

## News Release

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### Skip Stiles, Nationally Recognized Environmentalist, Will Present: *Climate Change: Virginia's Impacts and Responses*

William A. (Skip) Stiles, Jr., executive director of Wetlands Watch, a statewide nonprofit environmental group based in Norfolk, VA, will speak at the Friends of Dragon Run General Meeting on April 19. He will discuss the impact of climate change in Virginia and responses to the impact. His presentation will be on Zoom. Go to [DragonRun.org](http://DragonRun.org) for the Zoom meeting information.

Stiles has been with Wetlands Watch for 12 years and involved in sea level rise adaptation at the community level. Prior to his current position, starting in 1998, Mr. Stiles was an independent consultant, providing editorial and public policy services to clients on issues related to science, the environment, and public policy. A partial list of his clients includes: the White House Office of Science Policy, the Rockefeller Foundation, the Pew Charitable Trusts, the Pew Center on Agricultural Biotechnology, RAND Corporation, and the National Academy of Sciences.

Stiles also served in a variety of senior staff positions during 22 years in the U.S. House of Representatives. He is the author of a number of publications on sea level rise and adaptation and he served on the Virginia Climate Change Commission in 2008.

Stiles's decision to become an environmentalist stemmed from his childhood experiences of hunting and fishing in the wetlands of Virginia and North Carolina. "Today I can't take a breath of the rich, salty air around a tidal wetland without being transported back to those wonderful days. That is what drives me to keep these lands protected and open, so my children and grandchildren can have the same experiences."

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