



VIRGINIA *forever* welcomes you to the
Virtual 2021 Bridge Builder Celebration

Building Bridges with Our Elected Leaders

Thursday, October 28 | 4:00 pm

Featuring keynote remarks by
Terry McAuliffe and Glenn Youngkin

Gubernatorial Candidates

Bob Holsworth, PhD

Political Analyst

The Honorable Ann Jennings

Virginia Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources

The Honorable Bettina Ring

Virginia Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry

Tanya Denckla Cobb

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PROGRAM

Welcome & Opening Remarks

Matt Wells, Chair, VIRGINIA*forever*

Kendall Tyree, Vice Chair, VIRGINIA*forever*

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Closing Remarks



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A LETTER FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

Greetings and thank you for joining us for the virtual 2021 VIRGINIA^{forever} Bridge Builder Celebration. Though we had hoped to be back together in person to celebrate again this year, we decided it was best and safest for all to hold the event virtually. While we can't physically be together, we are still very excited about the program we've developed.

The 2021 Bridge Builder Celebration focuses on building bridges with our elected leaders, how to find consensus, and cultivating the next generation of environmental leaders. We'll hear from both candidates for Governor, Dr. Bob Holsworth, Secretaries Ann Jennings and Bettina Ring, and Tanya Denckla Cobb Director of the University of Virginia Institute for Engagement and Negotiation.

This year we will be also be doing something special: In lieu of honoring an individual with the Bridge Builder award, VIRGINIA^{forever} will be recognizing another organization that strengthens the skills of tomorrow's bridge builders by taking proceeds from this event and sponsoring the full fee for one fellow to participate in the Virginia Natural Resources Leadership Institute (VNRLI) program. VNRLI's vision and mission align perfectly with what our organization values most: finding, developing, and honing the skills to work together to protect Virginia's land and water, and ensure a bright future for the Commonwealth.

***The VNRLI Vision is:** Virginia's communities will engage in productive dialogue and collaborative problem solving of natural resource issues important to community sustainability and, thus, be able to effectively manage, conserve, and protect Virginia's natural resources.*

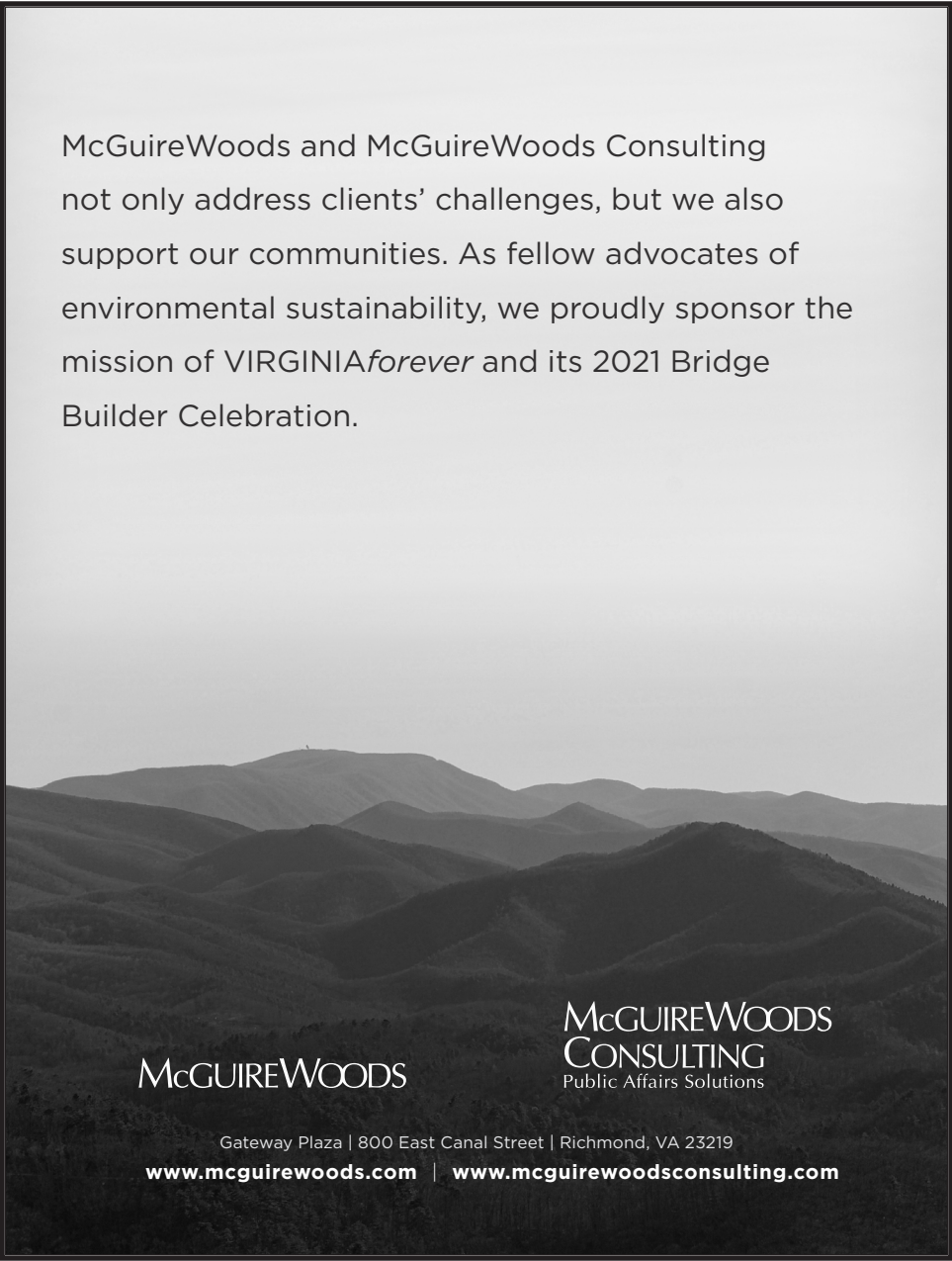
***The VNRLI Mission is:** To develop leaders in the Commonwealth who can help groups involved in contentious natural resources issues move beyond conflict toward consensus building and collaborative problem solving.*

Many of our VIRGINIA^{forever} members are graduates of this program and I can think of no better way to embrace our values by supporting a new generation of leaders in the environmental community!

In closing, I want to thank our Board, our speakers, our sponsors, and our guests. We could not do this without your support. The past two years have been difficult ones for many organizations, and I've been heartened by the dedication that you have shown and continue to show for our common cause.

I hope you enjoy today's program. Even though we can't be together in the same room this year, it's always a privilege to celebrate with you.

Sincerely yours,
Matt Wells
Chair



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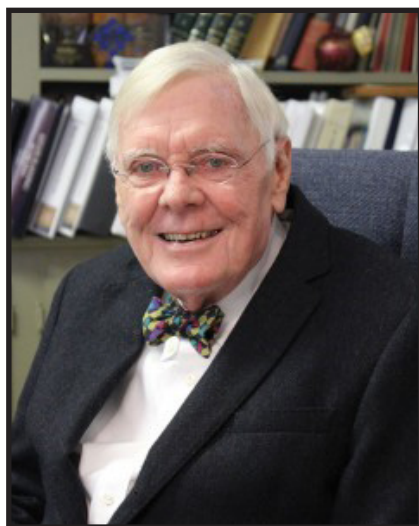
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