

May 19, 2009 RRBC Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

- TAC members worked with the Executive Director to establish a recommended allocation of \$480k of total \$725k NFWF grant funding to the localities. TAC members who serve on the staff of the localities (Greg Harper, Kristel Riddervold, Darren Coffey, Stephanie Golon) are to be commended for conducting reasoned and thoughtful but difficult discussion about a potential allocation of funds based on factors that range from locality and project readiness to locality match contributions to the NFWF grant. The allocation that the TAC recommends to the full Commission:

Albemarle County	\$120k for engineered wetlands in Crozet and signage
Charlottesville	\$90k for rainwater harvesting/bioswale at Charlottesville HS including any change orders required and signage for the project
Fluvanna County	\$200k for rainwater harvesting/bioswale at new Fluvanna HS including any change orders required and signage for the project and including approximately \$35k for Inventory Retrofit study
Greene County	\$70k for BMPs at Greene County Park, signage, and including approximately \$25k for Inventory Retrofit study

- Carol Wise, Assistant Director of Philanthropy at The Nature Conservancy, joined the TAC meeting and discussed how the RRBC "seed" money was raised through a lead donor in our community.
- The TAC re-elected Sam Austin as Chair, and Alyson Sappington as Vice-Chair (to serve in Sam's absence) for another year. There was discussion about changing the meeting time, meeting frequency, and meeting focus and making sure that the "technical advisory committee" continues to take advantage of the technical experts. The recent focus of TAC meetings has been on the NFWF grant – and yet staff has continued need for support from the TAC on technical aspects of that grant project. Substantive discussion on the role and focus of the RRBC TAC will take place at the next RRNC TAC meeting on July 14 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. (a)

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- The TAC will continue meeting bi-monthly with the next meetings on September 15, November 17 at location TBD. The TAC is exploring meeting at a location other than TNC for awhile.
- Sam Austin led a fruitful brainstorming session about role of the TAC, encouraging TAC members to think about 1 and 5-year goals of TAC and RRBC. This led to a discussion regarding the importance and challenges of maintaining meetings that bring together the technical/scientific experts on the TAC with the staff members who tend to be more generalists. There was further discussion about adding committees or subcommittees to the structure of the RRBC and/or TAC, so that recreation/education/stewardship interests could also be represented. Finally, the

TAC discussed how it could best serve the RRBC in providing guidance regarding next steps for the RRBC, whether they be policy, scientific inquiry, or implementation. This discussion will be continued at subsequent TAC meetings.

- With the stormwater regulations up for public comment, there was some discussion by members about the issues that still remain controversial among stakeholders. David Hirschman shared his perspective regarding the potential opportunity of the Commission to take a role in helping to set up a nutrient trading program within the Rivanna basin, should this be a politically viable option. David Hirschman agreed to work with staff to develop a technical program for the November 17, 2009 TAC meeting on the Stormwater Nonpoint Nutrient Offsets program being proposed by DCR.
- The next TAC meeting will be held on September 15, 2009 and will include continuation of the science-based program and the discussion about the role of the TAC.