

Potomac Watershed Roundtable

Mason District Government Center

6507 Columbia Pike

Annandale, VA 22003

(for directions see <https://goo.gl/maps/FkcSXwhDj8F2>)

Friday, January 6, 2017

9:30 Registration and Morning Refreshments Served Prior to the Meeting

(The Potomac Council will meet from 9:00 to 9:50)

10:00 Call to Order and Introductions

Approval of the Minutes of the October 7, 2016 meeting at Westmoreland State Park in Montross, VA

10:15 Updates from the Chair

10:30 Members Time and Announcements

10:45 Rappahannock, the Movie

The award-winning documentary "Rappahannock" showcases everything that makes the Rappahannock River special from the Blue Ridge Mountains all the way to the Chesapeake Bay. The film was written, directed and produced by veteran Oscar-nominated filmmaker Bayley Silleck. It includes a mix of natural images, history, culture and the problems faced by a river in the midst of a rapidly growing area. It is also a film about people. There's a crabber who laments what "bad water"—his term for oxygen-depleted "dead zones" in the river during hot weather—has done to his catch and the chance his son has to follow in his footsteps. The film wraps the topics together in a way that shares both the river's beauty and heritage as well as the challenges from pollution and growth that are critical to the river's future. The film was commissioned by Friends of the Rappahannock (FOR), the Fredericksburg-based non-profit whose mission is, "To be the voice and active force for a healthy and scenic Rappahannock River."

11:45 Virginia Household Water Quality Program & Virginia Wells Network

Erin Ling, Senior Extension Associate and Program Coordinator, Virginia Cooperative Extension

The Virginia Cooperative Extension coordinates the Virginia Household Water Quality Program, with the objective of improving the water quality and health of Virginians using private water supplies. Initiated in 1989, drinking water clinics have been conducted through the program in nearly every county across the Commonwealth, and 19,500 samples have been analyzed and results confidentially returned to participants. The program is voluntary and anyone with a private water supply system, including wells, springs, and cisterns) may participated. Virginia Cooperative Extension agents and volunteers are trained to serve in the Virginia Well Owner Network, a resource for homeowners to interpret water analysis and discuss water treatment options. The VWON also provide input on proper well construction and location and the maintenance and protection of wells and springs.

12:15 Lunch and Networking – \$15 in cash or check (made out to the Northern Virginia SWCD); receipts will be provided.

1:00 Arlington County's Urban Agriculture Experience

Kirsten Conrad-Buhls, Arlington Unit Coordinator, Virginia Cooperative Extension

On March 13, 2012, the Arlington County Board adopted a charge and appointed members for the Urban Agriculture Task Force. Members include representatives from many sectors, including non-profits, health care providers, restaurants, faith-based community, State/County programs, County advisory commissions, Arlington Public Schools, and residents at large. To research best practices in sustainable urban agriculture policies, and programs and make recommendations to support, expand and integrate Arlington's existing urban agriculture efforts consistent with our community values and adopted Vision Statement the County Board asked the Task Force to develop a Food Action Plan within 12 months, with recommendations to the County Board.

2:00 Adjourn