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President's Message

by Angus Murdoch

Localities throughout the Rivanna watershed are currently grappling with major water and sewer infrastructure projects which will significantly impact our communities' environmental footprints for the next twenty to fifty years and beyond. Since our group's inception, RCS has been actively involved in these debates, and we will continue to do our best to ensure that local decision makers build strong environmental protection measures into systems designed to meet reasonable human needs and desires from limited surface and groundwater resources.

A comprehensive discussion of the various proposals is beyond the scope of this newsletter. Instead, here is a surface skimming look at a few key issues:

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1) Restoring a semblance of natural flows in the Moorman's River between Sugar Hollow and South Fork Rivanna River (SFRR) reservoirs is a longstanding goal which RCS has shared with Friends of the Moorman's and other local environmental advocates. The Rivanna Water and Sewer Authority (RWSA)'s "local water" plan would achieve this by replacing the decrepit pipeline from Sugar Hollow to Ragged Mountain Reservoir with a new pipe from SFRR to Ragged Mountain. Stored water from Sugar Hollow would be released to SFRR via the Moorman's River, itself, thus restoring Moorman's flows to levels which could match or exceed the "natural" run of the river flows. Delay in construction of the new SFRR-Ragged Mountain pipe will extend the period during which RWSA is heavily dependent on water from Sugar Hollow, with continuing depletion of natural flows in the Moorman's during dry weather.

RCS and a broad coalition of local environmental advocates lobbied vigorously for RWSA to adopt its current "local water" scheme in preference to an alternative plan based on a long pipeline to the James River. The plan includes a necessary environmental tradeoff - if RWSA is to increase its capacity to a level sufficient to meet future

Upcoming RCS Events

April - June 2008

April

April 2, 2008

Teacher Watershed Summit

Registration is Complementary for all educators

Location: Charlottesville Community Design Center

www.regonline.com/Teacher_Summit_08
(Teacher_Summit_08)

April 3, 2008

RCS Board of Directors Meeting

6-8pm Eppies Restaurant

412 E Main St

Charlottesville, VA 22902

April 11, 2008

Rivanna River Coordinating Group

Location: The Nature Conservancy Conference Room

Time: 1-3pm

April 17, 2008

Third Thursday Brown Bag

Time: Noon - 1pm

Location: Jefferson/Madison Library

201 E Market St

Charlottesville, VA 22902

Speaker: Bill Matuszeski, President

Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay

April 19-20, 2008

First Annual Rivanna River Sojourn

Leave from Shadwell, overnight at Pleasant Grove, pull out at Palmyra

Full Sojourn: \$75.00 for adult

\$65.00 for children under 12

Mini Sojourn: \$65.00 for adult

\$55.00 for children under 12

www.regonline.com/Rivanna_Sojourn

April 19, 2008

Earth Day

RCS Exhibit & Rivanna River Clean-Up

www.earthweek.org

May

May 1, 2008

RCS Board of Directors Meeting

Time: 6-8pm

Location: Eppies Restaurant

412 E Main St

Charlottesville, VA 22902

May 10, 2008

Girl Scout River Clean Up

Details to Follow

May 15, 2008

Third Thursday Brown Bag

Time: Noon - 1pm

Location: Jefferson/Madison Library

201 E Market St

Charlottesville, VA 22902

Speakers: Barry Clark, Administrator Greene County

Cabell Lawton, Administrator Fluvanna County

Upcoming RCS Events

April - June 2008

June

June 5, 2008

RCS Board of Directors Meeting

Time: 6-8 pm

Location: Eppies Restaurant

412 E Main St

Charlottesville, VA 22902

June 7, 2008

RCS River Clean Up

In support of Rivanna's National Trails Day

Details to follow

June 19, 2008

Third Thursday Brown Bag Lunch

Subject: Water Quality and the USGS: What's New?

Speaker: Pixie Hamilton, National Water Quality Assessment Program, US Geological Society

July & August

Third Thursday Brown Bag Lunch on Hiatus

Further Afield

September 18 -Third Thursday Brown Bag Lunch

Subject: Low Impact Strategies and Creative Stormwater Design

Speakers: Hunter McCardle and Eugene Ryang, Principals, McKeeCarson & Field Sport Concepts, Ltd.

