

Stewardship Lightning Talks — June 23, 2026

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At this quarter's Chesapeake Bay Stewardship Workgroup meeting, we'll hear lightning talks from two stewardship champions across the watershed. First up, learn from Justin Doyle about how the James River Association leverages volunteer Green Infrastructure Stewards to work alongside their staff to maintain stormwater best management practices at public libraries across Richmond, VA. The program improves the effectiveness of managing stormwater at these sites, while also protecting native plants and fostering community support for green infrastructure. Then, learn from Meredith Prescott how Chesapeake Climate Action Network mobilizes volunteers in D.C., Maryland, and Virginia to save thousands of trees, connect with community members, and empower residents to take ownership of their local trees.

Speaker Biographies

Justin Doyle, Director of Community Conservation, James River Association

Justin Doyle is the James River Association's Director of Community Conservation. He pursued a career in conservation to protect precious natural resources like the James River and has been a James Changer since 2013. He promotes conservation and responsible stewardship of our natural resources through the James River Association's Community Conservation Program, which empowers residents to implement river-friendly conservation practices at home and collaborates with communities to better manage stormwater runoff through the use of gray and green infrastructure. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Geography from the University of Mary Washington in 2008, a Master of Urban & Regional Planning degree from Virginia Commonwealth University in 2012, and completed the Virginia Natural Resources Leadership Institute in 2016. He is currently serving as Chair of Richmond's Urban Design Committee and resides in Richmond's Church Hill neighborhood with his family.



**Meredith Prescott, Invasive Vines Program
Manager, Chesapeake Climate Action Network**

Meredith Prescott (she/her) grew up in rural Maine, where her passion for the outdoors began to take shape. Since she entered the workforce, she has spent 7 years managing a variety of non-profit programs (in DC, VA, & CO) focused on climate resilience, conservation, environmental stewardship, and sustainable food access. She joined CCAN in 2024 to launch a new volunteer program focused on rescuing mature trees from invasive vines. Meredith is passionate about building community through the outdoors, and cares deeply for her community that she has built over nine years of living in DC. In her free time, she can be found biking on the Anacostia River Trail, exploring DC's music scene, or sharing some snacks in a park with friends.

