**Norfolk Naval Shipyard Shines Brightest Among 2017 River Stars**

Norfolk Naval Shipyard won facility of the year when Elizabeth River Project recognized 33 business and government facilities on Jan. 26 for new results “doing’ right by the river” as River Star Businesses.

America’s oldest naval shipyard won Inside Business River Star Hall of Fame for 2017 during the annual banquet for the program, held at Renaissance Portsmouth-Norfolk Waterfront Hotel.

“They are dramatic in their environmental efforts, from huge to small,” says Pam Beatnight, River Star Business program manager, of the shipyard, which has worked closely with Elizabeth River Project to improve Paradise Creek, adjacent to the shipyard, since the early 2000s. Together the non-profit and the shipyard won an award from the White House at one point. Each year, “we can’t wait to see how many ka-zillion pounds they’ve documented in new pollution reductions,” says Marjorie Mayfield Jackson, Executive Director, Elizabeth River Project.

Another partner on Paradise Creek made Model Level in the program, the City of Portsmouth, for operating super-green Paradise Creek Nature Park, while Norfolk Tug Company also achieved the three-star recognition. Find out how your facility can “shine” in the program: riversstarbusinesses.org.

**Inside Business River Star Hall of Fame**

2011 Inaugural Winner – BAE Systems Norfolk Ship Repair
2012 Winner – Port of Virginia
2013 Winner – Kinder Morgan/Elizabeth River Terminals
2014 Winner – Old Dominion University
2015 Winner – Wheelabrator Portsmouth
2016 Winner – HRSD
2017 Winner – Norfolk Naval Shipyard

Norfolk Naval Shipyard has operated on the Southern Branch of the Elizabeth since before the Revolution. Now it has earned top local recognition for environmental stewardship of the river. Photo courtesy Norfolk Naval Shipyard.

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**Congratulations, River Star Businesses 2017**

***Model Level Business and Government Facilities***

These companies receive the Model Level designation through exceptional pollution prevention and wildlife habitat results while mentoring others as community leaders in environmental stewardship.

- BAE Systems Norfolk Ship Repair
- Chesapeake Parks, Recreation and Tourism
- Chesapeake Sheriff’s Office
- CITGO Petroleum Corp.
- Enviroscape
- General Dynamics NASSCO-Norfolk
- Hampton Roads Transit
- Hermitage Museum and Gardens
- Iowa Corp.
- Chesapeake Terminal
- Hofler Creek Wildlife Foundation
- HRSD
- Kinder Morgan/Elizabeth River Terminals
- Lafayette Wetlands Partnership
- Luck Stone Gilmerton Yard
- Maersk Line, Limited
- Naval Station Norfolk
- Naval Support Activity Hampton Roads
- Portsmouth Annex
- NOAA Marine Operations Center-Atlantic
- Norfolk Environmental Commission
- Keep Norfolk Beautiful
- Norfolk Environmental Stormwater Management
- Norfolk Naval Shipyard
- Norfolk Planning & Community Development
- Norfolk Southern Lumber Point
- Norfolk Southern
- NRHA/Grandy Village & Learning Center
- Old Dominion University
- Port of Virginia
- Portsmouth Parks, Recreation & Leisure Services
- Skanska USA Civil SouthEast
- SKW Constructors
- Southern States Cooperative
- Chesapeake Fertilizer Plant
- SPSA Operations
- Tidewater Community College
- Chesapeake Top Guard Security
- US Army Corps of Engineers, Norfolk District
- US Coast Guard Base Portsmouth
- US Maritime Administration
- Division of Atlantic Operations
- Virginia Zoo
- Volvo Penta of the Americas
- Wheelabrator Portsmouth

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**Achievement Level Business and Government Facilities**

These companies have shown significant results in both pollution prevention and wildlife habitat, relative to size and nature of organization.

- Accurate Marine Environmental
- Bay Environmental
- Beach Marine Services
- Buckeye Terminals LLC
- Chesapeake
- Cape Henry Audubon Society
- Weyanoke Wildlife Sanctuary
- Chesapeake Public Works
- Christ & Saint Luke’s Episcopal Church
- Cupples Lending
- Great Bridge Battlefield & Waterways History Foundation
- Hampton Roads Rowing Club
- Intracoastal Marine, Inc.
- Iwo Wallow League of America – Norfolk Chapter
- Kinder Morgan Southampton Terminals
- Larchmont Branch Library
- Luck Stone Berkeley Yard
- Lynx Shipyard
- Marine Hydraulics International
- Marine Oil Service
- Naval Support Activity Hampton Roads
- Lafayette River Annex
- Ocean Marine Yacht Center
- Olde Sholom Temple
- Pembina Agriservices
- Chesapeake Plant
- PETA
- Portsmouth Public Works/Stormwater
- Saint Paul’s Episcopal Church
- Savannah Maritime (SKS) Dojo Roller Rink
- SIMS Metal Management – Chesapeake
- South Norfolk Neighborhood Watch Group Inc.
- South Norfolk Harvest Store
- Tidewater Tank Terminal
- Unity Renaissance Church
- Vane Line Bookkeeper
- Virginia Beach Environment & Sustainability Office
- Virginia Wesleyan College

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**Commitment Level Business and Government Facilities**

These companies have shown significant results in either pollution prevention or wildlife habitat enhancement.

- Allied Concrete Products
- Bank Street Associates
- Bay Diesel Corp
- Bay Disposal & Recycling
- Celebrate Trees
- Chesapeake Central Fleet Management
- Chesapeake Environmental Improvement Council
- Chesapeake Humane Society
- CMA CGM (America) LLC
- Colonial Pipeline
- Colonial Rockland Timber, LLC
- Colonna’s Shipyard
- Continental Research
- Dry Dock Callas – Hampton Roads
- East Coast Bicycles
- Eastern Virginia Medical School
- Eco-cycling
- Essence Current – Chesapeake Plant
- Five Points Community Farm Market
- Founders Inn & Spa
- Kinder Morgan Money Point Terminals
- Marine Repair Services - Container Maintenance Corp.
- Massimo Zanotti Beverage USA
- McAllister Towing of Virginia
- McLean Contracting
- Nauticus
- Norfolk and Portsmouth Belt Line Railroad
- Norfolk Department of Utilities
- Norfolk SPCA
- Norfolk Yacht & Country Club
- Ocean Yacht Marina
- Park View Historic District Civic League
- Portsmouth Boating Center
- Precision Printing
- Renaissance Portsmouth-Norfolk Waterfront Hotel
- RES - Chesapeake Wetlands Site
- Roland Park Civic League
- Smartmouth Brewery
- South Norfolk Jordan Bridge
- Taylors Island Family YMCA
- Tidewater Yacht Marina – A SunTec Marina
- Top Rock Marina
- TransManufacturing Products Services – Norfolk Complex
- Vulcan Norfolk Sales Yard
- Vulcan Westerminister Stone & Recycling Yard
- Waterside Marina
- West Park View Community League

Companies and organizations designated with an asterisk are honored in 2017 for “Sustained Distinguished Performance,” signifying completion of a significant new initiative by the River Star.