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• 2026 CONFERENCE •

Wednesday April 8, 2026

9:00 AM	Golf Tournament	Red Wing Golf Course
Noon—5:00 pm	Registration Check In: pick up badge and drink tickets before the reception	Seaside Registration
1:00 —5:00 pm	Exhibit Set Up	Salon A-C
2:00 - 4:00 pm	Industry Tour– SPSA	
4:00—6:00 PM	Young Professionals Reception and Tour of Distillery	Tarnished Truth Distillery
5:30 to 7:00 PM	Welcome Reception at Marriott Virginia Beach Oceanfront	Seaside Event Terrace and Salon D – E

Thursday April 9, 2026

7:30 AM to 8:30 AM	<p>Salon D-E Breakfast Welcome/Keynote starts at 8:00</p> <p>Welcome: VRA President SWANA Virginia President</p> <p>Keynote Address: Ryan Duckett, Geosyntec Consultants Let’s See How Far We’ve Come: A Look at a 1974 Textbook on Solid Waste</p>
8:45 AM to 10:30 AM	Concurrent Sessions– 105 minutes
A.I. and Automation: Curbside Collection rolls on	<p>Goodman Jon Clary, Henrico County, Aaron White and Jennefer Klennert, HDR (25)- Optimizing Residential Collection Routing for Henrico County – A Collaborative Approach</p> <p>Michael Benedetto, TFC Recycling (25)- "Two Carts are Smart"</p> <p>Tony Gianni, Blue Legacy Innovations (25)- Smart Waste: Leveraging On-Board Scales for Performance and Sustainability</p> <p>M. Duane Wright, Fairfax County DPWES (25)- Leaf Improvements</p>
In other news: Water is wet! Landfills & Water	<p>Calloway Jennifer Robb, SCS Engineers (35)- From Contaminants to Compliance: The Willow Spring Treatment Journey</p> <p>Nathan Ivy, Concrete Canvas (35)- Using GCCM for Stormwater Management in Landfill Operations</p> <p>Mike Ditton, Director of Project Development , Heartland (35)- Innovative approach to on-site landfill leachate fluid management</p>

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<p>Facilities: Upgrading for the Future</p>	<p>Salon D-E Vince Beyer, The Euclid Chemical Company (25)- LCSWMA: How they Selected the Most Sustainable Concrete Floor option Daniel Domato, HDR Engineering Inc. (25)- WTE State of the Industry: Capital Improvements Zach Trees, SPSA Waste Solutions (25)- Alternative Waste Disposal Charlie Novak, TANA North America (25)- “Smart Landfilling” to Conserve Air Space</p>
<p>10:30 AM to 11:00 AM</p>	<p>Beverage Break in the Exhibit Hall</p>
<p>11:00 AM to 11:45 AM</p>	<p>Plenary</p>
<p>Rural MRFS: Feasibility Planning, Funding, & Design</p>	<p>Salon D-E Annie White, RRS Matt Todd, RRS Amanda Doss, Person County</p>
<p>11:45 AM to 12:15 PM</p>	<p>Break</p>
<p>12:15 PM to 1:30 PM</p>	<p>Salon D-E Lunch and Plenary Virginia Department of Environmental Quality Updates Jenny Poland, Solid Waste Permit Coordinator, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality Pricilla Roher, Solid Waste Compliance Coordinator, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality</p>
<p>1:45 PM to 3:00 PM</p>	<p>Concurrent Sessions (75 minutes)</p>
<p>Public Planning for the Next Wave</p>	<p>Salon D-E Ryan Duckett, Geosyntec Consultants (25)- Organics Management: How it Fits into Public Planning & Virginia's Solid Waste Future Brenda Wise, Corsair Plastic Waste Chemical Recycling (25)- How to Eliminate the Plastic Waste Crisis Melissa McDonald, City of Fairfax and Helen Lee, RRS (25)- Rewriting the Narrative: Making Solid Waste Planning a Community Story</p>
<p>Industry Updates: PFAS and Air Permitting</p>	<p>Calloway Paul Jackson, Pace Analytical Services, LLC (25)- PFAS Impacts on NPDES Permits, Biosolids, and What Landfill Operators Need to Know JP Verheul, Enthalpy Analytical, LC (25)- PFAS Regulatory Updates and Analytical Methods Lucas Nachman, Victoria Essex, Quinn Bernier, Jacob Smith, SCS Engineers - Maybe 45 minutes of time Panel Discussion – (25) Virginia Air Permitting and Compliance Updates</p>
<p>Evolution inside and out: MRFs & Tech</p>	<p>Goodman Chris Lund, GBB Inc. (25)- The Role of Material Recovery Facilities (MRFs) in the Circular Economy Dennis Bagley, Southeastern Public Service Authority (25)- Rethinking Waste Disposal Steve Nesbitt, Arcadis US, Inc. (25)- MSW Management Alternatives Analyses - All Things Considered</p>

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3:15 PM—4:00 PM	<p>Plenary Salon D-E MRF Technology, Emerging Materials, and Trends in Markets and Pricing Panel discussion with Kate Vasquez and Dave Weitzman, RRT Design and Construction, Matt Todd, RRS, Michael Benedetto (TFC); Others Invited</p>
4:30 PM to 6:30 PM	<p>Prefunction Reception in Exhibit Hall</p>

Friday April 10, 2026

7:30 AM to 8:30 AM	<p>Salon D - E Breakfast and Plenary Matthew Adams, Fairfax County Solid Waste Management Program Plastic Bag Tax Projects in Fairfax County</p>
9:00 AM to 10:00 AM (60 minutes)	<p>Salon D - E Outreach: Making it Matter Nick Hassler, HDR Engineering, Inc. (30)- Seeing Solid Waste Facilities Through a Different Lens Melissa McDonald, City of Fairfax (30)- Trash the Confusion: Data-Driven Recycling Decontamination Made Easy</p>
10:15 AM to 12:00 PM (105 minutes)	<p>Salon D - E Plenary: How It Works! Research in Action Daniel Brooks, LaBella Associates (25)- Lithium Battery Safety Aaron White and Jeff Murray, HDR (25)- Geophysical Characterization of Subsurface Waste at HRSD VIP Site for SWIFT Tertiary Treatment Expansion JP Verheul, Enthalpy Analytical, LC (25)- PFAS Virtual Lab Tour Christian Ferguson, Tetra Tech BAS Inc. (25) How the Impacts of Littering Affect Recycling Revenues</p>
12:00 PM	<p>Salon D - E Conference Close: Cash Prize Drawing and Raffle Giveaways</p>