

*** MEDIA ADVISORY ***

10 Communities and Organizations Selected for Green Streets-Green Jobs-Green Towns Funding to Support Local Greening Efforts and Create Jobs

\$376,000 in grant funding announced to support stormwater management, green job development and enhanced resident livability throughout the Chesapeake Bay watershed

WHAT: The Chesapeake Bay Trust, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Maryland Department of Natural Resources and the Maryland Department of the Environment will announce the recipients of grant funding to advance watershed protection, community livability, and economic vitality through the Green Streets-Green Jobs-Green Towns initiative. These 10 recipients were chosen for their innovative green infrastructure and best management practices to improve the overall health of local communities while promoting enhanced livability and creating green jobs.

The grant program was open to local governments and non-profit organizations in urban and suburban watersheds in the Chesapeake Bay region of Maryland, Washington, D.C., Delaware, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia that were interested in pursuing green streets, green infrastructure, and green jobs as part of their community planning. Grant assistance was available for green infrastructure project planning and design, as well as implementation and construction. These projects also provide opportunities for in-the-ground training for green jobs and green project development throughout the region.

During this event, each of these projects will be unveiled with an opportunity to learn more about their green infrastructure practices that seek to restore urban waters, promote renewable energy and advance green employment. This program emphasizes the connection between green streets and green jobs while providing opportunities for workers to learn the skills necessary to implement these projects. During the event, 30 underemployed or displaced individuals from the Baltimore region and surrounding areas will participate in a hands-on green job training program to complete a green infrastructure project at John Eager Howard Elementary School.

Green Street Grantees Include:

Belair-Edison Neighborhoods, Inc., Baltimore City
Southeast Community Development Corporation, Baltimore City
Housing Initiative Partnership, Cecil County
Town of Delmar, Wicomico County
Town of Forest Heights, Prince George's County
Water Environment Federation, Maryland
Town of Ashland, Virginia
Matthews County, Virginia
City of Romney, West Virginia
American Rivers, Pennsylvania

WHEN: Wednesday, June 27, 2012 * 2:00 pm

WHERE: John Eager Howard Elementary School
2011 Linden Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21217

INVITED GUESTS:

- Jerome Stephens, Baltimore City Field Representative, Office of Senator Ben Cardin (confirmed)
- The Honorable Ben Cardin, Member, U.S. Senate
- The Honorable Elijah Cummings, Maryland's 7th Congressional District
- The Honorable Andy Harris Maryland's 1st Congressional District
- The Honorable John Sarbanes, Maryland's 3rd Congressional District
- The Honorable Maggie McIntosh, Chair of Maryland's House of Delegates Environmental Matters Committee
- The Honorable Joan Carter Conway, Chair of Maryland's Senate Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee
- The Honorable Mary Washington, Maryland House of Delegates
- The Honorable Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, Mayor of the City of Baltimore
- The Honorable EPA representative TBD
- The Honorable Robert Summers, Ph.D., Secretary, Maryland Department of Environment
- The Honorable John Griffin, Secretary, Maryland Department of Natural Resources
- The Honorable Nick DiPasquale, Director, EPA's Chesapeake Bay Program Office
- Green Street Award recipients representatives

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September 26, 2012

Mr. Don Rissmeyer, P.E., CFM Associate
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Richmond, Virginia 23235

Reference Project: Town of Ashland - Municipal Parking Lot Renovation

Reference Subject: Contribution Summary - Filterra BioPave SWM Solution

Dear Mr. Rissmeyer,

Pursuant to the above referenced subject, this letter shall serve as a written summary of the contributions and donations by the Filterra Bioretention Systems, a division of Americast and by Eagle Bay Hardscapes, a division of Allied Concrete Products. These divisions of sister companies are working together to provide Stormwater Management Solutions due to the symbiotic nature of their manufactured products. Both Permeable Interlocking Concrete Pavers and Filterra Bioretention Systems are recognized and approved by Virginia's Department of Conservation and Recreation.

We applaud the work and attention to detail shown by both A. Morton Thomas & Associates and the Town of Ashland in achieving an outstanding stormwater quality solution in conjunction with the renovation of the newly acquired Municipal Parking Lot.

