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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><b>Salon D-E</b> 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
<b>A.I. and Automation: Curbside Collection rolls on</b>	<p><b>Goodman</b> 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>
<b>In other news: Water is wet! Landfills &amp; Water</b>	<p><b>Calloway</b> 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>

## Thursday April 9, 2026 (continued)

<p><b>Facilities: Upgrading for the Future</b></p>	<p><b>Salon D-E</b>  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)- SPSA SORT (Separating Organics, Recycling and Trash)   Charlie Nowak, 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><b>Rural MRFS: Feasibility Planning, Funding, &amp; Design</b></p>	<p><b>Salon D-E</b>  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><b>Salon D-E</b>  <b>Lunch and Plenary</b>  <b>Virginia Department of Environmental Quality Updates</b>   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><b>Public Planning for the Next Wave</b></p>	<p><b>Salon D-E</b>  Ryan Duckett, Geosyntec Consultants (25)- Organics Management: How it Fits into Public Planning &amp; 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><b>Industry Updates: PFAS and Air Permitting</b></p>	<p><b>Calloway</b>  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><b>Evolution inside and out: MRFs &amp; Tech</b></p>	<p><b>Goodman</b>  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>

## Thursday April 9, 2026 (continued)

3:15 PM—4:00 PM	<p>Plenary  <b>Salon D-E</b>  <b>MRF Technology, Emerging Materials, and Trends in Markets and Pricing</b>            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><b>Prefunction</b>            Reception in Exhibit Hall</p>

## Friday April 10, 2026

7:30 AM to 8:30 AM	<p><b>Salon D - E</b>            Breakfast and Plenary  <b>Plastic Bag Tax Projects in Fairfax County</b>             Matthew Adams, Fairfax County Solid Waste Management Program</p>
9:00 AM to 10:00 AM (60 minutes)	<p><b>Salon D - E</b>  <b>Outreach: Making it Matter</b>             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><b>Salon D - E</b>  <b>Plenary: How It Works! Research in Action</b>             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><b>Salon D - E</b>  <b>Conference Close: Cash Prize Drawing and Raffle Giveaways</b></p>