



# Rivanna River Basin Commission Board Meeting

3/19/24

**§ 62.1-69.46.  
The Rivanna  
River Basin  
Commission;  
establishment;  
purpose.**

*The purpose of the Commission shall be to provide guidance for the stewardship and enhancement of the water and natural resources of the Rivanna River Basin. The Commission shall be a forum in which local governments and citizens can discuss issues affecting the Basin's water quality and quantity and other natural resources. Through promoting communication, coordination, and education, and by suggesting appropriate solutions to identified problems, the Commission shall promote activities by local, state, and federal governments, and by individuals, that foster resource stewardship for the environmental and economic health of the Basin.*



# RRBC Annual Conference

## Task 1.4- Annual Rivanna River Basin Commission Conference

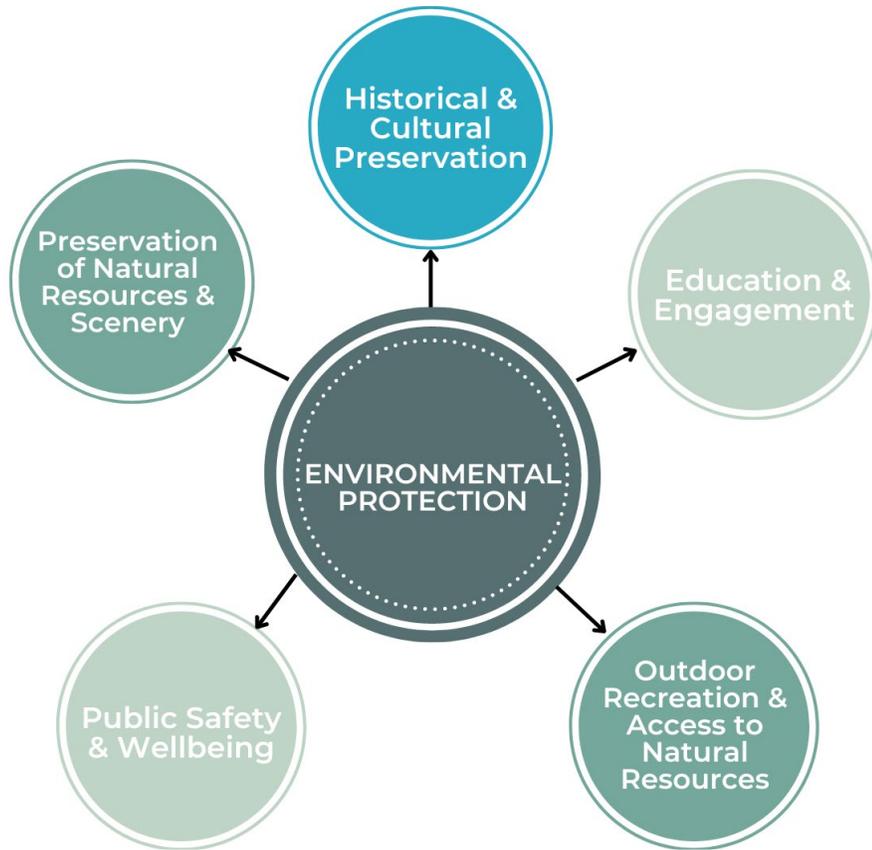
- **Description of Activities:**

- TJPDC staff will work with the Commission and Rivanna Stakeholders to plan and host an annual Rivanna River focused event for locality members and the public.

- **Deliverables:**

- Develop the agenda for the annual event
  - Address topics of priority to the Rivanna
  - Encourage public attendance and participation
  - Utilize partnerships with statewide, federal, and local water resources experts
  - Share the event and registration information widely across TJPDC, RRBC, and local media outlets
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# Reflecting on the Annual Conference



- **Positives:**

- What aspects of previous conference's did you find most valuable? (e.g., speaker selection, panel discussion, tabling organizations, accompanying workshop)
- What did you enjoy most about the conference format?

- **Areas for Improvement:**

- What aspects of the conference could be improved for future events?
- Were there any topics or formats that fell short of expectations?
- Did anything feel missing from the conference experience?

- **Conference Focus:**

- What topics related to the Rivanna River would you like to see prioritized in future conferences? (e.g., water quality, conservation efforts, recreational opportunities)
- Are there any emerging issues or trends in river management that we should address at upcoming conferences?

- **Conference Format:**

- Are there any new formats or activities you would like to see incorporated into future conferences? (e.g., different location, tabling organizations, community science or other engagement opportunities)

# Scottsville PFAS

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- Wild Virginia Received an update from RWSA including data from influent and effluent from four of the Authority's Wastewater Plants finding over 16 types of PFAS
- Focused on Scottsville's Permit, as it is due for Discharge Permit reissuance by the end of March
- WildVirginia's effort is to push DEQ to keep these substances out of state waters where the Department already has the regulatory authority, not to wait until they show up in the surface waters and water supplies.



