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**Greene County Community Park Event Sunday September 12
Highlights Water Quality**

Greene County, VA – On Sunday, September 12, from 1 pm to 5 p.m. Greene County will host *Explore Your Park: Natural Attractions and Greene County Park* at the Greene County Community Park, Mays Road, Stanardsville, Virginia. This family-friendly educational event will highlight ways citizens and local government can protect the health of local streams. Activities include collecting water samples and learning about native trees, soil erosion, and managing runoff from the Park.

With project support from the Rivanna River Basin Commission (RRBC), Greene County is developing the Park as a model of stormwater management as the Park grows to fulfill its mission of providing recreational amenities to the citizens of Greene County. Through a grant from USEPA (and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation), RRBC is providing resources to the County in a variety of ways:

- *Technical assistance* for site specific stormwater management at the Park
- *Education* for county elected and appointed officials and county staff and volunteer committees
- *Landscape management education and tools* to enhance or protect water quality
- *Funding* for the design and construction of a stormwater bioswale at the Park
- *Building an enhanced volunteer base* for future Greene County projects

“This event has been designed for residents of Greene County – and anyone in our region who wants to spend a fun afternoon outdoors with their families learning about water quality and the natural world,” says Stephanie Golon, Greene County Planner.

Leslie Middleton, Executive Director of RRBC, offers that “Greene County is fortunate to be the headwaters of both the Rivanna and Rapidan river systems – and is a been a great opportunity for RRBC to work with Greene County to showcase ways that development can occur that protects these sensitive and important headwaters.” Middleton adds, “We have been very lucky to have the help of our local Rivanna non-profit, the Rivanna Conservation Society, in coordinating this event and bringing together a variety of activities for *Explore Your Park*.”

The mission of the Rivanna River Basin Commission (RRBC) is to provide 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. The RRBC was formed through enabling state legislation in 2004 and consists of elected officials from the governing bodies of Greene, Fluvanna, and Albemarle counties and the City of Charlottesville, as well as board members from the Thomas Jefferson and Culpepper Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and citizen members appointed from each watershed locality.

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Greene County representatives are: Carl Schmitt and Jim Frydl from the Board of Supervisors and Roberta ("Robbi") Savage as the appointed citizen representative. Robert ("Bob") Runkle serves as the representative from the Culpeper Soil and Water Conservation District.

For further information about the Rivanna River Basin Commission's work in Greene County, please contact: Leslie Middleton (434) 971-7722 or (434) 293-5770 or middleton@rivannariverbasin.org.

For information about *Explore Your Park* on September 12, please contact Stephanie Golon (434) 985-5282 or Robbi Savage (202) 297-3563.

Directions to Greene County Community Park: <http://www.gcva.us/dpts/rec/parkdirections.htm>

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