



## Meeting Highlights from June 14, 2010 Rivanna River Basin Commission

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### Commission Updates:

- Staff will be arranging meetings this summer and fall in small groups of Commissioners with their state and federal legislators to introduce the RRBC and its work.
- RRBC will undertake a joint RRBC-TAC strategic planning process this fall. Dr. Brown will convene a small group Commissioners, TAC members and RRBC staff to develop the agenda for this retreat.
- Rivanna Healthy Waters Pilot Project is almost complete, with stream segments identified as Exceptional, Healthy, Restoration Potential, and Compromised. See the [INSTAR website](#) for the Rivanna site details. The project report will be completed by the end of August. EPA's Healthy Watersheds program leader, Laura Gabanski, hopes that the Rivanna can become a national model.
- The Rivanna and Vicinity Land Cover/Land Use map is complete and will be available to the public program at the RRBC and TJPDC websites (see [Rivanna Resources/Rivanna Maps & Tools](#)). RRBC and TJPDC will coordinate a publicity campaign this summer on behalf of the partners.
- RRBC submitted a proposal to NFWF Chesapeake Bay Small Watershed Grants Program for \$100K (of a total project cost of \$168K) for developing a Rivanna Watershed Action Plan in partnership with TJPDC, StreamWatch, and RCS. Notification is in September. Additional funding is being sought.

### Chesapeake Bay TMDL:

- The Chesapeake Bay TMDL "Piedmont Regional Pilot Project," which RRBC is helping to coordinate, will include Louisa and Nelson as well as Greene, Fluvanna, Albemarle, and Charlottesville. This pilot is one of 7 in the entire Bay watershed and will be designed to engage local governments and stakeholders early on in understanding and preparing for developing local Watershed Implementation Plans (WIPs) in 2011.
- The Pilot Project Steering Committee will host a series of informational workshops this summer.
- The next Chesapeake Bay TMDL webinar is on Thursday, July 8, from 10 – 11:30 am. The Pilot Project Steering Committee will be viewing the webinar at The Nature Conservancy on Westfield Road. All Commissioners are welcome to attend this viewing or sign up to view on their own [HERE](#). These webinars are extremely informative about the Chesapeake Bay TMDL process.
- Comprehensive information about the Bay TMDL is available [HERE](#). The latest presentations (June 15) to the Virginia Bay TMDL Stakeholder Advisory Groups can be found [HERE](#).
- Rick Parrish from Southern Environmental Law Center provided details about the Chesapeake Bay Clean Water and Ecosystem Restoration Act (HR 3852/S 1816), which would provide significant resources to local governments for implementing stormwater improvements. You can review and download a pod cast of Mr. Parrish's presentation at [Charlottesville Tomorrow](#).

### Commission Decisions:

- Approved contract for Thayer Design, Inc. for design and fabrication of educational signage for the NFWF demonstration sites in all four localities.
- Approved funding to StreamWatch Inc. for up to \$5K for technical support as deemed necessary.
- Approved 2011 Lease Agreement with TJSWCD.
- Approved FY2011 Budget of \$451,148 (\$336,114 in Grant Funded Expenses; \$115,034 in Non-Grant Funded Expenses and Project Match, \$114,784 from RRBC Start-Up Funding (held by TNC) for RRBC mission-related activities. This budget will be amended when grant funding is secured.
- Approved Executive Director's Pay and Benefits package.
- Executive Director's Performance Review was postponed until all feedback received from members.
- RRBC e-newsletter will be sent bi-monthly.

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### Staff Action Items and Requests from Commissioners:

- Add links to the RRBC website for USGS real-time flow data.
- Continue to provide quarterly budget updates.
- Present proposal at the August meeting for the hire of a Watershed Planner.
- Present Draft Policy Manual to the RRBC by October 2010.

### Upcoming RRBC Meetings

<b>August 9</b>	Rivanna River Basin Commission:	12-2 pm (Alb-COB, McIntire, Room 241)
<b>September 21</b>	RRBC Technical Advisory Committee	9 am – 12 pm (Alb-COB, McIntire, Room 241)
<b>October 25</b>	Rivanna River Basin Commission:	12-2 pm (Alb-COB, McIntire, Room 241)