



Rivanna River Basin Commission

A CONFLUENCE OF INTERESTS

801 W. MAIN STREET, SUITE 202
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA 22903
WWW.RIVANNARIVERBASIN.ORG
(434) 971-7722

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Rivanna River Basin Commission Tours Stormwater Facilities Around the Watershed

Charlottesville, VA – On Thursday, May 10, 2012, members of local governments of Fluvanna, Greene, Albemarle, and Charlottesville will participate in the *Tour de Stormwater*, an educational bus tour of stormwater management facilities. The purpose is to showcase projects funded, in part, by the Rivanna River Basin Commission (RRBC) through a federal grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

The tour will start at 12 PM and end at 4 PM, in both cases at the Martin Luther King Performing Arts Center at the Charlottesville High School (1400 Melbourne Road, Charlottesville, VA 22901). Members of the public are welcome to join the tour but must provide their own transportation.

The *Tour de Stormwater* is part of a 3-year year project undertaken by the RRBC to promote better stormwater management throughout the Rivanna watershed. "Our goal was to help our member governments showcase new stormwater management techniques in ways that demonstrate how managing stormwater can be cost effective and provide other benefits," said Leslie Middleton, Executive Director of the RRBC and manager of the project.

The tour starts with a talk at the bioswale feature at CHS-MLK installed by the City of Charlottesville that has been instrumented to measure its performance in a joint effort by RRBC and the University of Virginia. Participants will then travel to Greene County Community Park, where a linear bioswale has been installed to treat runoff from athletic playing fields and a small stream restoration has transformed a once degraded creek. The tour then travels to Crozet to visit an engineered stormwater wetlands system under construction by Albemarle County that will allow development in the downtown Crozet area to proceed by treating its stormwater regionally.

Marvin Moss, Chair of the RRBC and citizen of Fluvanna County, notes "these kinds of projects are essential to show that it is possible to achieve multiple benefits at the same time - to contribute to local water quality and to help meet the requirements of the Chesapeake Bay clean-up efforts." Though not on Thursday's tour, the new high school project at Pleasant Grove in Fluvanna also received funding from the RRBC grant to help install stormwater features.

XXX

For further information about this project or the work of the Rivanna River Basin Commission, see www.rivannariverbasin.org or Leslie Middleton, Executive Director, at (434) 971-7722 or (434) 293-5770 or middleton@rivannariverbasin.org.

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.

Albemarle County	City of Charlottesville	Fluvanna County	Greene County	Culpeper SWCD	Thomas Jefferson SWCD
Dennis Rooker	Dave Norris	Joe Chesser	David Cox		
Duane Snow	Dede Smith	Robert Ullenbruch	Jim Frydl, Vice Chair	Robert Brame, Treasurer	Lonnie Murray
Lizbeth Palmer	Keith Lancaster	Marvin Moss, Chair	Carl Schmitt		

Rivanna River Basin Commission
Tour de Stormwater
May 10, 2012
12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

If lost, call Leslie at (434) 293-5770 or Jessica at (703) 868-2956

11:45 a.m. Martin Luther King, Jr. Performing Arts Center at Charlottesville High School (CHS) to sign-in with RRBC staff (required by school)

12:00 p.m. Presentation on the bioswale

STOP #1: Directions to Charlottesville High School ([Google Map](#))

- From US-250 EAST/Rockfish Gap Turnpike,
- Take the exit toward Dairy Rd/Meadowbrook Heights Road.
- Turn right onto Grove Road.
- Turn right at Concord Drive.
- Park in the lot closest to Concord Drive near Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Performing Arts

12:50 p.m. Bus will depart CHS for Greene County Community Park

1:30 p.m. Greene County Community Park presentation (and rest stop)

STOP #2: Directions to Greene County Park from CHS ([Google Map](#))

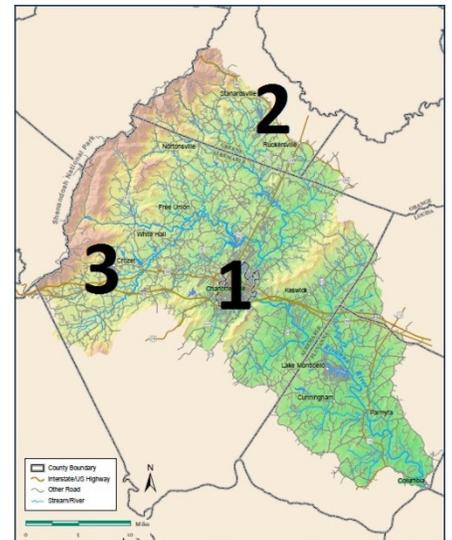
- Head west on Grove Rd toward Yorktown Drive
- Take the 1st left onto Meadowbrook Heights Road
- Turn right onto US-250 W/US-250 Bypass W
- Take the US-29 N ramp to Washington (14 miles)
- Turn left on US-33 WEST/Spotswood Trail. Follow 33 for about 5 miles.
- Turn left onto State Route 623/Swift Run Road.
- Take the 1st left onto Mays Rd/State Route 654.
- Take the 1st left onto Jerri Allen Parkway and follow it for 0.5 miles to Greene County Park.

2:00 p.m. Bus will depart Greene County Community Park for Crozet

3:00 p.m. Library Avenue in Crozet (we will walk over to the wetlands)

STOP #3: Directions from Greene County Community Park to Crozet ([Google Map](#))

- From US-29 heading SOUTH towards Charlottesville.
- Merge onto US-250 WEST/US-29 SOUTH via the ramp to I-64/Lynchburg/Staunton/Richmond.
- Continue on 250 WEST for about 7 miles.
- Take a slight right onto VA-240 WEST/Three Notch'd Road and take that road into the town of Crozet (3 miles).
- Turn left onto Crozet Avenue.
- Turn left onto Library Avenue.
- Park in the lot off of Library Avenue; we will walk to the site.



4:00 p.m. Return to CHS at the end of the tour

**We invite you to get on the bus with the RRBC
for a tour of stormwater management techniques
around the Rivanna watershed**

How to turn a drainage ditch or cul-de-sac
into a thing of beauty that
manages stormwater, protects water quality, and saves public money

**Rivanna River Basin Commission's
*Tour de Stormwater***

May 10, 2012 | 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

3 Stops | 4 Hours | Transportation & Lunch Provided | Starting & Ending at Charlottesville High School

Biofilter at Charlottesville High School &
Martin Luther King Performing Arts Center



Linear bioswale at Greene County
Community Park & VDGI's stream



Stormwater engineered wetlands
near downtown Crozet



Each site offers special lessons learned about stormwater management, planning, community engagement, leveraging funding, and reclaiming sites to do the work of nature.

RSVP by May 4th

info@rivannariverbasin.org | (434) 971-7722

Please note that we are inviting elected officials and planning commissioners from Charlottesville, Greene, Fluvanna, and Albemarle. This will be a joint meeting of RRBC, four elected bodies and four planning commissions, so that everyone who wants to may attend.



This event is open to the public though we are unable to provide transportation or refreshments.

For detailed agenda and driving directions, visit www.rivannariverbasin.org.

Funding for this project is provided by USEPA through the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Grant:
Pulling Together: A Watershed Approach for Stormwater Management in the Rivanna Basin