In this spirit, our companies are contributing to the successful project completion as follows:

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|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| ▪ Aqua Bric Type 4 'L' Interlocking Concrete Pavers | 15,300 Square Ft | 50% Discount |
| Specified Crimson Color Blend | | Gratis |
| ▪ Filterra Bioretention Systems Media | 26 Tons | Gratis |
| ▪ Double shredded Hardwood Mulch | 70 Cubic Feet | Gratis |
| ▪ Filterra & PICP Maintenance Provided for the first year | | Gratis |

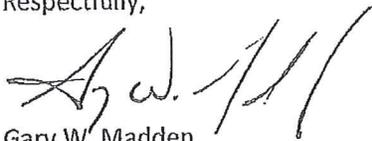
Given the increased focus on stormwater runoff reduction and water quality treatment by Virginia's Department of Conservation and Recreation, the multi-purpose Permeable Interlocking Concrete Pavement will provide runoff reduction, pre-treatment and temporary retention of the stormwater as it moves on to the Filterra Bioretention Media where additional treatment and pollutant removal will be accomplished.

September 26, 2012
Mr. Don Rissmeyer, P.E., CFM Associate

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It is appropriate to acknowledge our appreciation of the chance for local manufacturers to participate in a project of this nature, "right in our backyard". We welcome the opportunity to support the Town of Ashland and are confident of an outstanding outcome.

Respectfully,



Gary W. Madden
Allied Concrete Products

enclosures: Eagle Bay Hardscapes Quotation
Filterra Invoice

cc: Mike Davis, Bob Bridges, Glen Payton



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TOWN LIAISON

Alexis Thompson
*Economic Development
Coordinator*

September 13, 2012

Greetings,

The Ashland Main Street Association invites you to a conceptual development workshop for the downtown streetscape project on **Tuesday, September 25th, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall**. Participating in the presentation and discussion will be representatives from Main Street's Design Committee, the Town, the Planning Commission, the AMT Design Group, and business/property owners adjacent to the planned renovations.

Planned agenda:

6:00 - 6:15 -- Brief update on Main Street's current initiatives.
6:15 - 6:30 -- Town and AMT Design Group present the vision for renovations.
6:30 - 7:00 -- Discussion and collection of concerns, suggestions and preferences.
7:00 - 7:30 -- Breakout meetings with the property owners who are adjacent to the first phase of streetscape plans – the west side of the RR tracks from the Weems Building to The Caboose.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,

Tom Wulf, President
Ashland Main Street Association

Lauren Thompson
Design Committee Chair



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Streetscape concepts for Railroad Ave. are presented

Posted on Thursday, October 4, 2012 at 9:31 am

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The Ashland Main Street Association facilitated a public roundtable meeting Sept. 25 to discuss potential streetscape improvements to the downtown area.

Town staff, consultants A. Morton Thomas & Associates, AMSA members, property owners, Town Council members and other interested individuals gathered in the council chambers at Town Hall for an hour-and-a-half-long discussion.

The consultants with A. Morton Thomas have already surveyed the downtown area to determine where exactly the property lines lie.

The downtown sidewalks have mixed ownership. The Town owns the portions closer to the railroad tracks. The areas directly in front of the storefronts are privately owned.

Town Manager Charles Hartgrove made it clear that no work would be done on private property without a willing partnership with the property owner.

Also, any cosmetic enhancements would happen after all stormwater drainage issues are taken care of.

"We are not moving forward and doing anything until that stormwater drainage is part of this project—because it's useless to invest any money in downtown if you don't solve the stormwater drainage issues," Hartgrove said.

The consultants presented possible streetscape enhancement concepts for everyone's consideration. Their main goal for the evening was to solicit feedback.

Discussion was limited to phase one of this potential project, which would run the west side of the railroad tracks from the Visitor's Center to the municipal parking lot.

The parking lot is already being renovated with a permeable paver system, as reported in last week's Herald-Progress.

There was talk of working some permeable pavers into the sidewalks to help reduce stormwater runoff.

Another consideration was to rebuild the concrete entrances in front of stores.

The consultants suggested relocating the trees from the sidewalks, perhaps building curb extensions or bulb-outs of vegetative landscaping.

Residents expressed concerns about how that might affect parking, but the consultants explained that the plan would be to install any bulb-outs in areas that couldn't facilitate parking anyway, such as corners or in front of a fire hydrant.