October 16, 2008

Insert to Brown Bag Section

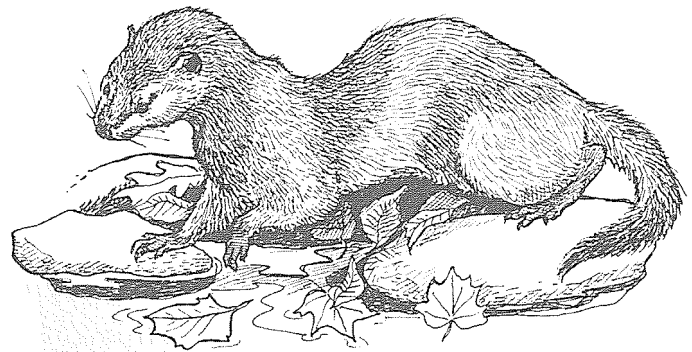
Third Thursday Brown Bag Lunch

Subject: Albemarle County's Greenways/Blueways

Speaker: Dan Mahon, County of Albemarle

November 20 (TBA)

December 18 (TBA)



About the RCS Brown Bag Events

RCS Third Thursday Brown Bag

Date: The Third Thursday of each month

Time: 12:00pm to 1pm

Location: Jefferson-Madison Regional Library
201 E. Market Street
Charlottesville, VA 22902

Questions?

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demand based on recent population and per capita use trends in the utility's service area - in the form of a higher dam and expanded reservoir capacity at Ragged Mountain. Filled to capacity, the new reservoir would flood a large portion of the Ragged Mountain Natural Area an important and much beloved local environmental and recreational asset. Such a step is not one to be taken lightly; however the impact would amount to a rearrangement of a small watershed which has been already drastically altered from its natural state since the construction of the original Ragged Mountain upper dam in 1885 and the lower dam in 1908. In exchange, the proposed new pipeline opens the prospect of substantially improved environmental conditions along a large free-flowing section of the Moorman's River

2) Downstream and to the east, Fluvanna and Louisa counties have entered into a joint agreement, currently in the planning and design stages, to bring water from the James River to the rapidly developing area around Zion Crossroads and several communities en route. The new system will most likely rely on the surplus capacity of the Tenaska power plant water pipeline, which already spans about half the length of the projected route.

Zion Crossroads straddles the ridgeline between the Rivanna and South Anna watersheds; unless strong water quality protection standards are put in place and enforced, treated sewage effluent and stormwater runoff could threaten numerous small headwater tributaries to both river systems, including the upper branches of Ballinger Creek, a high quality stream which The Nature Conservancy has identified as a priority area for conservation. Water and land preservation advocates in Louisa have promised to oppose any inter-basin transfer of James or Rivanna river

water - presumably in the form of treated sewage effluent - into the South Anna system, which drains to the Pamunkey and York River systems. Volunteer stream monitors have already documented significant declines along South Anna tributaries draining new development at Zion Crossroads and also in the upper reaches of Fluvanna's Middle Fork Cunningham Creek, a small Rivanna watershed stream which receives the wastewater flow from the Tenaska power plant. In either case, it may be quite difficult to determine what portion of the declines have been caused by the volume and/or quality of wastewater releases versus the damage caused by potentially much larger peak volumes of inadequately treated stormwater runoff from the areas disturbed by recent development, especially if there are also high-impact agricultural or other land disturbances nearby.

The Fluvanna-Louisa system may also require one or several reservoir storage sites to reduce the network's dependence on direct run-of-the-river withdrawals (the same concerns apply to the current private utility serving the Lake Monticello area). If built, these reservoirs will also require the establishment of watershed protection areas before heavy development renders those lands unsuitable.

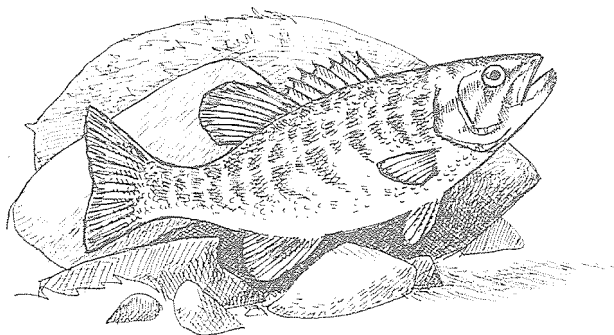
It is a basic fact of gravity and geology that the space behind any natural or man-made dam across an active stream bed will eventually fill with sediment. RCS takes it as a given that water supply reservoirs, stormwater control basins, and similar basic pieces of local water supply and environmental protection infrastructures all require periodic dredging in order to remain functional. RCS - beginning years before the current round of "local water" supply debates - has repeatedly urged RWSA to develop a long-range plan

for maintenance dredging of South Fork Rivanna Reservoir.

So long as recent growth trends continue, Rivanna watershed localities will face important and controversial decisions as to how the costs of new infrastructure should be divided among various user groups—i.e. what proportion of expenses should be billed to the new utility users who generate the need for infrastructure expansion; what proportion to the current utility customers for whom the existing infrastructure is generally adequate (with important exceptions such as the need to meet higher standards of pollution control and treatment); and what proportion to landowners outside the areas served by publicly subsidized water and sewer systems. RCS acknowledges that financial decisions of this sort may be critically important to local rate and tax payers, but we will generally regard these discussions to be outside the realm of the RCS environmental mission.

