

2020 River Management Training Symposium

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Mountain Creeks
to Metro Canals

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The River Management Society is proud to be hosting our biennial training symposium against the backdrop of the 50th anniversary of Virginia's Scenic Rivers Program. Join your colleagues in river management trainings, best practice presentations, posters, information-packed field workshops and fascinating evening programs. We invite you to submit your 2020 River Management Training Symposium: *From Mountain Creeks to Metro Canals* abstract **by COB Monday, September 9, 2019**.

We welcome presentations and panels from river management professionals (e.g., managers, planners, academics, consultants, or students) that show how you, your organization, and/or the profession are protecting or enhancing river values. Come help us learn about innovations, creative approaches, successes, and visions for the future of sustainable river management!

Our objectives for this symposium are to:

1. Share current and cutting-edge research in the disciplines of river ecology, watershed science, recreation planning.
2. Connect river managers across geographic regions.
3. Spark interdisciplinary conversations.
4. Provide opportunities for attendees to sharpen skills, share accomplishments, investigate questions and build new alliances.

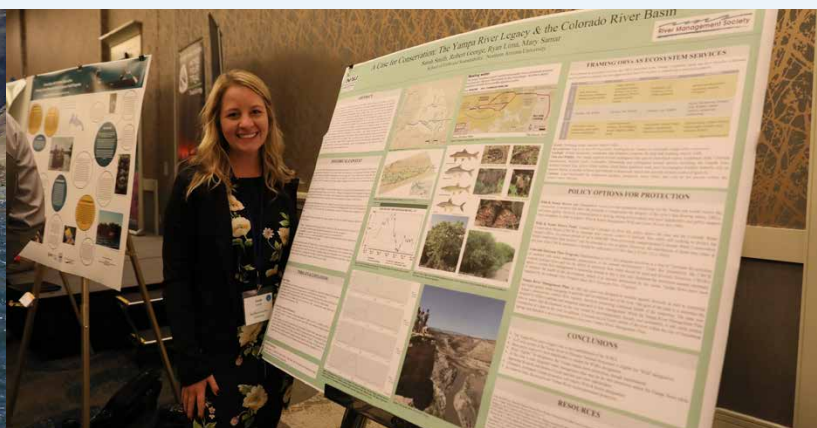
We are seeking proposals that fit within one or more of these program themes:

1. **Mountain and Rural Rivers (Management Issues and Science):** Applied research and management practice in applying ecological, biological, geomorphologic or social frameworks to river management especially in headwater areas.
2. **Urban Rivers (Urban Renewal, Infrastructure, Issues and Economics):** How rivers contribute to a community's identity and economic well-being.
3. **Management Technology Tools:** New technologies and how they are being used in transforming river management.
4. **Policy and Practice (State and Federal River Management Legislation, Policies and Systems):** The next river protection initiative - will it come from cities or states? Emerging policy or legislation that impacts how rivers are managed.
5. **Partnerships and Community Building:** Initiatives and successful models that join river management agencies, scientists, universities, advocacy groups and/or communities to support river projects and protection.
6. **Water and River Corridor Trails:** The relationship of trails to river management, resource protection, recreational use and public support.

Submit your proposal abstract(s)
by clicking here.



**MOUNTAIN CREEKS TO METRO CANALS
PRESENTATION PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORM.**



Presentations can take any of the following forms:

Single: Presentations will be 30 minutes in length, including time for questions or discussion. Podium, laptop, projector, screen, and audio will be provided.

Panel sessions: Presentations will be 90 minutes in length. Panelists will be provided the same support as single speakers. If needed, a moderator will be assigned to manage question-and-answer sessions.

Posters: Posters will be displayed during the reception and poster session the evening of Tuesday, May 12.

Submission instructions

Include a brief description of the presentation, limited to 300 words. For panels, please also be prepared to provide the name, affiliation, *short* biography, and contact information for each panelist and/or moderator. **Abstract submission deadline is September 9, 2019.**

All presenters are expected to register for the symposium, pay registration fees, and attend at least the day of the presentation.

