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THOMAS JEFFERSON PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION ANNOUNCES NEW PARTNERSHIP WITH RIVANNA RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

Charlottesville, VA- The Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission (TJPDC) announces that it has joined in partnership with the Rivanna River Basin Commission (RRBC). The TJPDC Board of Commissioners during their monthly meeting on October 2nd gave final approval for a one year management agreement. Under the agreement, TJPDC will be providing the RRBC with organizational support, program management and strategic planning. This arrangement will allow the RRBC board to continue to provide leadership and a forum for the discussion of watershed related issues on a watershed-wide scale.

RRBC Chairperson and Albemarle County Supervisor, Ann Mallek, responded to the final approval, "This partnership is beneficial for both organizations. The relationship charts a new path for continuing the watershed approach for planning and resource management".

About the Rivanna River Basin Commission:

The Rivanna River Basin Commission is a public entity of local government that was formed in 2004 by an act of the Virginia General Assembly. The Commission provides guidance for the stewardship and enhancement of the water and natural resources of the Rivanna River Basin and to be a forum in which local governments and citizens can discuss issues affecting the Basin's water quality and quantity and other natural resources. Over the Commission's 10 year existence it has coordinated and secured numerous grant-funded projects for the betterment of the watershed. This has included an EPA-funded stormwater management grant that provided funding for each RRBC locality for stormwater management projects and technical studies.

About the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission:

The Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission is a public entity of local government that was formed in 1972. The purpose of the Planning District Commission is to encourage and facilitate regional solutions to problems of area-wide significance. This cooperation recognizes regional opportunities and the importance of regional influences in planning and implementing public policies and services.