# PFAS

- RSWA Sampling, from May 2020 to September 2023 (data in ng/l) discovered 16 types of PFAS over 7 seven separate sampling events
- RWSA discharges up to 200,000 gallons a day of treated wastewater from the Scottsville Plant
- DEQ's proposed re-permitting would issue the permit with no related PFAS sampling or controls

## Scottsville WWTP

	mean	min	max
Influent PFAS/PFOS total	35.60	0.00	77.40
Effluent PFAS/PFOS - total	81.64	40.20	177.59

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Reference: VPDES Permit  
No. VA0025470, Scottsville  
WRRF

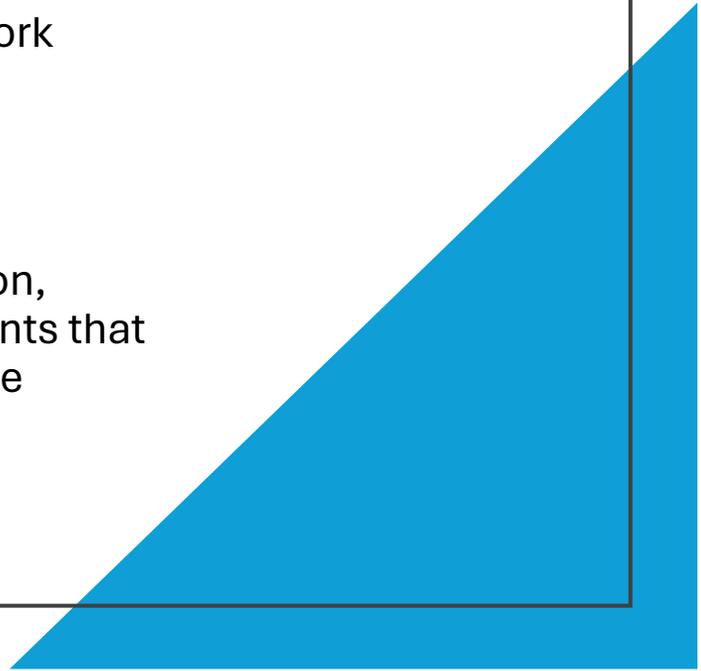
# Grant Opportunities

## **Building on Previous Interest and Work Plan:**

- Following up on feedback from the previous meeting, and in line with our work plan's goal of assisting localities with water-related initiatives, we should continue exploring grant opportunities relevant to our region.

## **Highlighting Collaboration and Resources:**

- Many grant programs exist to support water quality improvements, education, water access, and planning efforts. By working together, we can identify grants that best suit the needs of our counties, cities, and towns, and leverage available resources for the benefit of the Rivanna River basin.



# New Member Orientation Packet

- Available on the "About Us" portion of the website ([www.rivannariverbasin.org](http://www.rivannariverbasin.org)), and includes:
  - Summary of the Statute Authorizing Creation of the RRBC
  - RRBC Bylaws
  - Resources for Commissioners; Green Infrastructure Toolkit
  - Historical Timeline
  - Water Related Regulations & Responsible Government Agencies



# Stakeholder Advisory Group Meetings

**Task 1.5- Promote Communication, Coordination, and Education within the Basin as it relates to the Rivanna, Water Quality, and other natural resources.**

- **Description of Activities:**

- As described in the enabling legislation, the RRBC will convene its Stakeholder Advisory Group/Watershed Roundtable at least 2 times per year to discuss their current efforts, issues affecting the basin, applicable grant opportunities and discuss appropriate solutions to those problems. This should inform the running tracking sheet of the topics affecting the basin now.

- **Deliverables:**

- Identify attendees of the Stakeholder Advisory Group Meetings
- Host a Stakeholder Advisory Committee Meeting at least 2 times per year with members of the RRBC as standing invitees

# Stakeholder Advisory Group Meeting

- RRBC 5 Year Work Plan includes adding 2 meetings a year for Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG) Meetings
- Successful SAG meeting held last February regarding the TJPDC Stewardship Mapping & Assessment Project with local environmental organizations
- Last October, the RRBC voted to discuss the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act and considerations for opting into the Virginia Stormwater Management Program, but we were unable to secure a speaker
- Next SAG meetings will focus on our initiatives, continuing the STEWMAP initiative to gather feedback on data visualization, and beginning the Rivanna River Story Map and Historical Timeline in our 5 year work program