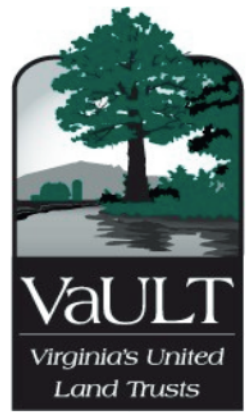


VIRGINIA LAND CONSERVATION AND GREENWAYS CONFERENCE 2026 *ADAPTATION*



VIRGINIA'S UNITED LAND TRUSTS
THE MARRIOTT CITY CENTER, NEWPORT NEWS, VA
APRIL 27-29, 2026

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Virginia Land Conservation & Greenways Conference

April 27-29, 2026

Marriott City Center

740 Town Center Dr, Newport News

Monday, April 27, 2026

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Field trips
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Registration open, <i>Grand Ballroom Foyer</i>
5:00 PM – 6:30 PM	Social hour, <i>Marriott Rotunda</i>
6:30 PM	Dinner – Networking dinners or dinner on your own

Tuesday, April 28, 2026

7:00 AM – 3:00 PM	Registration open, <i>Grand Ballroom Foyer</i>			
7:45 AM – 8:45 AM	Continental breakfast provided, <i>Grand Ballroom II</i>			
8:30 AM – 11:15 AM	Virginia's United Land Trusts Business Meeting, <i>Grand Ballroom II</i> State Trails Advisory Committee Meeting, <i>Grand Ballroom III</i> **These meetings are held simultaneously and open to all.			
11:15 AM – 11:45 AM	Networking break			
11:45 AM – 1:15 PM	Lunch keynote, <i>Grand Ballroom II</i> : Fort Monroe: The Past and Future of Community Healing, Aazia "Aaz" Mrozinski, Fort Monroe Foundation, Executive Director			
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Trails, Greenways, & Blueways	Conservation Challenges & Opportunities	Land Trust Fundamentals	Engagement & Management
	<i>Grand Ballroom V</i> <u>Trail Usage</u> Session A Forecasting and Counting Trail Use	<i>Grand Ballroom III</i> <u>Wetlands</u> Session B1 Three Decades of Wetland and Stream Conservation and Innovation Session B2 Department of Wildlife Resources Wetland Program Updates	<i>Grand Ballroom II</i> <u>Mapping</u> Session C ArcGIS Mapping Workshop	<i>Grand Ballroom IV</i> <u>Appointments and Governance</u> Session D1 Serving the Commonwealth: Demystifying Board Appointments Session D2 Achieving Synergy: Balancing Risk, Efficiency, and Nonprofit Governance
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Student session, <i>BluePoint Room III</i>			
3:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Networking break, refreshments provided			

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM	<i>Grand Ballroom V</i> <u>Partnerships for Trails</u> Session E1 Rebuilding Shorelines and Waterfront Trails: How Public and Private Partnerships Can Impact a Community Session E2 Main Street to Meadow: Urban/Rural Trail Corridors	<i>Grand Ballroom III</i> <u>Coastal Conservation</u> Session F1 Rolling Easements: A Conservation Tool for Disappearing Lands Session F2 Roots to Reef: A Mosaic Approach to Shoreline Restoration	<i>Grand Ballroom II</i> <u>Landowner Engagement</u> Session G Conservation Speed-Dating: Connecting Landowners with Their Local Technical Service Providers	<i>Grand Ballroom IV</i> <u>Engaging the Next Generation</u> Session H Building the Conservation Community Through Fellowship and Internship Programs
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Evening reception, <i>Mariner's Museum, 1001 Museum Drive, South Courtyard</i>			

Wednesday, April 29, 2026

7:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Registration open, <i>Grand Ballroom Foyer</i>			
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Breakfast roundtables, <i>Grand Ballroom II</i>			
9:15 AM – 10:30 AM	Trails, Greenways, & Blueways <i>Grand Ballroom III</i> <u>Trail Planning</u> Session I Crafting a Strong Vision for Trails to Maximize our Investments	Conservation Challenges & Opportunities <i>Grand Ballroom II</i> <u>Military Partnerships</u> Session J Where Mission Meets Recreation: Collaborative Conservation Opportunities with Military Installations	Land Trust Fundamentals <i>Grand Ballroom V</i> <u>Conservation Partnerships</u> Session K Partners in Protection: Collaborative Fee Acquisitions	Engagement & Management <i>Grand Ballroom IV</i> <u>Advocacy Relationships</u> Session L Building Advocacy Influence to Achieve Big Conservation Wins
10:30 AM – 11:00 AM	Networking break, refreshments provided			
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM	<i>Grand Ballroom III</i> <u>Trail Adaptation Across Landscapes</u> Session M1 How to Work with Volunteers on Natural Surface Trails Session M2 Mountains to Sea: Park Design in the Geographic Regions of Virginia	<i>Grand Ballroom II</i> <u>Wildlife and Open Space Protection</u> Session N1 The Virginia Wildlife Action Plan: How the Plan Can Guide Land Conservation and Recreational Access Session N2 Virginia Beach's Open Space Strategies and Achieving Multiple Benefits	<i>Grand Ballroom V</i> <u>Tax Issues</u> Session O *Absolutely Taxing: Three Trending Conservation-Related Tax Issues *CLE Approved	<i>Grand Ballroom IV</i> <u>Communications and Fundraising</u> Session P Integrating Strategic Brand Communications, Advancement and Finance for Conservation
12:45 PM – 2:00 PM	Lunch keynote, <i>Grand Ballroom II</i> : Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry Katie Frazier and Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources David Bulova			

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