Priority will be given to presentations that address the following River Manager Core Competencies:

1. Laws, Policies and Regulations for River Management
 - a. Wild and Scenic Rivers Act history, law, regulation and policy
 - b. FERC Licensing Processes
 - c. Water Rights
2. River Management Planning
3. River Management Field Skills
4. Visitor Use Management and Monitoring
5. Natural, Cultural and Recreational Resources Management and Monitoring
6. River Information Management Skills
7. Collaboration and Engagement Techniques

River Manager Core Competencies were drafted through a collaboration of agency, academia and NGO partners over a 5-year period under the guidance of Dr. Ed Krumpe from the University of Idaho, College of Natural Resources. The core competencies provide a framework of the knowledge, skills and abilities needed to implement river management stewardship, law, regulation and policy as deemed by the authors and a broad panel of reviewers who have worked extensively in the river management profession. (See [Core Competencies for River Management](#). Grussing, Krumpe & McLaughlin, 2018)

Abstract evaluation

Abstracts will be evaluated by the Program Committee for relevance to the conference theme and session tracks, quality, level of audience participation, relevance to current trends and issues, continuing education credits qualification, and consistency with River Management Society's Mission.

QUESTIONS?

If you have questions regarding your submission please contact the RMS Training Coordinator, Steve Storck, training@river-management.org, 301-616-0307.



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Who will be attending Mountain Creeks to Metro Canals?

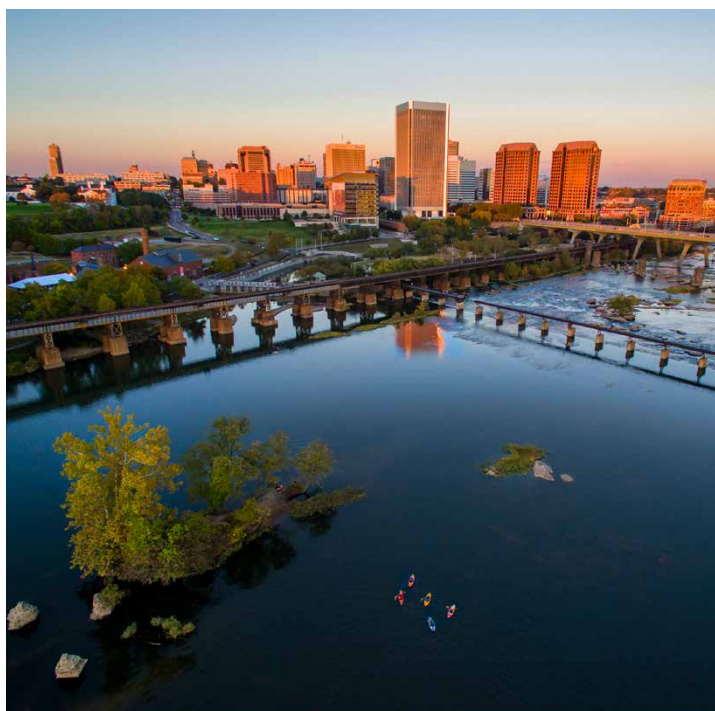
- City, county, state and federal outdoor recreation and river managers, planners, researchers and administrators
- University faculty and students
- Public agency decision makers and policy makers
- International professionals and academicians
- Private sector planning and design consultants
- Conservancies and land trusts

Venue

The symposium will be held at Virginia Commonwealth University and adjacent venues. Hotel reservations for the symposium will open in early spring 2020.

About RMS

The River Management Society (RMS) is a national nonprofit professional organization whose mission is to support professionals who study, protect, and manage North America's rivers. RMS advances the profession of river management by providing a unique variety of forums for sharing information about the appropriate use and management of river resources. RMS continues to build its base of expertise in all aspects of river management and stewardship including an ecosystem approach to recreation, water quality, riparian health, and watershed management. Besides creating multiple opportunities each year for river professionals to learn, train and network, RMS is growing partnerships that will help river professionals serve both our river resources and the people who use and enjoy them.



From top: The James River flows through downtown Richmond, Virginia, Virginia Tourism Corp.; James River Railway Bridge, Virginia Tourism Corp.
Page 2: Field Trip, River Management Society; Poster Session, Meredith Meeks.
Page 3: Presentation, Sarah Johnson; Rafting Field Trip, River Management Society.

