

# Your Rivanna Needs You



The Rivanna River originates in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Albemarle and Greene Counties. It traverses the City of Charlottesville and the counties of Albemarle, Louisa, and Fluvanna before it joins with the James River in Columbia, VA. This tranquil and beautiful river, often referred to as Mr. Jefferson's River, is home to hundreds of native plants and animal species.

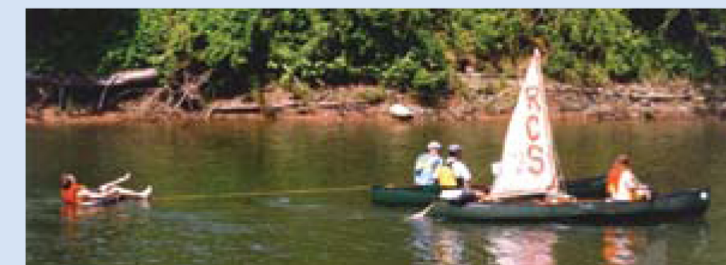
## What We Do

The Rivanna Conservation Society (RCS) aims to protect the largely unspoiled beauty of the river and to maintain a healthy ecosystem throughout the river's watershed. We work with local communities to educate school children, teachers, government officials and the general public about the ecological threats to the Rivanna River.

## What's At Stake

Human activities within the Rivanna River basin are increasing pressure on the environment and natural habitat. Rainwater runoff carries pollution from roads, parking lots, homes, commercial structures, and farmland (including fertilizers & pesticides) into the waterways. Paved surfaces and development generally increase sediment flows into the river, altering its characteristics and imperiling its habitats.

Erosion and sedimentation are among the major threats to the health and quality of the Rivanna and its tributaries.



## How To Get Involved

- Become an RCS member
- Donate to RCS
- Educate your community about the Rivanna
- Facilitate River Cleanups for area businesses, community organizations, and schools
- Participate in RCS-sponsored Rivanna River Cleanups
- Help maintain the Scheier Natural Area in Fluvanna County
- Help maintain the Rivanna River Water Trails
- Attend Third Thursday Brown Bag
- Plant and protect riparian buffers
- JOIN THE RIVANNA RIVER GUARDIANS CORPS

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