



## **BIENNIAL EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

### **To the Governor and General Assembly of Virginia From the Foundation for Virginia's Natural Resources (FVNR) January 1, 2008**

#### **Overview:**

The Foundation for Virginia's Natural Resources § [10.1-2135](#) - [10.1-2139](#) has completed its first two full years of operation. The Board of Trustees is comprised of 13 members, each representing a major river basin of the Commonwealth. The Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry and the Secretary of Natural Resources are ex-officio Board members for their terms. There have been several Board members who have chosen to resign primarily due to time constraints. The Secretary of the Commonwealth has made replacement appointments. At this time, there is only one Board member vacancy which, when filled, will represent the Shenandoah Basin.

The mandated Advisory Task Force has been very active in meetings and deliberations. The five mandated State agencies have all been very involved, and other interested constituencies have been appointed to the Task Force (see appendix attached).

The Board has met on nine occasions since the beginning of 2006. Each meeting had a quorum. In January of 2006, at its first meeting, the Board voted to align itself with the Virginia Department of Forestry (DOF). DOF has been very helpful in all of FVNR activities, particularly with administrative staff support. This assistance has been particularly important given the fact that FVNR has received no State funding to date. At the first meeting in January 2006, Lee Stephens, representing the York River basin, was elected as Vice Chair of FVNR.

#### **Accomplishments:**

- The FVNR has established a web site ([www.fvnr.org](http://www.fvnr.org)) as well as developed a brochure.
- 2007 Supplement, Annotated, to Volume 2B of the *Code of Virginia*, Acts 2005, c.351, cl.2 provides: "That the provisions of this act shall expire should no funds from any source be received in the Foundation for Virginia's Natural Resources Trust Fund by July 1, 2007." Funding was provided through private donations. The contingency was met; FVNR did not expire.
- Various temporary and permanent committees have been established to assist in the planning and development process. Permanent committees have been established as follows:
  - Executive Committee (five members)
  - Grants Committee (five members)
  - Audit Committee (four members)
- Eleanor Weston Brown, the Board member representing the Eastern Shore, was elected as Treasurer.
- Over the past two years, FVNR has developed a Mission and Vision Statement, a Strategic Plan, a Business Plan, Bylaws, a set of criteria by which support requests will be judged, and a Code of Ethics. Each of these represents significant and time-consuming effort on the part of the Board members.

- Ann Regn, Director of the Office of Environmental Education at the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, brought an excellent opportunity to our attention in the spring of 2007. FVNR partnered with Ms. Regn's office and the North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE) to raise funds to provide scholarships for Virginia Educators to attend the NAAEE's annual international conference that was held in Virginia Beach in November of 2007. FVNR was able to find eight contributors and raised enough money to send 39 educators from across Virginia to the Conference. It was a very successful first project for the Foundation.
- In the summer of 2006, we had the benefit of research efforts by intern Katie Leeann Hicklin, a University of Virginia undergraduate and resident of Bath County. In the summer of 2007, we had similar assistance from James MoneyMaker, a Virginia Commonwealth University undergraduate and native of Rockbridge County.

### **Future Endeavors:**

- Board members have been making themselves familiar with groups and activities within their river basins which have to do with environmental education, pollution prevention, and citizen monitoring of the environment. They are also working to find corporations, local governments, and philanthropists who may be willing to support the FVNR and its activities. A high priority for FVNR is to be supportive of projects that promote the benefits of agriculture, forestry, and historic preservation.
- One area of consensus that has emerged from its many discussions is that the Board would like to put a high priority on helping Virginia schools to establish "outdoor classrooms." For several years, the idea of "learning while doing" has been gaining considerable popularity in education circles. The Virginia Office of Environmental Education and its Virginia Naturally program has set a goal of making these types of facilities available to any school that desires them, and FVNR will be part of that effort.

### **Summary:**

The FVNR is poised to make a big difference in Virginia. The fact that the State has to make budget cuts to compensate for the deficit is a perfect illustration of why the Foundation is necessary. The Board will continue to ask the State government for modest support to allow it to bring FVNR to its potential. The volunteer Board members will continue to travel and speak to the need for public/private partnerships in non-regulatory natural resources protection. There are many opportunities that need to be brought to fruition in attempts to engage interested citizens who want to be involved in natural resources protection in a meaningful way.