The goal would be to leave the same number of parking spaces, or maybe plus or minus one space.

Existing furniture, such as benches, trash receptacles and bike racks, would be kept in place, but opportunities to add more would be explored.

A new street lighting system would likely be needed. The AMT consultants discussed installing "Cutoff Colonial Lighting" that would help preserve the darkness of the night sky.

Dominion Virginia Power would be responsible for any streetlight maintenance.

Decorative amenities might include continued use of festival banners, as well as installation of hanging baskets of potted plants.

Outdoor electrical outlets could be installed for holiday lighting, potentially, plus hose bibs for watering of plants.

The consultants also tossed in the idea of providing free public Wi-Fi in the area.

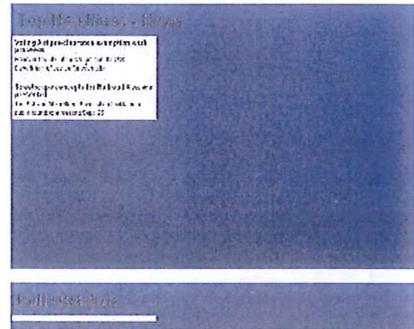
To fund any streetscape improvement project, the Town hopes to secure a VDOT enhancement grant.

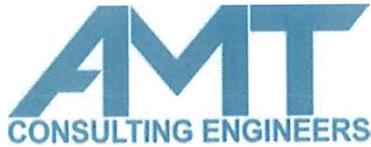
Such a grant would provide 80 percent funding in federal dollars administered by the state.

Ultimately, the Ashland Town Council would make all funding decisions.

The AMT consultants passed out comment sheets to begin getting a feel for what residents and business owners would like to see in the downtown area.

By DAN SHERRIER





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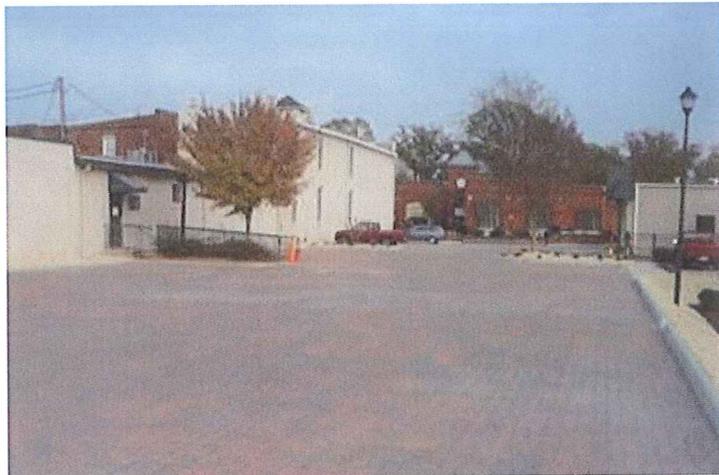
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Permeable Parking Lot wins Watershed Excellence Award

March 8, 2013

Richmond, Va. – AMT is honored to have received the 2013 Dave Pearson Watershed Excellence Award from the Virginia Lakes and Watersheds Association, with the Town of Ashland, for the design of a municipal parking lot retrofit. The award was announced at the statewide Virginia Water Conference on Tuesday, March 5.

The town decided to create a stormwater demonstration project as an example of environmental stewardship in the renovation. AMT then designed the parking lot with permeable interlocking concrete pavers to detain and reduce discharges. Any stormwater runoff from the permeable pavement system then drains into a bioretention basin for further treatment and runoff reduction. A 96 percent reduction in stormwater runoff is achieved through this project.



“We were pleasantly surprised to receive this award,” said AMT Associate Don Rissmeyer, lead engineer on the project. “This means that our peers across the state recognized the project as a big success. We hope anyone interested in innovative approaches to stormwater management comes to visit our high-tech parking lot.”

The Dave Pearson Award was established in 2009 to recognize Mr. Pearson’s many years of dedication to the Virginia Lakes and Watersheds Association, the annual water conference, and excellence in achieving improved water quality. Of 66 projects presented at this year’s conference, the Ashland project designed by AMT was first shortlisted to 12 projects, and then singled out as the best project in the state based on five criteria: importance to Virginia watersheds, project objectives, scientific approach and design, implementation and construction success, and public acceptance and support.