RCS urges all of our members to become informed and active participants in the public infrastructure decisions which will heavily influence the prospects for environmental preservation and recovery in our communities for many years to come.

Thanks and best wishes for a wonderful spring season.

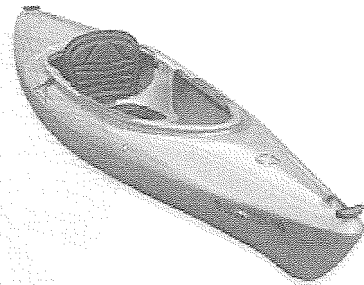


It's RAFFLE SEASON AT RCS!

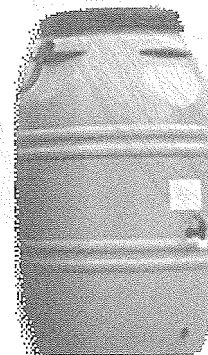
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RCS and Partners Recommend Ordinance Changes to Reduce Stormwater Runoff from New Charlottesville Development

by Robbi Savage and Morgan Butler

RCS and two partner groups have published a report detailing recommendations to the City of Charlottesville for reducing polluted stormwater runoff from new development. Produced in conjunction with the Southern Environmental Law Center and the Environmental Law and Conservation Clinic at the University of Virginia Law School, the report is the culmination of an extensive analysis our groups conducted of the city's development ordinances and policies. Based on our findings, we have proposed an important package of straightforward improvements the city could take to reduce the impact of new development on local waterways.

Stormwater runoff is a leading cause of poor water quality in the stretch of the Rivanna River that flows past Charlottesville, as well as in a number of its tributaries. In natural and forested conditions, much of the precipitation from rainstorms is absorbed back into the ground close to where it falls. Any excess rainwater will flow slowly over the terrain and eventually drain into nearby streams and rivers. But as the amount of developed land in an area increases and forests and fields give way to roads and rooftops, less rainwater is able to seep back into the soil. Instead, it collects on paved and compacted surfaces and then flows over the land at greatly increased velocities and volumes, even during small rainstorms. The heavier and faster runoff flows quickly make their way into surface waters, either rushing through overwhelmed natural channels that lead to creeks and streams, or by pouring into underground stormwater sewers that discharge the runoff directly into our waterways.

Stormwater runoff can damage water quality in

a number of ways. First, stream flow increases significantly in the streams and rivers into which the runoff empties. Those increased flows scour the stream banks, loosening massive amounts of sediment. The eroded sediment then settles to the stream bed where it literally smothers aquatic habitat. The dislodged sediment can also gradually fill in drinking water reservoirs, reducing their capacity and increasing water treatment costs.

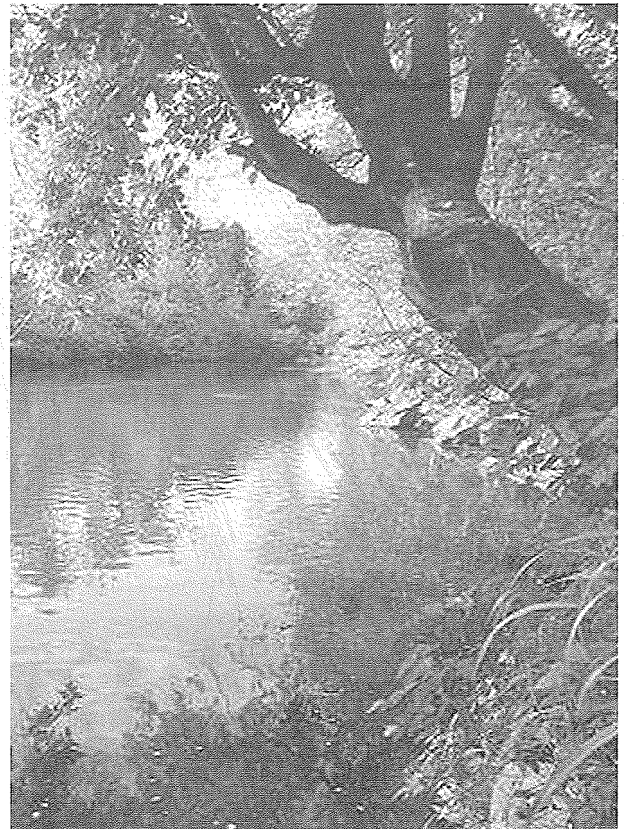
In addition, as rain washes off parking lots, lawns, and construction sites, it picks up oil, fertilizers, sediment and numerous other contaminants on those surfaces. Natural ground cover normally helps to slow and filter the runoff, allowing the sediment and other pollutants to settle out as the runoff flows over the land. But where ground cover is replaced with built and compacted surfaces, these opportunities for natural filtering are eliminated. As a result, the runoff transports a much higher volume of pollutants directly into nearby waterways. This influx of pollutants often causes severe harm to fish and wildlife, and it can make rivers and streams unfit for recreation.

