

Rivanna River Basin Commission

BOARD MEETING 8/20/24



Administration

- Call to Order
- Attendance
- Determination of Quorum
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of March 19, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Comments from the Public

LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER

Presentation: Impacts of the Chevron Doctrine Overruling

Tanner Brantley focuses his practice on environmental laws and regulations. He has experience assisting clients in complex federal, state, local, and international environmental matters in compliance assistance and litigation contexts. Tanner advises clients in navigating a wide spectrum of environmental regulatory issues and programs, including those under the Toxic Substance Control Act; the Clean Water Act; the Clean Air Act; the National Environmental Protection Act and the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act. He also works with clients to maintain compliance with the constantly evolving landscape of environmental law and to address emerging contaminants like PFAS and 1,4-dioxane. In addition, Tanner assists clients with environmental matters associated with business and real estate transactions. Tanner earned his Juris Doctor degree from Elon University School of Law, his Master of Environmental Law and Policy degree from Vermont Law School, and his Bachelor of Arts degree from Morehouse College.

Approval of Remote Electronic Participation and All-Virtual Meeting Policy

Legislation from the 2024 General Assembly session ([HB 894/SB 734](#)) makes changes to this policy necessary. There are three changes needed:

- 1) increase from 25% to 50% the maximum number of all virtual meetings that this body can hold per year;
- 2) expand provisions concerning member use of audio and visual technology during all-virtual meetings; and
- 3) require an annual adoption of the policy.

RRBC 2024 Annual Conference

Topic: Bridging the Gaps: Conservation, Connectivity, and the Future of the Urban Rivanna River

Date: Friday, September 27th, 9:30 am - 1:00 pm

Location: Carver Recreation Center, Gymnasium

Registration: \$5 or \$15 with a capacity of 75 attendees

Lunch: Take It Away (sandwich, chips, cookie, drinks & fruit)

Conference Agenda

9:30 Welcome and Introductions – RRBC Chair

9:40 Revisiting the Urban Rivanna Corridor Plan - TJPDC

9:50 River Restoration in the Urban Corridor – Lisa Wittenborn, RCA

10:15 Connectivity: Parks and Trails – Albemarle & Charlottesville Parks & Rec

10:40 Ecotourism and Outdoor Recreation – CAC Visitors Bureau

11:00 Break

11:10 Panel Discussion

11:50 Community Engagement

12:10 Lunch and Networking

River Walk for Local Leaders

Date: September 28th at 4:00 pm

Capacity: 18 attendees

This event kicks off at Riverview Park with a guided walk led by the Rivanna Conservation Alliance and Parks and Recreation. We'll journey to the Rivanna River Company, exploring the corridor's conservation efforts and identifying opportunities for improvement. The Rivanna River Company will provide shuttle service and a refreshing ice cream treat for a post-walk social and debrief at their location. Stay for the Loop de'Ville afterparty and concert celebrating a full day of guided hikes, walks, runs, and bike rides along the Rivanna Trail.

Watershed Implementation Plan

- \$72,500 annual budget
- 2024 Successes
 - Rain Barrel Workshops in Charlottesville, Albemarle, and Nelson Counties
 - Local Septic Repair and Pump Out Projects reported to the Chesapeake Bay Model
 - Updated [Grant Resource](#): 28 Watershed Improvement Grants
 - Partnerships with RCA, Middle James Roundtable, York River Roundtable, Resilient Together, Rivanna Stormwater Education Partnership and Friends of the Rappahannock to build capacity and increase best management practice implementation



WIP Scope 2025: Federal Infrastructure, Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Funding

- PDC WIP Funding
 - The TJPDC Pilot Septic Pump-out Project aims to improve the health of the Chesapeake Bay by supporting 50 septic system pump outs in 2025, in the PDC's non-MS4 service area (Albemarle, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa, and Nelson counties) for low-income homeowners.
 - Rain Barrel Workshops for Water Conservation in the TJPDC Region will promote water conservation and responsible stormwater management at home in Albemarle, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa, and Nelson counties through educational workshops and the distribution of rain barrels to community members.
 - Friends of the Rappahannock recently inquired about partnering on implementation of a Stream Restoration project
- IIJA Roundtable Funding: Proposals due October 1
 - Funding is available in the Virginia Chesapeake Bay Watershed (Bay Watershed) program to support watershed roundtable activities. The maximum award per subrecipient is \$11,800 for base roundtable activities and operations.
 - Additional funding for Best Management Practice (BMP) implementation projects is also available to Roundtable sponsors from IIJA funding allocated to DEQ. Funding amounts for IIJA BMP implementation can range from small projects for no less than \$1,000 up to large BMP implementation projects, potentially at \$100,000 or more, depending on overall demand. Technical Assistance funding up to 10% of the IIJA BMP implementation is also available.

RRBC Roundtable

- Each Commissioner is invited to share updates related to the watershed from their jurisdiction.
- Identifying Items for Next Meeting: **March 18th, 2025**
 - Elections