The project is also supported by a design grant obtained from the Chesapeake Bay Trust through the “Green Streets” grant program, and through product technical support and donations from Filterra Bioretention Systems, a local, Ashland-based company specializing in stormwater treatment solutions.

About AMT

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AMT, an Engineering News Record Top 500 firm and a ZweigWhite Hot Firm, provides consulting services including engineering, environmental, landscape architecture, surveying and construction administration and inspection. We work in the Eastern Region of the United States for a variety of public and private clients. More than 350 strong, AMT is committed to maintaining our reputation by teaming with our employees, clients and community to provide high-quality, sustainable projects. We utilize the best engineering practices, scientific principles and management solutions to deliver high-quality, ecologically conscious and cost effective projects on time and within budget.

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2013 Dave Pearson Watershed Excellence Award: Municipal Parking Lot Retrofit with Permeable Pavement, Town of Ashland



The VLWA 2013 Dave Pearson Watershed Excellence Award goes to the Municipal Parking Lot Retrofit with Permeable Pavement, designed by AMT Consulting Engineers for the Town of Ashland, VA. The award was announced and given at the statewide Virginia Water Conference on Tuesday, March 5, 2013.

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Accepting the award:
Don Rissmeyer, AMT Consulting Engineers (left) and Ingrid Stenbjorn, Town of Ashland (right)
Presenting the Award: Andrew Gould, VLWA President (center)

ON TRACK



A Quarterly Newsletter for the Residents and Businesses of Ashland

January 2013

Ashland's Bandstand: Raise the Roof!

It's that time - the Ashland Variety Show performance dates are March 21, 22 and 23 and will take place at the Blackwell Auditorium on the Randolph-Macon College campus.

The Ashland Variety Show began in 1982 and has been held every odd-numbered year since 1983. This will be year number 17 for the show.

Participants include youth, adults and children from kindergarten on up for the ever-popular show, which supports the Hanover Arts and Activities Center. This year the show's producers/directors, Lorie Foley and Sue Watson, anticipate more than 400 cast members.

The 2013 show will be titled "Ashland's Bandstand: Raise the Roof!" Proceeds support community arts programs and will help the

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The Reverend Robert Thompson retires

After 20 years at First Baptist Church of Ashland as its senior pastor, the Reverend Robert Thompson has retired from the pastorate.

The Town Council recognized Reverend Thompson at its December 18 meeting by issuing a resolution in his honor for his involvement in the community and being so agreeable to offer the invocation at council meetings over the past 20 years.

Reverend Thompson will continue to reside in Ashland with his family.

The municipal parking lot



Looking east toward the railroad tracks, the municipal parking lot shows off its new pavers and landscaping.

Pavers, rain garden and vehicles

If you have seen the new Municipal Parking Lot between Hanover Avenue and Railroad Avenue, you probably didn't realize that under the mild mannered outer appearance is a SUPER PARKING LOT!

While the new lot is beautiful, it has a secret identity of which few are aware. We are told that it is the first lot in the nation to combine two green technologies.

The first of those technologies is permeable pavers with storage beneath. This allows rain water to pass between the pavers to the storage area below. Then the water is either absorbed by the earth or released to the second new feature. These pavers were procured from *Eagle Bay Hardscape Products*, an Ashland business. The pavers were installed by *Bract Retaining Walls & Excavating*.

The second green tech feature is a wall-less *Filtterra* bioretention feature. This technology is very new and was supplied by *Filtterra Bioretention Systems*, also an Ashland company. *Filtterra Bioretention Systems* assisted with a great deal of on-site support.

The system receives rain either directly or from the permeable paver section of the parking lot. The water passes through *Filtterra's* proprietary

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Preventing Stormwater Pollution (a series)
Trouble Shooting Problems with Your BMP
Sediment Removal and Disposal

Impact on Facility Performance

The purpose of a stormwater treatment facility is to remove pollutants, including suspended solids, by capturing sediment. Sediment can include dirt, leaves, and litter. These materials can restrict or clog a facility. Timely removal of sediment will improve infiltration rates, water quality, and help prevent clogging and flooding.

