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Rivanna River Basin Commission Encourages Local Discussion of Stormwater Regulations through Developer Roundtables

The Rivanna River Basin Commission is partnering with its member localities to host a series of "Developer Roundtables" in March and April. The first Roundtable was hosted by the Greene County Planning Department on March 18. Fluvanna County will host the next Roundtable on March 31. The City of Charlottesville and Albemarle County will jointly host the third and last Roundtable on April 15.

The Commission is encouraging builders and developers to attend these workshops to promote local discussion about the proposed stormwater regulations that are due to be enacted in 2010. These regulations will impose new controls on stormwater to improve water quality and to decrease the runoff volumes that are associated with pollutant loads to streams. The Rivanna River Basin Commission has identified stormwater volume – and the resulting increase in sedimentation in area streams – as the greatest threat to the health of the Rivanna and its watershed.

The workshops will provide an opportunity for builders and developers to hear a short informational presentation about the proposed new stormwater regulations. A representative from the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) is available at these Roundtables to answer questions. The Commission hopes these Roundtables will provide an additional venue for the building community to communicate concerns prior to the public comment period later this spring. Updates and information about these proposed changes to the stormwater regulations can be found at <http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/lr2c.shtml>

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 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 Culpeper Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and citizen members appointed from each watershed locality.

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