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Friday Schedule with Zoom Links

March 5th

8:30 am Meet & Greet Networking (Optional)

9:00 am Conference Opening & Welcome

9:15 am Keynote Speaker

1A: Going and Growing in a World of Clouds
Dr. Mamie Parker

10:15 am Break

10:30 am Connection Sessions

2A: Dollars for Clean Water
Sally Albright, Carrie Decker, Sarah Koser, Joni Miller, Jake Reilly

2B: Invasive Plants: When and How to Conquer Them
Brian Knox, Bud Reaves and Jennifer Vaccaro

2C: Replanting Anne Arundel County: One Tree at a Time
Grae Brummitt and Josh Clark with Ann Jackson and Karen Royer

2D: Casual Connection
Francesca King

11:30 am Break

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12:30 pm Presentation Session

3A: Local Connections to Your Local Government
Matt Johnston, Erik Michelsen, and Carmera
Thomas-Wilhite, moderated by Kate Fritz

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3B: Connecting from a Distance: Outreach in the Time of COVID
Mary Smith, Cathy Tengwall, Eloise Ullman, Liana Vitali, and Rob Williams

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3C: Ensuring Equity in Design
Kendra Hyson

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Saturday Schedule with Zoom Links

March 6th

8:30 am Meet & Greet Networking (Optional)

9:00 am Conference Welcome

9:15 am Connection Session

4A: *Around the Watersheds*

Representatives from Arundel Rivers Federation, Patuxent Riverkeeper, Severn River Association, Severn Riverkeeper, Spa Creek Conservancy, Magothy River Association, Anne Arundel Patapsco River Alliance

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10:10

4A: *Watershed Connection Breakout*

Choose the watershed you'd like to "visit"

South/West/Rhode Rivers
Arundel Rivers Federation

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Patapsco: (Tidal & Non-Tidal Rivers)
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Magothy River
Magothy River Association

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Severn River
Severn Riverkeeper

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Severn River
Severn River Association

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Severn River (Annapolis/Spa Creek)
Spa Creek Conservancy

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Patuxent River (Upper & Little)
Patuxent Riverkeeper

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10:40 am Break

11:00 am Presentation Sessions

5A: The Power of One: Choosing Natives Over Invasives

Alison Milligan

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5B: Connecting with your Community, Naturally: Outdoor Education Resources and Tips

Maya Alexander, Nan Henry, and Melanie Parker

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5C: Vitamins & Minerals for Your Stormwater BMP: New Prescriptions from Dr. Stormwater

David J. Hirschman

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Session Descriptions

Friday, March 5th at 9:15 am

1A: Going and Growing in a World of Clouds

Dr. Mamie Parker

Dr. Mamie Parker, former Assistant Director for the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, executive coach, facilitator, transformational speaker, and founder of MA Parker and Associates, will offer a reflection on the past year, and all its challenges and impacts. If this year taught us anything, it's that our connection to one another and to our earth is deep and vital and that our decisions have big impacts. Dr. Parker will speak to the lessons we've learned as a society and how we can carry them forward for a better future.

Friday, March 5th at 10:30 am

2A: Dollars for Clean Water: Who and What You Need to Know to Fund Your Next Project

Sally Albright (Anne Arundel County DPW Bureau of Watershed Protection & Restoration), Carrie Decker (MD Department of Natural Resources), Sarah Koser (Chesapeake Bay Trust), Joni Miller (Unity Gardens), Jake Reilly (National Fish and Wildlife Foundation)

Connect with local funders who invest in restoration and outreach projects in Anne Arundel County. Funders will offer tips for successful grant applications and common mistakes to avoid. Best of all, make plans to meet with one of these funders to talk about your next project.

2B: Invasive Plants: When and How to Conquer Them

Brian Knox, Bud Reaves and Jennifer Vaccaro

Explore invasive species with the experts! Learn to identify the most common offenders and how to remove them correctly. You'll be prepared to plan and conquer an invasive removal project, from timelines to tools, processes to precautions!

2C: Replanting Anne Arundel County: One Tree at a Time

Grae Brummitt and Josh Clark with Ann Jackson and Karen Royer

WSA's Restoration Team, with the help of a cohort of Tree Troopers, just finished an amazing inaugural year of reforesting our county with the Replant Anne Arundel program. Learn the keys to successful tree planting projects and how you can have trees planted in your community this year.

2D: Casual Connection

Francesca King

Grab a coffee and join this connection session to kick back and chat. Take a moment to reflect and catch up with fellow Stewards and other conference attendees.

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Friday, March 5th at 12:30 pm

3A: Local Connections to Your Local Government (yes, even in times of physical distancing!)