Type of Facility This Applies To

Remove Sediment When

<p>Vegetated - Vegetated Rooftops, Bioretention Facilities, Ponds, Constructed Wetland Forebays, Swales, and Vegetated Filters</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Sediment depth is damaging or killing vegetation or •Sediment is preventing the facility from draining in the time designed (usually 48 - 72 hours).
<p>Underground - Manufactured Facilities, Sand Filters, Underground Detention</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Sediment depth is damaging or killing vegetation or •Sediment is preventing the facility from draining in the time designed (usually 48 - 72 hours) •At least once a year or •When the basin is half-full of sediment, whichever comes first.
<p>Infiltration - Permeable Paving Materials (Grasscrete, permeable pavers, gravel), Infiltration Trenches</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Sediment is preventing the facility from draining in the time required (usually 48 hours).

What to Do

- For **small facilities**, sediment can be removed by hand. **Large facilities and underground facilities** will need to be cleaned with heavy equipment by trained professionals. For example, a vacuum truck may need to be used for confined spaces.
- Remove sediment during dry months when it is easiest to remove because it weighs less and creates fewer secondary environmental impacts, such as wet sediment running off the site.

Vegetated Facilities:

- Use rakes and shovels to dig out accumulated sediment.
- Avoid damage to existing vegetation. If sediment is deep, some plants may need to be removed to excavate sediment.
- Reseed, replant, and mulch disturbed area to prevent erosion.
- Excavate sand and gravel and clean or replace.

Underground Facilities:

- Use a vacuum truck to remove sediment from the vaults or chambers.

Infiltration Trenches:

- Excavate sand or gravel and clean or replace. •Permeable Paving Materials: Remove accumulated sediment from the surface with a dry broom, vacuum system, or other hand tools. A vacuum truck or street sweeping equipment may also be used, with professional assistance.

How to Reduce Sediment Accumulation in the Facility

- Minimize external sources of sediment, such as eroding soil upstream of the facility.
- Sweep surrounding paved areas on the property regularly.

Parking lot

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planting medium before any excess is released to the town’s existing storm water system. The “secret” medium has plantings that are specifically chosen to reduce pollutants in the runoff. *Filtterra* donated this planting medium and some of the plantings.

Eagle Bay Hardscape Products and *Filtterra Bioretention Systems* will be using our project to showcase their products and services.

Three existing Crepe Myrtles were removed and replanted by *JGB Creative Services*, the landscaping contractor.

Construction was started at the beginning of October with the lofty goal of 80 percent completion by November 10, in time for Ashland’s annual train day. That goal was achieved. The paver portion of the lot was ready for the festivities. This would not have been possible without the great work of our Town contractor, *Talley & Armstrong, Inc.*

The design was supplied by *A. Morton Thomas & Associates, Inc.* They supplied a great amount of support through the entire project.

The end effect of these technologies will be less, and much cleaner, water entering the streams of Ashland.

New major/minor

Randolph-Macon College now offers an engineering physics major/minor.

Approved recently, this multidisciplinary field of study blends courses from engineering, physics and math to prepare students for graduate studies in engineering as well as employment in many technical and applied-science jobs.



Rissmeyer, Don

From: Sam Romano [no_reply@fwtf.ccsend.com] on behalf of Sam Romano [sromano@filterra.com]
Sent: Friday, March 22, 2013 8:32 AM
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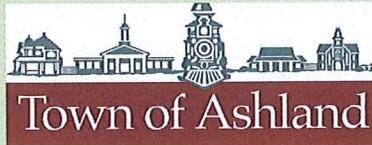
Dear Don Rissmeyer,

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You're Invited...



cordially invites you to attend a

*Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
Friday, April 19th, 4:00pm*

"Green Streets, Green Jobs, Green Towns"

Celebrating the completion of a

Municipal Parking Lot Stormwater Retrofit

*A brief reception will follow at the
Town of Ashland Council Chambers*

hosted by

Filterra Bioretention Systems

Eagle Bay, USA

A. Morton Thomas & Associates, Inc.



Municipal Parking Lot Stormwater Retrofit, Ashland, VA

About the Project

The Town of Ashland recently renovated its municipal parking lot to create a stormwater demonstration project to improve local water quality. The project is the first installation of Filtterra BioPave® in Virginia; a combination of Permeable Interlocking Concrete Pavers (PICP) and a [Filtterra Bioretention System](#). The combined benefits include significant stormwater detention and retention and water quality improvements for Stony Run which drains to the James River and, ultimately, the Chesapeake Bay. The lot is also aesthetically pleasing, appealing to Ashland's residents and visitors.

