mapping**

NPS-NRS1802 <https://doitalent.ibc.doi.gov/course/view.php?id=17512>

³**Scenic Assessment**

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Tuesday, April 13, 2021 – Day 1			
10:30 am	James River Room - Open time – orient/answer questions, sponsors, videos, etc.		
11:00 am	James River Room -Welcome and technical intro – how it will work brief Q&A		
11:10	James River Room -Opening Keynote: - Ralph Hambrick, Falls of the James River Scenic Advisory Committee and Nathan Burrell, Virginia Dept. of Conservation & Recreation – From sewer to park: Transforming a metro river.		
12:15 pm	Break – all rooms		
	Appomattox River Room	Rivanna River Room	Chickahominy River Room
12:30	Visual Resource Workshop John McCarty: Visual Design Fundamentals: Research on Visibility of Constructed Encroachments and Integrating built features into the landscape	Tech Tools James Vonesh, Denielle Perry, John M. McLaughlin, Mathieu Brown: Building a framework for the River-based ImmersiVe Education & Research (RIVER) Field Studies network	Urban Chris DeWitt, Bryce Wilk: Conserving an urban wilderness: the James River park system master plan Justin Doyle: Reconnecting Richmonders to the James River Robin Fehlau: Boise River: Economic driver and heart of the community
1:30	Break – all rooms		
1:45	Visual Resource Workshop Mark Meyer: Impact Analysis and mitigation – review of agency impact assessment protocols NPS Allysia Angus: Impact Analysis and mitigation – review of BLM’s contrast rating process	Tech Tools James Vonesh, Denielle Perry, Mathieu Brown: Linking academics & practitioners to train tomorrow’s river professionals	Partner & Community George Lindemann: Economic, Environmental, Social, Political: The recipe to save a river Tim Eling: Innovative Restoration in Kentucky’s Red River Watershed Maura Christian: Grassroots growth of the Virginia Conservation Assistance Program
2:45	Long Break – all rooms / Breakout rooms set up for BLM, NPS, USDAFS and others, as requested		
3:45	Visual Resource Workshop	Rural	Partner & Community

	Monica Zimmerman, Hector Santiago: Scenic Resources & River Management – discussion of both river & upland recreation settings & ecological sites – the benefits, applications & challenges from the NPS and BLM perspective.	Charles Evans: The Lost Rapid project Dan Mahon: The Rivanna River Renaissance	Lynn Crump: Scenic River designation process for Virginia: An exercise in community efforts (DOI Talent ⁴)
4:45	Wrap up/formal end	Wrap up/formal end	Wrap up/formal end
5:00	Break	Break	Break
5:00 – 6:00	<p>Poster Session</p> <p>James River Room</p> <p>Todd Lookingbill: A campus, trail, and stream restoration on the University of Richmond campus.</p> <p>Brian Dagliano: Harrison Lake mussel hatchery – internship presentation</p> <p>Grace Lumden-cook: A quantitative approach to scenic river assessment using simple smartphone apps and panoramic imagery</p> <p>Catherine Steele: Same river, same risks, higher demand. What does COVID 19 mean for whitewater recreation management on an urban river?</p> <p>Joe Underhill: Diversity and equity in river studies: Lessons from the river semester</p>	<p>Poster Session</p> <p>Rivanna River Room</p> <p>Tim Owen: Spatiotemporal assessment of a diverse fish assemblage subject to varied intensities of anthropogenic land-use change</p> <p>Joshua Armstrong: Modeling invasion drivers of an invasive macrophyte, Hydrilla verticillate, in riverine rock pools</p> <p>Charles Stunkle: Hydrological connectivity and species life histories shape patterns of invertebrate abundance in a riverine metacommunity</p> <p>Erica Byerley: Remote sensing and GIS for debris flow hazard modeling</p>	

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Wednesday, April 14, 2021 - Day 2			
10:30 am	James River Room - Open time – orient/answer questions, sponsors, videos, etc.		
11:00 a.m.	James River Room - Welcome and technical intro – how it will work brief Q&A		
11:10 a.m.	James River Room - Opening Keynote: Restoration of the Anacostia Watershed in Washington, DC , Aerial Trehan and Dennis Chestnut		
12:15 pm	Break – all rooms		
	Appomattox River Room	Rivanna River Room	Chickahominy River Room
12:30	Visual Resource Workshop Dr. Andrew Lothian: Public Sensitivity – Objective way to get public reaction? Rivers?	Technical Tools Brett Connell, James E. Parham: High-definition stream surveys: A new method to managing rivers & streams James Major: National Rivers Project: Mapping & showcasing the Units State’s recreational rivers David Hirschmann, Kip Mumaw: Retrofitting to restore the River	Water Trails Renee Powers: How to manage a blueway? Starting from the water up Cora Gnegy, Becky Nave: New River Water Trail: An adventure of partnerships, promotions & paddling Nicole Hersch: New River Water Trail: A dual approach
1:30	Long Break – all rooms / RMS Chapter Breakouts		
2:30	Visual Resource Workshop Dan Holmes, Adam Gillenwater: Section 106 and NEPA and VRM: Processes which work with visual requirements and how it related to local land use plans	Technical Tools Alex McCrickard, Rene Xavier Valdez: How to reel ‘em in: The development and evaluation of angler recruitment, retention & reactivation (R3) program in Virginia Nathaniel Hitt: Fish abundance trends indicate destabilized flows in the Potomac Daniel McGarvey: Fish & invertebrate abundances are	Partner & Community Heather Barrar, Tiffany Carter, Aaron Reid Miller, Janit Lleywllyn: Regional renewal and Riverfronts Part 1

