

J. David Foster
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J. David Foster is an Environmental Economist and Riverkeeper for the Chester River Association, located in Chestertown, Maryland. In this role he serves as an advocate for the river and the living resources it supports and works with all stakeholders to help identify and implement cost-effective and equitable means to protect and enhance the waters of the Chester River and the Chesapeake Bay.

Prior to becoming the Chester Riverkeeper, Mr. Foster was a Policy Analyst with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency where he helped develop the original Emission Trading Program under the Clean Air Act. He also served overseas for 20 years as a Senior Environmental Advisor for the U.S. Agency for International Development and as a consultant, working in Asia, Africa, Latin America and Eastern Europe.

David received his Bachelor's in Civil Engineering from the University of Maryland, a Masters in Urban and Regional Planning from Virginia Tech, and completed his coursework and exams for a PhD in Environmental Planning and Policy Analysis from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

David and his wife, Barbara, have had a home in on the Chester River for over 15 years.