

Executive Director's Report to RRBC TAC
May 18, 2010

1. NFWF STORMWATER GRANT UPDATES

Site visit by NFWF staff on June 25 (will be discussing scope changes)

Charlottesville High School bioswale

- (TJPDC) final monitoring plan being reviewed with UVA team
- Stormwater sample monitoring equipment purchased
- Installation to be completed by mid June, sampling commences, coordinated by TJPDC and using UVA students
- Signage to be installed by end of July

Albemarle County – Crozet Wetlands

- Constructed wetlands to get modified stormwater sampling (TBD)

Fluvanna County (new) High School

- Most rainwater harvesting components installed
- Meeting on June 15 with FC staff to scope the retrofit inventory study

Greene County Community Park - various

- RCS under contract to RRBC to help with volunteer engagement and public outreach work days (tree planting, invasives removal, and bioswale planting day this fall)
- Greene County Community Park – critical slope planted by RCS team (RRBC/NFWF contract) with funding from VDOF – great success
- Invasives removal work days being planned by RCS (RRBC/NFWF contract)
- Bioswale design for park underway by CWP
- Stormwater Management Plan for the park will be conducted by VT this summer (under contract to CWP)

Roundtables to identify impediments and recommend incentives

- RRBC will host meeting in fall with locality staff
- Joint meeting with other interest groups in 2011 (TBD)
- Will help with Ches Bay Pilot Project

2. CHESAPEAKE BAY TMDL – LOCAL PILOT PROGRAM: (Renamed)

“Piedmont Regional Pilot Project for the Chesapeake Bay TMDL”

- Project goal is to develop a local process that engages diverse stakeholders on the Chesapeake Bay TMDL to provide input for the Watershed Implementation Plan: What are the impediments? What additional resources are needed (e.g. funding, staff, enabling legislation, etc.)?
- Stakeholders will include: local government officials and staff, homebuilders, real estate, public water and sewer rate payers and providers, permit holders, environmental groups, agricultural and forestry interests
- Timeframe: April through December 2010 (in order to inform EPA and DCR of challenges and lessons learned)
- Resources include support from two from EPA contractors: TetraTech (technical)

and CPRC (facilitation)

- Facilitation assistance will be from the Institute of Environmental Negotiations (IEN), specifically Mr. Frank Dukes, who is also assisting the TMDL process at the state level
- Two meetings held to define the pilot project, third meeting June 15 will focus on strategies for engaging local government and stakeholders in the midst of a regulation that is still under development
- TetraTech is available to do watershed/data modeling or analysis up to 100 hours)
- Steering Committee:

Bill Kittrell	The Nature Conservancy
Leslie Middleton	Rivanna River Basin Commission *
Rick Parrish	Southern Environmental Law Center *
Alyson Sappington	Thomas Jefferson SWCD
Sally Thomas	CBP Local Government Advisory Committee *
Greg Wichelns	Culpeper SWCD
Steve Williams	Thomas Jefferson PDC
Rick Hill/Chip Rice	Virginia DCR
Connie Brennan	Nelson County Board of Supervisors
Carl Schmitt	Greene County Board of Supervisors

* Members of the Virginia Stakeholders Advisory Committee to the Ches Bay TMDL

3. RIVANNA WATERSHED IMPLEMENTATION (ACTION) PLAN

- Meetings with TJPDC, StreamWatch, RRBC, and RCS to discuss mutual and overlapping roles and interests
- Joint proposal to NFWF Small Watershed Grant to start to develop the watershed action (implementation) plan
- Will continue to seek funding sources to undertake this together
- StreamWatch role to focus on designing comprehensive monitoring plan for the Rivanna

4. COMPREHENSIVE MONITORING PROGRAM FOR THE RIVANNA

- Meeting with USGS regarding expanded monitoring in the Rivanna basin
- USGS has great interest in working in the Rivanna, jointly seeking funding
- Palmyra gauge to be recommended by DEQ for inclusion in primary monitoring sites for the Chesapeake Bay Network (presently Mechum's is a secondary site)
- RRBC TAC Monitoring Subcommittee meetings focusing on developing/designing the plan by evaluating and mapping existing data (from StreamWatch Rivanna database)

5. COMMUNICATIONS

- Monthly e-newsletter has been inaugurated
- RRBC now has in-house capacity to update the RRBC website
- Website has meeting calendar