		near universal functions of body size in U.S. streams	
3:30	Break – all rooms		
3:45	Visual Resource Workshop Parker C. Agelasto, Kat Imhoff: The role of conservation easements in managing scenic resources and the steps to success.	Policy and Practice Renee Powers: Stream navigability in Virginia	Partner & Community Heather Barrar, Tiffany Carter, Aaron Reid Miller, Janit Lleywllyn: Regional renewal and Riverfronts Part 2
		Jenelle Dowling, Steve Chesterton: A collaborative initiative to assess the water quality of national Wild & Scenic Rivers	
		Peter Krebs: Connecting communities	
4:45	Wrap up/formal end	Wrap up/formal end	Wrap up/formal end
5:00 – 5:30	James River Room – Stephanie Pooler: The River James: River that made Virginia Overview of the history of James River and the human connection with it. A 20 minute presentation will be followed by a Q & A with National Park Service rangers.		
5:30 – 6:00	Various rooms open for informal activities		

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Thursday, April 15, 2021 - Day 3			
	Note: The James River Room will be open along with the three concurrent session rooms all day		
10:30 am	Open time – orient/answer questions, sponsors, videos, etc.	Open time – orient/answer questions, sponsors, videos, etc.	Open time – orient/answer questions, sponsors, videos, etc.
11:00 a.m.	Welcome/tech asst	Welcome/tech asst.	Welcome/tech asst.
	Appomattox River Room	Rivanna River Room	Chickahominy River Room
11:10 a.m.	Visual Resource Workshop John McCarthy, Debbie Spiliotopoulos, Kat Imhoff: Panel discussion: Building scenic resource partnerships, networks and landowner relationships	Technical tools Dan Shelby, Bo Shelby, Doug Whittaker: Good, bad, unusual – access opportunity spectrum data base Tammi Laniga, Andrew Graminski: Wild & Scenic River management in the context of private property: Experience from Washington State Tom Martin: Cruise Control: The history of western river allocations	Policy & Practice Denielle Perry, Amy Newscock et al.: Protecting rivers in a changing climate: Blended solutions for resilient riverine ecosystems Part 1 IUCN resolutions & the need to protect connectivity and climate refugia Framework for durable protection Free-flowing rivers within protected areas: Extent & limitations
12:10	Break – all rooms		
12:25	Visual Resource Workshop John McCarty, Jonathan Doherty: Research on Visibility of Constructed Encroachments and Integrating built features into the landscape	Tech Tools Rob White, Brian McCormick: Granite Boat Chute & Fish Ladder Reconstruction – Arkansas River Robert Burgholzer, Joseph Kleiner: Developing an adaptively managed instream	Policy & Practice Denielle Perry, Amy Newscock et al.: Protecting rivers in a changing climate: Blended solutions for resilient riverine ecosystems Part 2

		flows assessment via integrated data management, modeling & analysis	The use of the WSRA for water quality & river restoration
		Todd Janeski, Kirsten Hazler: An approach for conserving Virginia's Healthy Water	Enhancing riparian buffers for climate adaptation Rights of rivers as an emerging policy framework to protect riverine ecosystems
1:25	Long Break – all rooms		

2:25	Visual Resource Management	Urban	Partner & Community
	Erin A. Degutis: Best Management Practices for reducing visibility of electrical transmission features & pipeline corridors – Part I	Todd Lookingbill, Bob Siegfried, Jennifer Hatchett, Rob Anderejewski, Jill Nolt: The Gambles Mill Eco-Corridor: A collaborative stream restoration project in Richmond	Claire Catlett, Celia Vuocolo: Building better rivers and roads for Virginia's Eastern Brook Trout
	Michael Miller: Best Management Practices for reducing visibility of electrical transmission features & pipeline corridors – Part II		Rachel Pence, Alyssa Wittenborn: Monitoring mutualism: How investing in Level III volunteer monitoring benefits all
			Jessica Steelman: Rural Coastal Virginia Alliance – collaborative efforts, methodology and successes
3:25	James River Room - Closing silent auction, live auction and break		
3:50	James River Room - Closing Plenary – Dr. Richard Smardon, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus SUNY College of Environmental Sciences and Forestry: Revitalizing Urban Waterway Communities: Streams of Environmental Justice		
	James River Room - Closing remarks		
5:00 – 6:00	Various rooms open for informal activities		

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