

2026 Annual Conference

April 20, 2026 MONDAY FULL-DAY OPTIONS

6 CPEs | 8:30am - 4pm | April 20, 2026 | Hotel Roanoke

Breakfast Provided @ 8am

Registration (in class) @ 8:30am

1.5 hr Lunch on your own. (Time will vary depending on class)

Option 1

A Utility Safety Workshop: Protecting People, Plants, and the Public

David Burpeau (Professional Safety Instructor)

This session brings together key safety topics including best practices for dealing with homeless encampments near facilities, protecting water and wastewater infrastructure, maintaining safe treatment plant and field operations, chemical safety procedures and a supervisor safety academy. By the end of the class, attendees will leave equipped with practical strategies to foster a strong safety culture throughout their organizations.

Option 2

Asset Management in Action: Linking Infrastructure, Finance, and Public Awareness

Arnab Bhowmick (Aktivov Asset Mgmt.)
Logan Borror (Rockingham County)
Brian McReynolds (TETP Founder)

OR Maintaining reliable infrastructure while balancing budgets, compliance, and public expectations can be challenging for any utility. This session explores effective asset management applications and how it connects to operations, finance, and public outreach to strengthen utility performance. Learn how integrated asset and financial planning (IAFP) improves budgeting, lifecycle planning, and regulatory reporting while public awareness efforts build trust and highlight the value of their services.

Option 3

Office Professionals Mini-Conference

Deana Desjardins (City of Waynesboro)
Larado Robinson (City of Salem)
Megan Pittman (Bedford Regional)

OR Expand and refine your professional toolbox. This day of training is geared for office professionals. Topics covered will include improving communication skills through honest self-expression and empathetic listening in order to communicate better with coworkers and the public; developing emotional intelligence; and cultivating a positive workplace culture. Team building and other activities will be introduced to create connections and provide other professional tools.

CHOOSE either - Full Conference or Monday ONLY

Full Conference Option w/ Monday Class - April 20-22

Monday Class ONLY - April 20

**Early
Registration
Before 3/6/2026**
VRWA Member / Non-member

\$395 / \$465

\$185

**Late
Registration
After 3/6/2026**
VRWA Member / Non-member

\$465 / \$525

\$225