The Board of Trustees of FVNR would like to re-emphasize its appreciation to its State agency and Advisory Task Force members for their active participation in FVNR's development efforts. In particular, the Board would like to express its appreciation for the administrative support supplied to FVNR by the Virginia Department of Forestry.

Respectfully submitted,

/S/ Jay Gilliam

Jay Gilliam, Chair, Board of Trustees

### **Attachments:**

- Appendix I: Fact Sheet
- Appendix II: Board of Trustees
- Appendix III: River Basins and Communities Within
- Appendix IV: Advisory Task Force
- Appendix V: Recipients of NAAEE Scholarships
- Appendix VI: Trust Fund Donations/Expenditures
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## APPENDIX I: FACT SHEET

**Foundation for Virginia's Natural Resources**  
**Sb1141 (2005) Patron: Senator Emmett Hanger**  
[www.fvnr.org](http://www.fvnr.org)

- Creates the **Foundation for Virginia's Natural Resources** (FVNR) to develop and encourage the non-regulatory conservation programs within the agencies of the Secretariats of Natural Resources and Agriculture and Forestry. It also creates the Foundation for Virginia's Natural Resources Trust Fund (the Fund).
- FVNR is governed by a **15 member Board** <http://www.dof.virginia.gov/boards/members-fvnr.shtml> appointed by the Governor [13 citizens representing the 13 major river basins of Virginia plus the Secretaries of Natural Resources (14) and Agriculture and Forestry (15) or their designees]
- In one of its first decisions, the Board elected to align the Foundation with the Virginia Department of Forestry (DOF).
- The Board of FVNR will identify **incentives for contributions** to the Fund from **any source, public or private**. They will also develop **goals and guidelines** for submittal and evaluation of grant applications for support from the Fund. They are required to submit a **Biennial Executive Summary** on the work of the Board to the Governor and the General Assembly on regular session years.
- The Board will seek assistance in this work from a task force made up of representatives of Natural Resource and Agricultural agencies.
- Board members will serve without compensation but are to be reimbursed for expenses from the Fund.
- The Board must meet at least four times a year.
- The FVNR promotes **environmental education, pollution prevention, and citizen monitoring** by fostering collaborative efforts among citizens, businesses, municipalities, and state agencies.
- The Foundation may support cooperative programs with grants to any not-for-profit entity whose purpose is to provide **environmental education, pollution prevention, and citizen monitoring**.
- The Board has the power to: sue and be sued, accept gifts and contributions and manage such, to enter into contracts, to employ staff, to conduct fund-raising activities.
- The Foundation for Virginia's Natural Resources Trust Fund shall be a non-reverting fund in the State Treasury consisting of state moneys, federal grants or endowments, and funds from any other available source, public or private. Moneys in the Fund shall be used solely for supporting environmental education, pollution prevention, and citizen environmental monitoring.
- FVNR has the potential to make **the citizen stewardship programs of the Commonwealth more sustainable, and build and diversify support for natural resources protection in Virginia**.

## **APPENDIX II: BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Chair - Jay Gilliam – Upper James River Basin** - h/o 540 377 6179 – c 540 460 2319 - [Jay@vasos.org](mailto:Jay@vasos.org) (Steeles Tavern) - 7598 N. Lee Highway, Raphine, VA 24472 - (6/08)

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## **APPENDIX III: RIVER BASINS AND COMMUNITIES WITHIN**

**York River Basin** – Louisa County, Spotsylvania County, Hanover County, Orange County, Caroline County, King William County, King and Queen County, New Kent County, Gloucester County, Matthews County, James City County, York County - (12)

**Rappahannock River Basin** – Madison County, Greene County (part), Orange County (part), Culpepper County, Fauquier County (part), Stafford County (part), Caroline County, King George County, Westmoreland County, Northumberland County, Essex County, Middlesex County, Richmond County, Lancaster County; City of Fredericksburg - (15)

**Middle James River Basin** – Prince Edward County, Appomattox County, Amherst County, Nelson County, Albemarle County, Greene County (part), Goochland County, Powhatan County, Chesterfield County (part), Amelia County, Buckingham County, Cumberland County, Nottoway County (part); Cities of Richmond, Charlottesville, Lynchburg, Bedford - (17)

**Lower James River Basin** - Hanover County, Henrico County, Charles City County, New Kent County (part), James City County, Prince George County (part), Surry County, Isle of Wight County; Cities of Suffolk, Williamsburg, Newport News, Hampton, Portsmouth, Norfolk, Chesapeake, Virginia Beach - (16)