Our recommendations fall into five categories and focus on reducing the amount of runoff new development generates by removing some unnecessary regulatory obstacles to smarter development patterns and by encouraging more responsible site design and construction practices. Our work was designed to build upon a broader review the James River Association conducted in 2006 of the forty-five major localities that make up the James River watershed, including Charlottesville.

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In February 2008, we presented our report to the Charlottesville Citizens Committee on Environmental Sustainability, which endorsed our recommendations to the Charlottesville City Council. We are now encouraging City Council to adopt the recommendations soon so they can be implemented by city staff as quickly as possible. In addition, we are working on a similar report for Albemarle County that will include recommendations to the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors.

The Charlottesville report is available for download on our website: www.rivannariver.org.



Moved by the Currents

by Laurie A. Miller

The Rivanna Conservation Society is a small non-profit organization kept afloat by friends and members like you. You contribute to our organization, you volunteer at stream clean-ups and you join us on paddles down the beautiful Rivanna River. You thrill at our successes and you cheer us on as we face the countless challenges involved in water conservation and watershed protection. Your support is absolutely essential in helping us protect this precious resource. You connect with RCS through many forms of communication - emails, the RCS website, the new Blog, the Third Thursday Brown Bag lecture series, and....by reading your newsletter, Rivanna Currents.

In this age of technology, where everything seems to be electronic, Rivanna Currents serves to connect you with RCS in an intimate, informative and lively way. As you read and enjoy your newsletter - we thought you might be interested in knowing more about what it takes to bring it to your home.

Kris Parker and I sat outside on the grass on a beautiful spring day to talk about the history of this newsletter. Kris is the most recent in a long line of outstanding administrators and volunteers who have helped create and shape Rivanna Currents. Kris graduated with a degree in fine arts from Virginia Commonwealth University and RCS has been fortunate to have her as designer/editor/artistic contributor for the past three years. Her drawings grace the pages of Rivanna Currents as well as the Rivanna River Trail Map, and portray the spirit of the river and its abundant, healthy life.

I asked Kris to help me trace the history of Rivanna Currents.

LM: How long have you been involved in RCS?

KP: I joined the Board in 1995, shortly after my husband, Angus Murdoch [current RCS Board president] joined.

LM: Did you work on the newsletter back in the 90s?

KP: No, actually, the first volunteer to work on the newsletter was Bob Miyagawa, a former Board member. After that, our first office administrator, Kim Korth, produced the newsletter as part of her job responsibilities.

LM: Then what happened?

KP: After Kim, there was [Board member and treasurer] Tim SanJule. He really set the standard - he wrote many of the articles, he investigated and found recycled paper for the printing, and he helped RCS obtain its bulk mail permit, which really helps keep the cost of mailings to a minimum.

LM: And Tim is still active on the Board, right?

KP: Sure is. He's a die-hard! After Tim, his wife Wanda SanJule became our next administrator and continued the duties of getting out Rivanna Currents. Then came Ryan Jacoby [who later served as RCS Board President]. After Ryan, the newsletter became an all-volunteer production.

LM: What do you mean?

KP: Wendy Wood, an RCS member, volunteered to help with the newsletter. She was familiar with Microsoft Publisher, and really knew what she was doing. She did the design and production. From the very beginning, we've used Palmyra Press for the printing.

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Sam and Barbara Clarke, the owners, were just great in helping us meet our deadlines, and in finding us the type of paper we were interested in using.

LM: Nice to be able to use a local printer in the county where RCS was formed.

KP: Sure was.

LM: What's the biggest struggle you face when trying to produce this newsletter?

KP: You have to imagine, for years it's been an almost entirely volunteer-produced effort. Most of the articles are written by either Board members or community members; you want to encourage them to meet deadlines without being pushy, but there's a lot of fact-checking and editing that has to be done to make sure the articles are accurate.

LM: I'm sure. I remember past newsletters where young people have made significant contributions.

KP: There was Mary Jane Epps, a high school student and amateur naturalist; Mary Jane wrote incredibly detailed articles on diverse native wildlife as a high school student, and also did drawings for the newsletter. No surprise – she's now in graduate school studying botany. And we had a feature called Kids Corner, where kids would do drawings or we would create a quiz with questions about river facts for kids to answer. There was even a young man who we interviewed after we found his letter to the editor in the Daily Progress – we thought it had been written by an adult!

LM: Did you have any big disasters when you were trying to get out the newsletter?

KP: Not really. But I will say that it always takes a lot longer than you think it's going to take. And making sure the calendar section is complete and

up to date, that always takes a long time.

LM: RCS is so lucky to have had your help over the years. But I guess now that you have a 10-month-old baby, it's time to pass the reins – or paddle, I should say! – along to others, eh?