Matt Johnston, Erik Michelsen, and Carmera Thomas-Wilhite, moderated by Kate Fritz

Engage with your local government; there is a LOT happening! The panel will highlight the work of the Anne Arundel County Citizens Environmental Commission (CEC), new stormwater regulations, how Anne Arundel County plans to combat climate change, what the General Development Plan means for your community and a look ahead to priority local and state legislation. Join us for an insider's conversation and plenty of time for questions and answers. You will leave the session with a better idea of how to get engaged and stay connected with the environmental priorities of the Anne Arundel County government.

3B: Connecting from a Distance: Outreach in the Time of COVID

Mary Smith, Cathy Tengwall, Eloise Ullman, Liana Vitali, and Rob Williams

What does outreach look like in these unprecedented times? You'll hear first-hand experience from those who engaged their communities over the past year. Learn about what worked, what didn't, and what's next! Join this session if you need inspiration and tips on how to connect with your community in innovative ways.

3C: Ensuring Equity in Design

Kendra Hyson

If we hope to make systemic change, we need to change the way we think. Kendra Hyson will discuss her work as co-founder of The Urban Studio and landscape architects. Kendra will share the impact seen through engaging young people in communities of color, including The Urban Studio's recent project, Studio DC which proves that people living in the landscapes we design are the experts of that land, in a way that designers will never be.

Saturday, March 6th at 9:15 am

4A: Around the Watersheds: Good Things Did Happen in 2020!

Representatives from Arundel Rivers Federation, Patuxent Riverkeeper, Severn River Association, Severn Riverkeeper, Spa Creek Conservancy, Magothy River Association, Anne Arundel Patapsco River Alliance

Join us for the State of Anne Arundel County Waterways. You'll hear all about the water quality, restoration projects, and other exciting updates that happened in each watershed during 2020. After the Q&A panel, we'll split into smaller groups to dive deeper and gear up for all the action 2021 holds!



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Saturday, March 6th at 11:00 am

5A: The Power of One: Choosing Natives Over Invasives

Alison Milligan

As a Master Gardener, Master Naturalist and Watershed Steward, Alison connects neighbors with native plants that will solve their landscape problems while adding beauty, providing habitat, and protecting our watershed. Alison has grown almost every plant from “Native Plants for Wildlife Habitat and Conservation Landscaping”, so she is the perfect person to shed some light on which natives are right for almost any landscape setting. In this session, she’ll feature her top 12 native plant solutions, including native replacements for invasive ornamentals. Alison will highlight the impact we can all have, starting with just one native plant. Come to this session to learn the best plants to suggest to your friends and neighbors!

5B: Connecting with Your Community, Naturally: Outdoor Education Resources and Tips

Maya Alexander, Nan Henry, and Melanie Parker

Bring outdoor education to your neighborhood! Environmental education experts will share top tips, ready-made resources, and innovative ways to connect with your community. You’ll be immersed in a mini-lesson that will inspire you to share your knowledge and passion with others.

5C: Vitamins & Minerals for Your Stormwater BMP: New Prescriptions from Dr. Stormwater

David J. Hirschman

Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs) are designed to capture pollutants, but you might be surprised by what pollutants get caught and which pass through our BMPs. Researchers have been working on finding solutions to enhancing BMP performance, and now some of those ideas are finding their way into practice. The solutions include adding new materials to soil media and some simple design modifications. Discover some new BMP prescriptions from Dr. Stormwater.



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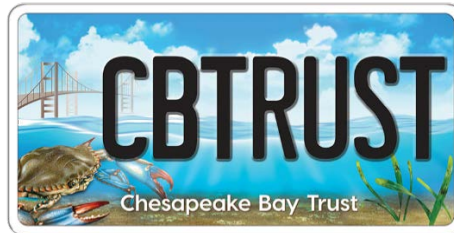
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Meet Dr. Mamie Parker



Dr. Mamie Parker is a professional fish and wildlife biologist, success coach and principal consultant at Ecogix Group, Inc. She was elected chair of the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources Commission leading the commission in the changing the name of the agency.

She spent a career as a biologist and senior executive in the federal government as the FWS Chief of Staff, Assistant Director of Habitat Conservation/Head of Fisheries. Dr. Parker made history serving as the first African American FWS Regional Director of the 13 Northeastern states after working in the Great Lakes and Big Rivers regions and in the southeastern United States.

Dr. Parker has an extensive amount of experience working with her staff in building bridges to nontraditional partners in the conservation community and has received numerous awards and honors for this work.

The Governor of Arkansas enshrined her into the Arkansas Outdoor Hall of Fame for her work on fish habitat plans and invasive species. She is the recipient of the Emmaline Moore Award, named after the first female President of the American Fisheries Society for mentoring and coaching women and people of color.

Visit mamieparker.com for more information

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