**Chowan** – Lunenburg County, Brunswick County, Nottoway County (part), Dinwiddie County, Sussex County, Prince George County (part), Greenville County, Southampton County, Surry County, Isle of Wight County, Nansemond County; Cities of Chesapeake, Virginia Beach, Franklin - (14)

**Roanoke River Basin (Upper to SML)** – Roanoke County, Craig County, Montgomery County, Franklin County, Bedford County, Botetourt County; Cities of Roanoke, Salem - (8)

**Lower Roanoke Basin** – Campbell County, Pittsylvania County, Henry County, Patrick County, Halifax County, Charlotte County, Mecklenburg County; Cities of Danville, Martinsville - (9)

**Big Sandy Basin** - Buchanan County, Dickenson County, Wise County (part) - (3)

**Upper Tennessee River Basin** – Lee County, Scott County, Wise County (part), Washington County, Smyth County, Russell County, Tazewell County (part); Cities of Norton, Bristol - (9)

**New River Basin** – Carroll County, Grayson County, Bland County, Wythe County, Pulaski County, Giles County, Montgomery County (part), Floyd County (part), Tazewell County (part); Cities of Galax, Radford - (11)

**Upper James River Basin** – Rockbridge County, Botetourt County, Craig County (part), Allegheny County, Bath County, Highland County; Cities of Covington, Lexington, Buena Vista - (9)

**Eastern Shore** – Northampton County, Accomack County - (2)

**Shenandoah River Basin** - Augusta County, Rockingham County, Shenandoah County, Page County, Warren County, Clarke County, Frederick County; Cities of Staunton, Waynesboro, Harrisonburg, Winchester - (11)

**Potomac River Basin** – Arlington County, Fairfax County, Fauquier County (part), Loudoun County, Prince William County, Stafford County (part), King George County (part), Westmoreland County (part), Northumberland County (part); Cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas, Manassas Park - (14)

## **APPENDIX IV - ADVISORY TASK FORCE**

### **Agency Head Task Force:**

Joseph Maroon	Virginia Department of Conservation & Recreation
Carl Garrison	Virginia Department of Forestry
Mike Bise, Acting Dir.	Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries
Todd Haymore	Virginia Department of Agriculture & Consumer Affairs
David Paylor	Virginia Department of Environmental Quality
Kathleen Kilpatrick	Virginia Department of Historic Resources
Timothy Gette	Virginia Museum of Natural History

### **Advisory Task Force:**

Russ Baxter	Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation
Nancy Bell	Virginia Museum of Natural History
Stacey Brown	Virginia Save Our Streams
Denny Casey	Virginia Museum of Natural History
Evans Drake	VMA & Virginia Chamber of Commerce
Harry Gregori	Environmental Solutions
Ron Jenkins	Virginia Department of Forestry
Scott Johnson	Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
Gary Kappesser	Hydrologist and GIS Specialist
Lee King	Ferrum College
Ann Regn	Virginia Office of Environmental Education
Catherine Slusser	Virginia Department of Historic Resources
David Whitehurst	Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries

### **Other Advisors:**

Vernita Boone	Virginia Department of Agriculture & Consumer Affairs
John Carroll	Virginia Department of Forestry
Elsie Franklin	Virginia Department of Environmental Quality
Susie Gilley	Virginia Department of Game & Inland Fisheries
David Johnson	ERM
Brian Moores	Retired Professor/Interested Citizen
Angela Neilan	Virginia Department of Environmental Quality
Roy Seward	Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Affairs
Brad Williams	Virginia Department of Forestry