KP: That's right. I hear we have a great new volunteer who will be helping us now.

LM: That would be Evans Martin. Yep, pass the paddle.

KP: That's right – pass it on.

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The Jonquils are Blooming; It Must be Coming Up to Earth Day

by Tatyanna Patten

Every year for the past six, Spring is a round of frenetic organizing for me as I try to keep up with our burgeoning local event. We started out as a simple info-fair in 2002, but just like any well-watered plant put in good sunlight, it has rooted, sprouted, and pollinated and become this great green leafy something that takes up half of my view from this computer desk.

This year, we have the most amazing plans, and if even half of them come off as we would like, anyone attending Earth Week in Charlottesville will have an incredible time. Earth Week will kick off on Friday, April 18 at Fridays After Five, as our volunteers pull the taps, serve the sodas. We'll have a table there with all sorts of information on the rest of the week's events.

Saturday, April 19, we're starting off our main event with a real starting line: The "Tread Lightly" 5k Trail Run. The race starts at 8:30 am and takes place on the trails that wind around CHS and McIntire Park. Just as the race ends at 10 am, the annual Earth Day Eco-Fair begins in the practice football field in CHS. We'll be hosting a lot of activities there from music to raffles to booths and displays, and, of course, several kids' workshops. In addition, this year we're launching three initiatives at the fair—Discover Transportation Freedom, Cville CFLs, and Create an Urban Garden.

Discover Transportation Freedom is sponsored by the Alliance for Community Choice in Transportation and is all about reducing our reliance on single-occupancy vehicular transport. We're encouraging attendees to walk, bike, bus-to-shuttle, and car pool to the event in recognition of the

campaign and will have maps and other creative transportation suggestions up on the website.

The Cville CFL campaign addresses environmental justice, air quality, and energy reduction all in one fell swoop. One of the biggest barriers to reducing our ecological footprint is our use of electricity. The compact fluorescent lightbulb (CFL) is one of the best tools the average person can use to both reduce their energy consumption at home and work and improve overall air quality. Problem is they are currently \$6-12 per pack of bulbs (depending on wattage), compared to \$2-3 for incandescent, so many people can't expend the money up front to switch out their lights, even though each bulb could save them nearly \$200 on their electric bill. But what if they were available for free? Cville CFLs will be networking donors and lower-income recipients to get these valuable tools into everyone's hands, saving money and reducing energy consumption at the same time.

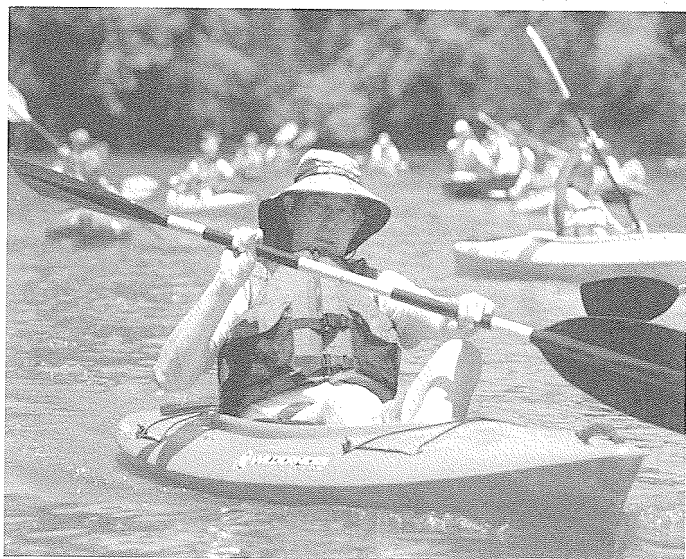
Creating an urban garden sounds like an oxymoron, but it isn't. There are a lot of great initiatives that residents in densely populated areas could take advantage of to green the city and get fresh herbs, veggies and flowers at the same time. QCC has been taking the lead in this with their Urban Garden development in Friendship Court. Parks & Rec also have community gardens available through which apartment-dwellers can rent lots for their own gardens. Container gardening, community-supported agriculture—these are all some of the many ways that our residents can get back to nature and grow their own food.