The entire parking lot renovation was constructed in the fall of 2012 over the course of 6 weeks. A grant was also awarded by the [Chesapeake Bay Trust](#) in their "Green Streets, Green Jobs, Green Towns" program for this project. All materials for this stormwater demonstration project were produced in the metropolitan Richmond area; providing local jobs in the design, construction and manufacturing industries while also improving water quality.

RSVP

Please RSVP by **Friday, April 12, 2013** to Samantha Romano, Marketing Coordinator, Filtterra Bioretention Systems (804-752-1449, sromano@filtterra.com) or by clicking the RSVP link below.

RSVP

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Town of Ashland Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Agenda

Start Time: 4:00pm

*Speakers are given 5-10 minutes to speak.

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|------|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| I. | Welcome | Faye Prichard
Mayor, Town of Ashland |
| II. | Green Streets, Green Jobs, Green Towns | Ellen Giliensky,
Senior Policy Advisor, EPA Office of Water |
| III. | Ashland Municipal Parking Lot Project Overview | Don Rissmeyer
Associate, AMT Engineering |
| IV. | Ribbon Cutting Ceremony & Infiltration Demonstration | All (Photo Op) |

Reception to follow in Ashland Town Council Chambers

Setup:

Filtrerra BioPave and Boxless 3x1 displays, table cloths, sell sheets for FTBP/FTBX.

Each attendee will receive filled FTBP water bottle for infiltration demonstration.

Food to arrive for setup at 3:45pm (Homemade By Suzanne's).

- 1 table for food
- 1 table for drinks

Video on loop: USB

*If severe weather, activities will be moved indoors at the Ashland Town Council Chambers

Paul/Vance (FT Staff) will bring back up projector/laptop.

FT will need one table for literature.

AMT will need one table for literature.

Digital Camera

Attendee List (as of 04/18/13 at 4:51pm)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Business/Organization</u>
1. Jen Chambers	Ashland Main Street Association
2. Bud Watson	RMC
3. Adrienne Kotula	James River Association
4. Ginny Snead	Virginia DCR
5. Chris French	Filtterra Bioretention Systems
6. Bob Bridges	Eagle Bay USA
7. Nancy Walker	McKinney
8. Mark Georgallis	McKinney
9. Frank Wilson	McKinney
10. Troy Tignor	Spotsylvania County
11. Senator A. Donald McEachin	Senate of Virginia*
12. Stephanie Bramble	Filtterra Bioretention Systems
13. Alexis Thompson	Town of Ashland
14. Stuart Robinson	AMT Engineering
15. Glen Payton	Filtterra Bioretention Systems
16. Chuck Burnette	Stone's Throw Studios
17. Beth Royal	Stone's Throw Studios
18. Nora Amos	Town of Ashland
19. Charles Hartgrove	Town of Ashland
20. Jodi Mills	Filtterra Bioretention Systems
21. Gil Miles	Virginia Real Estate and Development, Inc.
22. James Foley	Hunton & Williams
23. George Spagna	RMC
24. Mike Davis	Town of Ashland
25. Tom Wulf	Ashland Main Street Association
26. Ingrid Stenbjorn	Town of Ashland
27. Samantha Romano	Filtterra Bioretention Systems
28. Ellen Gilinsky	EPA
29. Paul Gallant	Filtterra Bioretention Systems
30. David Armstrong	Talley and Armstrong
31. Bambi Ruby	Filtterra Bioretention Systems
32. Roy Mills	VDOT
33. Mary Stiff	AMT Engineering
34. Becky Ward	AMT Engineering
35. Don Rissmeyer	AMT Engineering
36. Scott Crafton	Virginia DCR
37. Vance Fuller	Filtterra Bioretention Systems
38. Del. John Cox	Virginia House of Delegates
39. Mindy Hills	Filtterra Bioretention System
40. David Johnson	Virginia DCR
41. Dean Baddorf	Filtterra Bioretention Systems
42. Chip England	Hanover County
43. Chas Gowan	RMC
44. Anthony Moore	Virginia Secretary of Natural Resources