

York River and Small Coastal Basin Roundtable

Community and Conservation Through Collaboration



Who We Are

The York River and Small Coastal Basin Roundtable is a forum for information sharing and collaboration among water quality and conservation-minded stakeholders within the York River, Mobjack Bay and Piankatank River watershed areas.

As one of [DEQ's 12 roundtables](#), our Roundtable works to elevate and safeguard quality of life within the watershed through local, participatory processes and actions focused on improved water quality, conservation and restoration.



Our Goals

- ✓ Engage as a community for the community
- ✓ Promote environmental literacy for all people
- ✓ Build capacity among watershed professionals
- ✓ Foster holistic watershed resilience



Our Watershed

From the rolling foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, to the manmade banks of Lake Anna; the Dragon Run of the Piankatank River and oyster reefs of Mobjack Bay; to the forested wetlands along the Pamunkey, and the salt marsh islands of the York, the collective Roundtable expanse represents the full suite of Chesapeake Bay watershed habitats.

Including nearly eight percent of Virginia's total land area, the York River and small coastal basins' watersheds contain approximately **6,700 miles** of rivers and streams, **11,300 acres** of lakes, and **3,254 miles** of land. Our watershed is comprised of six subwatersheds, as shown above.



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What We Do

The Roundtable fosters place-based analysis, collaboration and education to improve and protect the health of our watershed and communities. Some of our projects include:

Biennial York River and Small Coastal Basins Symposium

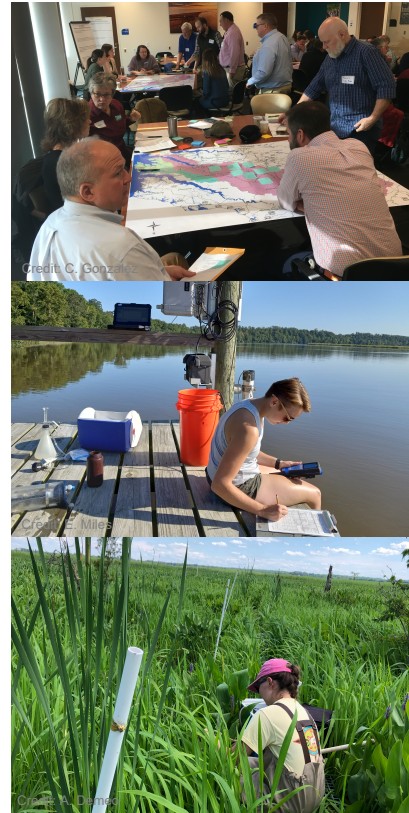
The biennial symposium brings together practitioners and residents throughout the York, Mobjack and Piankatank watersheds for a day of knowledge exchange and networking.

State of the York Report

The Roundtable is developing a report detailing the state of the York River watershed system and its communities. The report provides an informative snapshot of current conditions, trends and opportunities while also serving as a benchmark for the watershed and a repository of localized data.

Wetlands Plan

The Roundtable's Nearshore Habitat Restoration Steering Committee is developing a regionally specific wetlands plan. This plan is intended to guide collaborative action to restore, conserve and enhance tidal and adjacent nontidal wetlands.



Our Members

Currently, more than 100 members representing upwards of 45 organizations take part in Roundtable activities. Partner organizations range from all levels of government and tribal governments, to soil and water conservation districts, nonprofit organizations, academia, community representatives and private sector practitioners.

Driving Roundtable decisions, and guiding its activities and operations, is the Executive Board. Comprised of members dedicated to defining the influence and impact of the Roundtable, the Board serves to inspire forward movement on Roundtable action items.



The Roundtable's work is guided by our 2022- 2025 Strategic Plan. Find it on our website along with a full list of our members by pointing your phone camera at this QR code!



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