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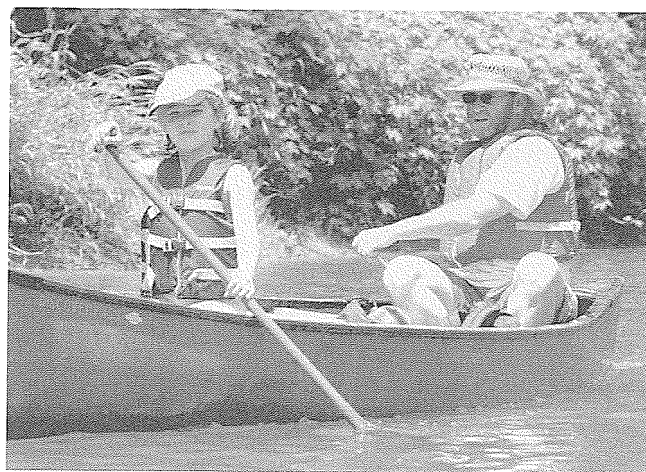
There are a half-dozen other events planned for Earth Week, including Environmental Movie Week, the Rivanna River Sojourn (which is discussed in a separate article), City Parks' 4th annual volunteer-led riparian buffer & reforestation plantings, tree/seedling giveaways, and the 3rd Annual Arts 4 Bike Paths auction, in which local artists donate their works with proceeds going to a community fund for biking and walking trails and paths.

For more information on all the events that will be happening, visit www.earthweek.org.

We hope to see you there!



First Annual Rivanna River Sojourn



Come join the Rivanna Conservation Society (RCS) and Blue Ridge Mountain Sports (BRMS) on April 19-20, 2008 for an overnight paddle on the Rivanna River!

The First Annual Rivanna River Sojourn will include:

- 1) A professionally guided paddle down the Rivanna River
- 2) Complimentary tent and camp set-up
- 3) One breakfast, two lunches, and one dinner

Launch by 9am from Shadwell and travel 15 miles to Pleasant Grove for the night, where there will be dinner, live music, a full moon, and campfire stories (with a prize for the best river story).

Some canoes and camping gear are available for loan on a "first come - first served" basis. Paddlers will have the option to participate in three activities during the trip: river clean-up, naturalist/birding or river exploration.

Register at:
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For more information call RCS
at 434 977-4837 (97-RIVER)

Donations to RCS of \$75.00 for adults and \$65.00 for children under 12.

Rivanna River Basin Commission

by Robbi Savage

Realizing the urgent need for greater watershed protection, the Conservancy and local communities banded together to push for the establishment of a Rivanna River Basin Commission. Chartered under state law and comprised of the communities themselves, the Commission would assist localities in making decisions that are both well informed and consistent with a unified plan to preserve the river's health.

Virginia's General Assembly passed legislation in early 2004 authorizing the Rivanna River Basin Commission. However, the Commission will exist only on paper until substantial private funding can be secured.

One of the Commission's most critical responsibilities will be to develop and disseminate comprehensive science-based information to local governments and residents. The four local jurisdictions with the most at stake in the watershed face increasingly complex decisions about watershed management and projects affecting the river. Activating the River Basin Commission will arm these community leaders with the sound information necessary to make sound decisions for the Rivanna's future.

On February 28, 2008 the Commission will install its newest members which will include the RCS Executive Director Robbi Savage. Robbi will be serving as the "public member" from Greene County. Robbi said "I am looking forward to becoming an active and contributing member of this important group of community leaders. This is a privilege and an honor and I appreciate the opportunity to serve in this way.

The Commission's work represents the watershed's best hope for protecting the Rivanna's irreplaceable resources for future generations. Moreover, this innovative approach will provide a model for communities across Virginia and the nation to save their rivers.

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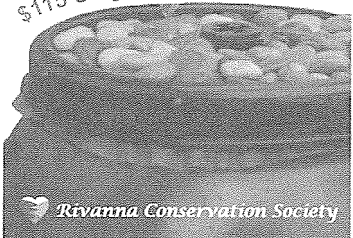
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 Rivanna Conservation Society

RCS Launches "THE BLOG"

No, this is not that huge clump of goo that chased screaming youngsters around in the scary movies of old. Rather THE BLOG is the latest tech savvy tool for one on one communications through the internet.

Well, in the interest of full disclosure, there was a bit of kicking and screaming on my part when the "young ones" (aka our Student Intern Corps) subtly encouraged me to "get with it." But, with their prodding and some straight talk from some members of the press - we set about creating THE BLOG.

If you are not familiar with BLOGS, the intent is to provide members, supporters, public officials and others with the means to provide direct input to the organization. Using the BLOG you can;

- 1) Alert RCS and the community, to specific areas of concern, including spills, fish kills, illegal dumping, leaking pipes or sewage overflows.
- 2) Share the good and positive things taking place in our community.
- 3) Stay abreast of events and activities taking place throughout the watershed.
- 4) Communicate with like-minded individuals who care about the wellbeing of our beautiful Rivanna watershed.

**To become an RCS BLOGGER, log on to
<http://rivannariver.wordpress.com/>**



The Rivanna Conservation Society is hosting its annual Teacher Watershed Summit, which is a "free of charge" event for all educators in our area.

