



The Upper & Middle James Riparian Consortium presents: 6th Annual 2024 Buffer Summit & Celebration

October 23rd | 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Maymont | Westover Historic & Westover Modern

1000 Westover Road, Richmond, VA 23220 | RSVP below for more details



Join Consortium partners to inspire new connections and opportunities around nurturing streamside ecosystems for a vibrant future.



Morning Presentations

9:00 am - 12:30 pm

Registration + Refreshments

Welcome + Introductions

James River Buffer Update from DEQ

- Hear from **Kevin McLean** with **VA Department of Environmental Quality** on progress toward reaching Virginia's goals for riparian buffers.

Nurturing our Buffers Over Time

- **Bobby Whitescarver** with **Whitescarver Natural Resources Management** will share the importance of caring for buffers, how maintaining buffers has changed over time, and what's on the horizon.

Strategies for Maintaining Buffers

- Gather in small groups with fellow Consortium members to brainstorm strategies to address maintenance challenges and opportunities.

Capturing Our Relationship with Nature

- **Em White** will share her story and how she uses vintage photographic processes to explore our connection with the natural world.

Lunch

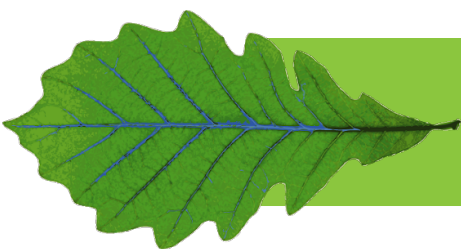
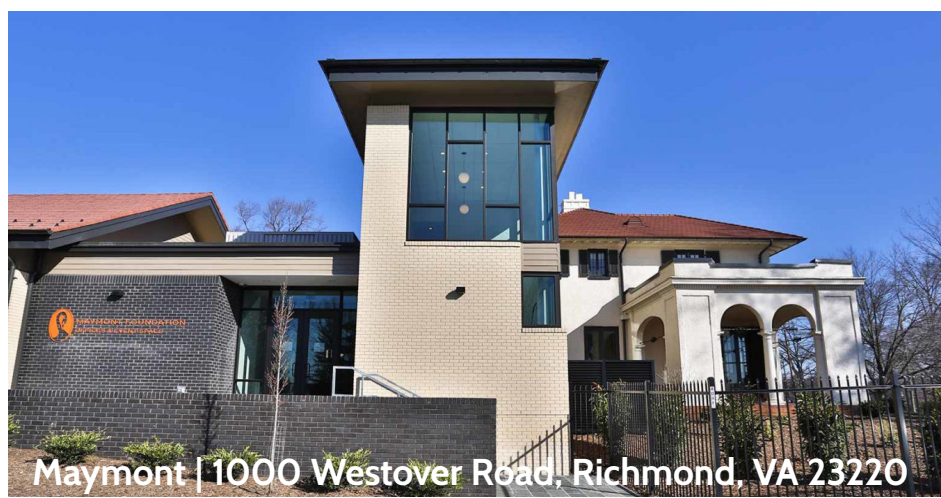
12:30 - 1:15 pm

Afternoon Activities

1:30 - 3:30 pm

Please join us for indoor and outdoor activities to celebrate and explore riparian buffers, including:

- Riparian Tree ID walk with **Patti Nylander**, **Virginia Department of Forestry**
- Maymont Bioretention Tour and Riparian Walk with **Sean Proietti**, **Maymont**
- Buffer Establishment with **John Munsell**, **Virginia Tech**
- Benthic Monitoring with **Maggie Dombroski**, **Izaak Walton League of America**
- Buffers 101 with **David Wise**, **Stroud Water Research Center**
- Sign up for a mentor session with a buffer pro
- Network and connect with fellow Consortium members



Register and see more details at:

<https://form.jotform.com/241916309161959>

To learn more about the Upper & Middle James Riparian Consortium, visit www.jamesriverconsortium.org. Please contact **Philippa Belsches** at philippa@dialogueanddesign.com or 434-989-6874 with any questions.