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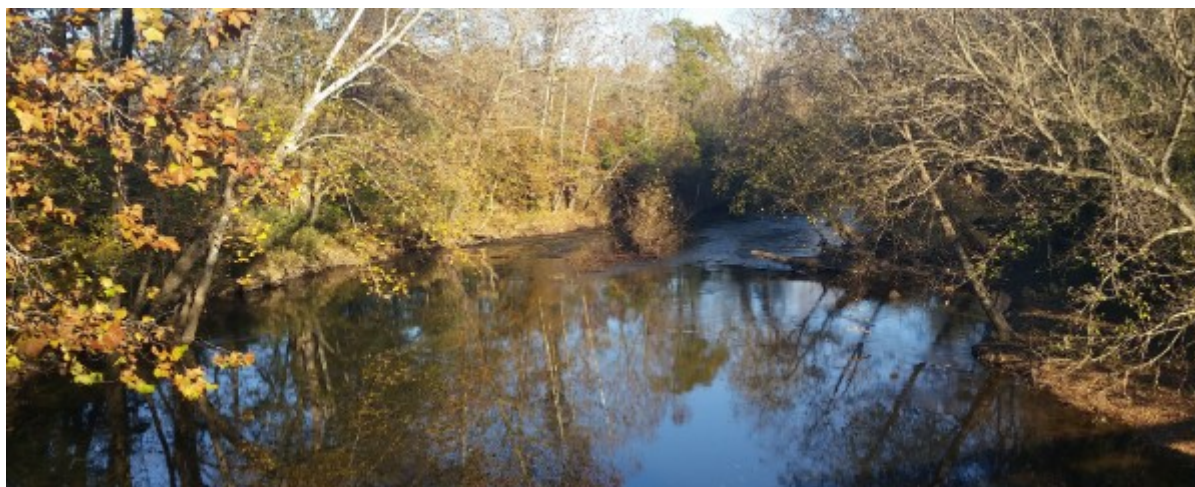
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The Albemarle-Pamlico National Estuary Partnership

Sound Stories

November 2018



As this year begins to draw to a close, we'd like to extend our gratitude to our partner organizations for their dedication to identifying, protecting, and restoring the Albemarle-Pamlico estuarine system's natural resources. We at APNEP strive to foster collaborative initiatives between the diverse organizations working in our region, but it's the participation, expertise, and vision of our partners that makes those efforts successful. We're reminded of something said by [Mike Gantt](#) (US Fish and Wildlife Service, retired), one of the long-term partners in the Albemarle-Pamlico Estuarine Study in the late 1980's and early 1990's, during last year's [Sound Reflections interview series](#):

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citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." Though partnerships take time to develop, real dialogue and trust are essential for success. The end result of reaching commitment to the process and consensus is worth the time taken, and one of the best ways a truly 'win-win' situation can be attained."

While many of our partners are based in North Carolina, the Albemarle-Pamlico region also extends up into Virginia's "Southern Watersheds." Throughout 2018 we've worked to establish new partnerships and reinvigorate existing ones, building off the [2001](#) and [2017](#) Memorandums of Understanding APNEP has facilitated between NC and VA state environmental agencies. These MOUs represent a commitment by North Carolina and Virginia to working together to address issues in their shared river basins and have already led to new collaborations and opportunities. You can read this month's [Soundings Blog post](#) to learn more about these efforts and our plans to continue working in Virginia in the future.

Sincerely,

Dr. Bill Crowell
APNEP Director

APNEP News



Applications Now Accepted for APNEP Aquatic Invasive Species Communication & Outreach Internship!

Attention North Carolina undergraduate and graduate students - APNEP is looking for an Aquatic Invasive Species Communication & Outreach Intern for summer 2019! Applications are being accepted through the [State of NC Internship Program](#) until January 14th, 2019. The intern will gain field work experience managing aquatic invasive species and assess existing outreach and communication efforts in North Carolina. They will then utilize that experience to create a strategic plan for coordinated citizen science initiatives to assist in early detection and prevention of aquatic invasive species in NC's Albemarle-Pamlico region.

Details and Application



APNEP Welcomes Steve Hummel as VA Liaison

APNEP is excited to welcome Steve Hummel, who recently started in his role as Non-Point Source Pollution Coordinator with Virginia DEQ's Tidewater Regional Office, as our liaison in the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality. Steve is an aquatic ecologist

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universities.

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Virginia Governor Signs Executive Order to Bolster Coastal Resilience

On November 2nd, Virginia Governor Ralph Northam issued an [Executive Order](#) to increase Virginia's resilience to sea level rise and natural hazards. The Executive Order details actions that the Commonwealth will take to limit the impact of flooding, extreme weather events, and wildfires. Issues addressed by this EO intersect with North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper's recent [Executive Order](#) announcing North Carolina's transition to a clean energy economy and directing cabinet agencies to integrate climate mitigation and resiliency planning into their operations.

[Learn more](#)

APNEP Committee Updates

November 16th - APNEP's [Submerged Aquatic Vegetation Team](#) provided former APNEP Communications and Outreach Intern Abigail Brewer with feedback on audience, messaging, and challenges for an SAV communications strategy she will be completing in 2019 as part of her Master's Thesis from the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Journalism.

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Upcoming Events & Meetings

All meetings associated with APNEP's committees, Action Teams, and Monitoring & Assessment Teams are free and open to the public. For more information, please contact apnep@ncdenr.gov.

- **December 3rd, 10:00am - 2:00pm** | [Public Symposium for Lake Mattamuskeet Watershed Restoration Plan](#) (Martelle's Feedhouse Restaurant, Engelhard, NC)
- **December 5th, 10:00am - 3:00pm** | [APNEP Science and Technical Advisory Committee Meeting](#) (UNC Institute of Marine Sciences, Morehead City, NC)
- **December 11th, 7:00pm - 9:00pm** | [Sound Rivers Devil We Know Film Screening](#) (Historic Turnage Theater, Washington, NC)

Soundings Blog



Stewards of the Southern Watersheds November 29th

A state border can't stop APNEP! Read this month's blog post to learn how APNEP and our NC-based partners have been working to collaborate with and learn from our partner organizations in Virginia's "Southern Watersheds."

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Current Grant Opportunities

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January 14 - [NOAA Fisheries Coastal and Marine Habitat Restoration Grant](#)

January 31 - [Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Grant Program 2019 RFP](#)

February 4 - [2019 Healthy Watersheds Consortium Grants](#)

[Grant Details](#)

Partner Spotlight



This week, APNEP Executive Board members were featured on WUNC's "The State of Things" in a discussion about coastal planning and climate change. Leadership Council Co-Chair Holly White, principal planner with the Town of Nags Head, and Science & Technical Advisory Committee Co-Chair Jess Whitehead discussed their [Vulnerability, Consequences, and Adaption Planning](#) process with citizens of Nags Head and the release of the [Fourth National Climate Assessment](#). Holly is also a recent recipient of the Carolinas Regional Adaptation Leadership Award. Key takeaways included:

- States and local governments are on the front lines of preparing for climate change.

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- Engage coastal communities by taking time to listen to what they value when assisting with development of policy and local strategies to address climate resilience.

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What We're Reading

- [Profile of APNEP/NC Sea Grant Fellow Mollie Yacano](#) (UNC Endeavors)
- [NOAA's Pivers Island Living Shoreline Project - Before/After Hurricane Florence](#) (NOAA Habitat Blueprint)
- [The Long View](#) (Coastwatch Magazine, NC Sea Grant)



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