

RESOLUTION

Be it hereby resolved by the Rivanna River Basin Commission, this 24th day of April, 2008, by vote of its members to be duly recorded in the Commission's Minutes, that:

WHEREAS, the Rivanna River Basin Commission [hereinafter, "the Commission"] is established to provide guidance for the stewardship and enhancement of the water and natural resources of the Rivanna River Basin; and

WHEREAS, the South Fork Rivanna Reservoir was constructed in the mid-1960s by placement of a dam on the South Fork Rivanna River, such project intended to provide future water supply for the City of Charlottesville and Albemarle County; and

WHEREAS, since the time of its construction, the South Fork Rivanna Reservoir has been subject to heavy siltation from sources upstream of the Reservoir, which at times of extremely high river flows, and at other times, adversely effects water quality downstream from the South Fork Rivanna Reservoir, through Fluvanna County, to junction of the Rivanna River with the James River; and

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville and Albemarle County, through the Rivanna Water and Sewer Authority, and instrumentality of their creation under the Virginia Water and Waste Authorities Act, have devised a future water supply plan, for which a permit has been issued by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, which provides, in part, for expansion of the Ragged Mountain Reservoir, which will not be subject to the type of future siltation to which the South Fork Rivanna Reservoir historically has been subject; and,

WHEREAS, a plan for the future maintenance of the South Fork Rivanna Reservoir, and for the reduction of sedimentation of this Reservoir is regarded publically as desirable; and,

WHEREAS, the Commission finds that providing assistance to the City of Charlottesville and Albemarle County for development of a plan for the future of the South Fork Rivanna Reservoir is consistent with the "stewardship" objectives of the Commission and that technical studies involved in the creation of such a plan would benefit all member jurisdictions:

UPON THESE PREMISES

1. The Commission agrees, in principle, to the concept of the contribution of some amount of Commission funds for a project to develop a plan for the future maintenance of the South Fork

Rivanna Reservoir, which might include a plan for dredging, for study of historic sources of sedimentation into the South Fork Rivanna Reservoir, and for such other studies as may be related and appropriate.

2. Any future monetary commitment of funds by the Commission would be premised upon the understanding that any contribution would be contingent upon contributions from the City of Charlottesville, Albemarle County and the Rivanna Water and Sewer Authority.
3. Any such agreement will include dedication of Commission Funds only, and with the exception of the City of Charlottesville and Albemarle County, no financial contributions will be required from the other member jurisdictions.
4. The Commission's Technical Advisory Committee, which includes staff representatives from all member jurisdictions shall be fully involved in, and shall assist the planning effort.
5. Commission funding shall be used only for the development of a plan, and no Commission funds shall be used for construction or any other project necessary for implementation of the plan.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

Sally Thomas,
Chair

Date: _____