The Summit will be held from 9am-5pm on April 2, 2008 at the Charlottesville Community Design Center 100 5th St. NE on the Mall. Speakers include; Jeff Hantman (UVA) who will speak about the History of the Rivanna River: Geological, Pre-Colonial and Colonial Eras; Martin Johnson (Thomas Jefferson Soil and Water District), who will provide the teachers with a "virtual tour" of the Rivanna River; Ridge Schuyler (The Nature Conservancy), who will speak about the newly created Rivanna River Basin Commission; Tom Frederick, (Rivanna Water and Sewer Authority); Pat Calvert and Allan Thomson (Chesapeake Bay Foundation) who will speak about the Rivanna as a Tributary to the Chesapeake Bay.

The program will also feature a panel discussion on Growth Impacts and Environmental Solutions which will include Jay Willer (Blue Ridge Home Builders Association, Kristel Riddervold, (City of Charlottesville) Dan Mahon (County of Albemarle) and a representative of the farming community and a Teacher Panel on ways to meet the state requirement MWEE's (Meaningful Watershed Education Experience). A Summit highlight will be a student performance of "The Murky Water Caper: A Real Fish Story" (a mystery musical).

**Registration is complementary for educators
throughout the watershed.**

Please register online at:

www.regonline.com/Teacher_Summit_08

For more information call Tanner Council, Rivanna
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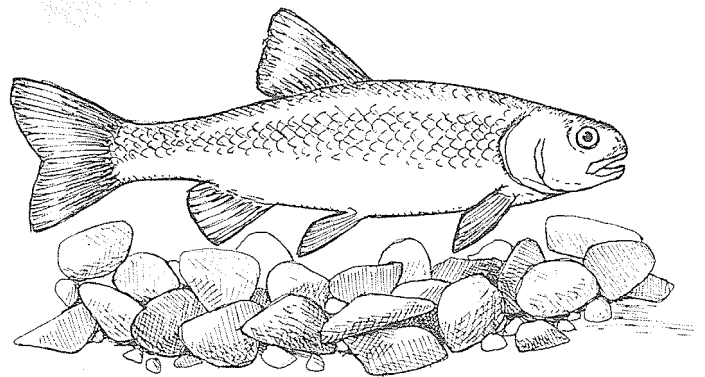
Meet the Board

The RSC is delighted to welcome three new members to the Board of Directors.