## **APPENDIX V: RECIPIENTS OF NAAEE SCHOLARSHIPS**

### **Virginia Educators Receiving Scholarships to the North American Association for Environmental Education Annual Conference at Virginia Beach, November 2007**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>
Carol Ferris	Teacher, Salem High School, Virginia Beach
Krista Lewis	Teacher, Salem High School, Virginia Beach
Tiffany Turner	Air Quality Outreach Coordinator, Valley AIRNow, JMU, Harrisonburg
Rikki Sterrett	4-H Agent in Northampton County
Dana Roberts	Education Coordinator for VA Assoc. of SWCD's, Mechanicsville
Carol Zokaites	Karst Education Coordinator for VDCR, Radford
Kari Abbott	4-H Adult Leader, Master Gardener, Master Naturalist, Williamsburg
Brigitta Driscoll	Naturalist, City of Lynchburg's Parks & Recreation Department
Lisa Connors	Teacher, Lexington
Jennifer Templeton	Education/Outreach Coordinator for Conservation District, Raphine
Jennifer Weikle	Fifth-grade Science Educator, Luray
Susan French	Environmental Horticulture Extension Agent, City of VA Beach
Helen Kuhns	Education/Outreach Coordinator, Lynnhaven River NOW, Portsmouth
Sally Lewis	High School Biology Teacher and Ecology Club Sponsor, Hampton
Sherry Cannon	Science Teacher, Wallace Middle School, Bristol
Valerie Leonard	Science Teacher, Wallace Middle School, Bristol
Jane Roberts	Science Teacher, Chesapeake Public Schools
Charlene Talcott	Education Specialist, Belle Isle State Park
Catherine Ruble	Environmental Teacher, Maymont Center, Richmond
Celeste Greene	Professor, Old Dominion University, Norfolk
Barbara Dunbar	Volunteer Coordinator, York County 4-H Junior Master Gardener Program
Phyllis Fevrier	Works with Elementary/Middle School Children/Teachers, Public School System, Rockbridge County/Lexington/Buena Vista
Christopher Henry	Teacher, Bayside High School, Virginia Beach
Patricia Braden	Teaches Special Needs Students, Covington High School
Addison Helmke	Science Teacher, The Howard Gardner School, Alexandria
Darryl Dawson	Teacher, Round Hill
Lora DeVan	Earth Education Coordinator, Camp Kum-Ba-Yah, Forest
Michael Videll	Earth Science and Astronomy Teacher, Cox High School, Virginia Beach
Ellen Reynolds	Environmental Education Coordinator, K-12 Alleghany/Bath/Highland
Tamsey Ellis	Education Specialist, Eastern Shore SWCD
Karla Smith	Humanities Coordinator, Western Branch Intermediate School, Suffolk
Michelle Prysby	Virginia Master Naturalist Program Coordinator, Charlottesville
Jennifer Flynn	Teacher, Loudoun County Academy of Science
Donna Conner	Teacher, Roanoke County Public Schools
Karen Hicks	Teacher, Roanoke County Public Schools
Charles Filer	Teacher, Roanoke County Public Schools
Beth Sellers	Teacher, Roanoke County Public Schools
Jennifer Crozier	Teacher, Roanoke county Public Schools
Becca Obert	Outdoor Education Coordinator, W. E. Skelton 4-H Educational Conference Center, Wirtz

## **APPENDIX VI: TRUST FUND DONATIONS/EXPENDITURES**

**January 1, 2008**

Total Donations to Date	\$32,308.50
Expenditures	<u>19,596.54</u>
Trust Fund Balance	\$ 12,711.96

Total Amount of NAAEE Scholarships Awarded: \$17,250.00



## Appendix VII: Contributors to the Trust Fund

### Restricted Donations:

MeadWestvaco Corporation	Printing Brochures (2nd Printing)
Jay Gilliam	<i>Last Child in the Woods</i> Books
Virginia Save Our Streams	<i>Last Child in the Woods</i> Books
Ann M. Regn	Louv Presentation at EV07
VDEQ	NAAEE Teacher Scholarships
Jay Gilliam	Louv Presentation at EV07
ILUKA Resources, Inc.	NAAEE Teacher Scholarships
Robert S. Bloxom	NAAEE Teacher Scholarships
Float Fishermen of Virginia	NAAEE Teacher Scholarships
Jay Gilliam	NAAEE Teacher Scholarships
Charlottesville Area Community Foundation - Ballyshannon Fund	NAAEE Teacher Scholarships
Virginia Resource - Use Education Council (Smithfield)	NAAEE Teacher Scholarships
Dominion	NAAEE Teacher Scholarships

### Unrestricted Donations:

Spotts Fain  
Smithfield  
Jim Garner  
Jay Gilliam  
Eleanor Brown  
Phyllis & Fred Fevrier  
Lee Stephens  
Robert Denton  
Scott Stephens  
Fred W. Scott, Jr., Bundoran Farm  
Float Fishermen of Virginia  
Virginia Save Our Streams  
Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Clement, Chesapeake Bay Foundation  
Mac & Mary Stuart Gilliam  
Carneal-Drew Foundation (c/o Meade A. Spotts)

### In-Kind Donations:

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