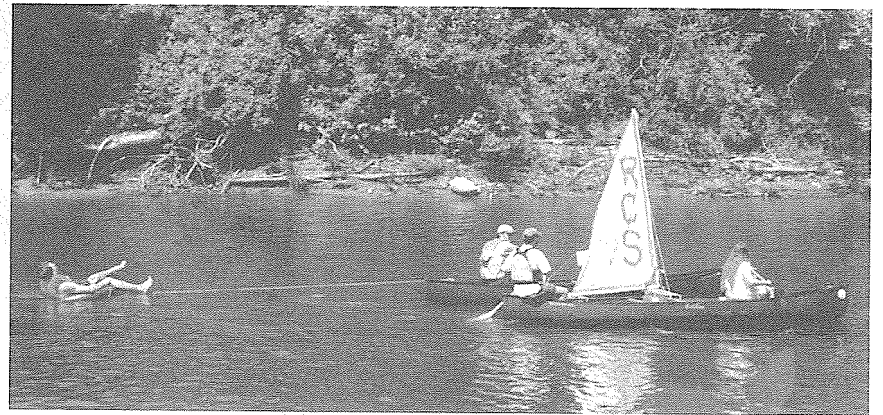
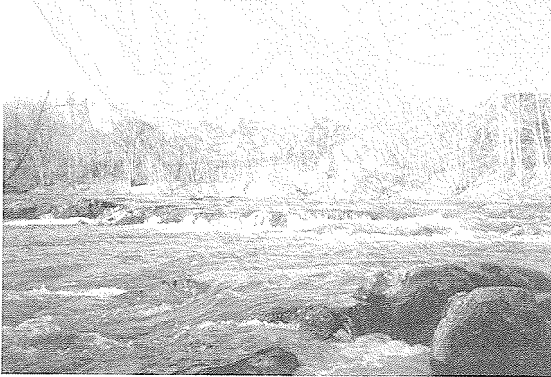
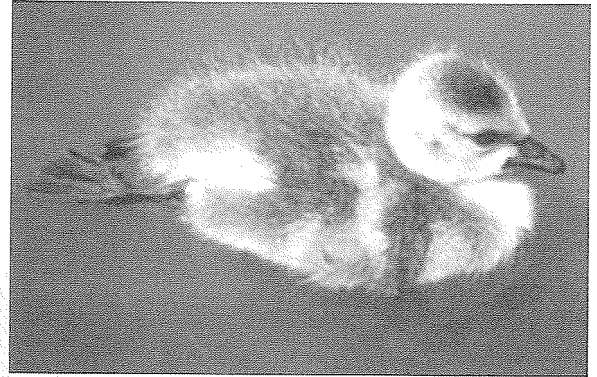
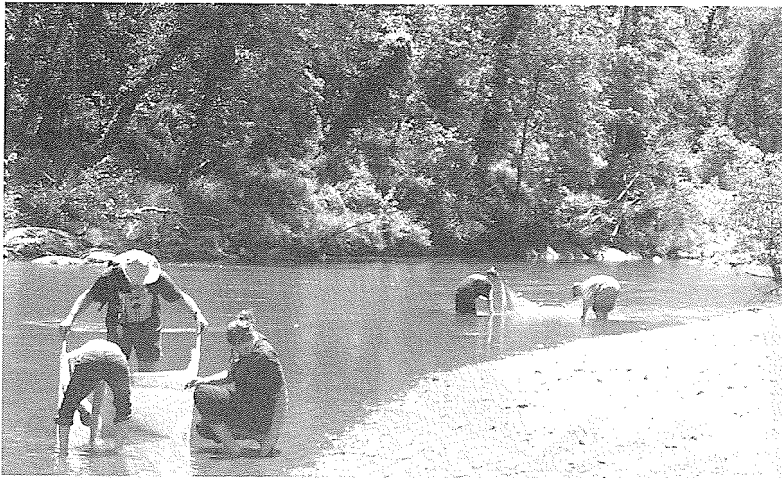
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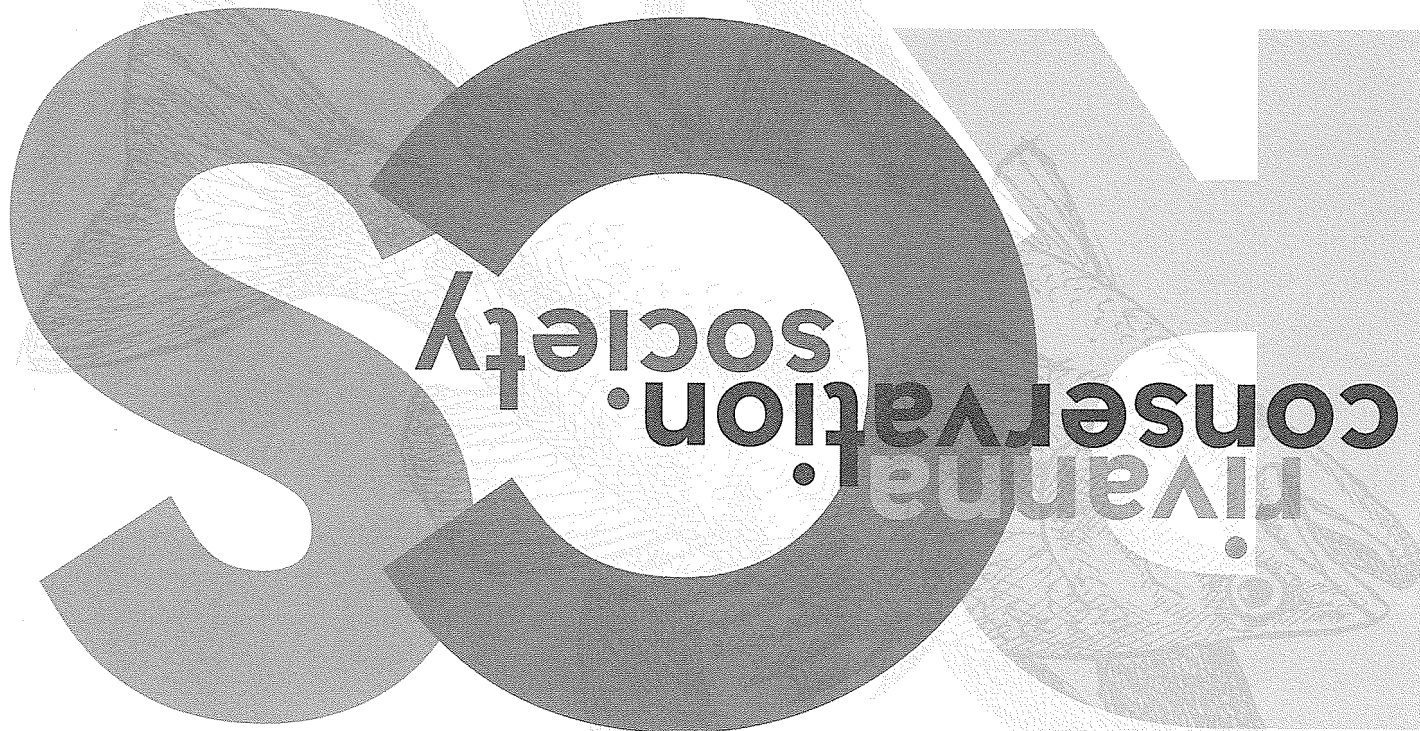
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