

BIENNIAL EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

to the Governor and General Assembly of Virginia From the Foundation for Virginia's Natural Resources (FVNR) January 1, 2010

The Foundation for Virginia's Natural Resources § [10.1-2135](#) - § [10.1-2139](#) has completed its third and fourth years of operation. Its 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 also ex-officio Board members for their terms. Two Board member positions are awaiting appointment.

The advisory task force has been active in our operations and several volunteer experts have lent us their assistance.

The Board has met on six occasions since the beginning of 2008. The winter meeting of 2009 was scheduled twice and inclement weather prevented a successful meeting on both occasions. The fall meeting of 2009 was scheduled but lack of a quorum caused the Chair to cancel the meeting. Lee Stephens (York) served admirably as Vice-Chair for the extent of the two-year term and was replaced in that position by Ed Davis (Upper Tennessee). Eleanor Brown was elected Treasurer by Board vote.

The FVNR website has improved. Neosentials, a small web development company based in Harrisonburg, has been very generous with us, knowing that we are very limited in our budget. Also, Gary Kappesser, a hydro-geologist recently retired from the U. S. Forest Service, has been willing to volunteer his services with web development issues. We appreciate the generosity of both Gary and Neosentials. Frohling and Robertson, a well respected Virginia engineering firm, had representatives at our summer 2009 Board meeting and expressed a willingness to assist us in developing our web site. We appreciate their interest and look forward to their assistance.

All FVNR Board members have been active in promoting the mission of FVNR. Some of the ways are:

- Attending meetings of civic and grass roots groups to introduce them to our goals.
- Contacted potential sponsors such as local businesses and philanthropists.
- Contacted school systems throughout their respective basins to determine the need for outdoor classrooms and citizen monitoring.
- Participated with the existing watershed roundtables to coordinate activities.
- Several Board members have written articles for journals to promote FVNR.

There has been much discussion about creating a **parallel non-profit organization** to complement FVNR. Legislation was successfully introduced by Senator Emmett Hanger in the 2009 session of the General Assembly to facilitate that action. With that authority, Board members and Attorneys Lee Stephens and Eleanor Brown have formed a Virginia nonstock corporation and are in the process of making application to IRS for designation as a § 501(c)(3) charity. The FVNR Board still needs to find individuals with expertise in natural resource protection and fund raising who would be willing to serve on the new Board.

Development of a grant request protocol and criteria for approval has been developed by the Board during this period. It was later modified in October 2008 to specify that "The Foundation, in its sole discretion, will only consider projects that foster non-regulatory collaboration."

FVNR now has a "catalog" of projects that have been recommended for approval by the Grants Committee and accepted by full Board vote.

Outdoor classrooms and projects that compliment agriculture, forestry, and historic preservation continue to be the highest priority for FVNR Board members.

There has been very little success in fund raising for FVNR during this period.

A \$1,000.00 restricted donation received in late 2008 partially funded a grant project (outdoor learning area) for one applicant in July of 2009. Since we have not been successful in finding all of the support needed for any of our projects during this period, the Board decided to give \$500.00 to each of 10 applicants to assist them with their projects. Disbursement to seven applicants was made in early fall of 2009 (three are still pending). Recipients were very grateful.

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 volunteer Board members will continue to travel and speak to the need for public/private partnerships in non-regulatory natural resource protection. Many very valuable non-regulatory programs are crippled or in limbo due to the poor economy. There are many opportunities that need to be brought to fruit as we attempt to engage interested citizens who want to be involved in natural resource protection in a meaningful way.

The Board of FVNR would like to re-emphasize our appreciation to our State agency and advisory task force agency members for their active participation in our development efforts. At the risk of missing someone, the Chair would like to thank Ann Regn from DEQ's Office of Environmental Education, Gary Kappesser, Nancy Bell formerly of the Virginia Museum of Natural History, and Senator Emmett Hanger. In particular we would like to express our appreciation for the administrative support supplied to FVNR by the Virginia Department of Forestry and DOF employee Brenda Taylor for her interest and excellent work to further our mission.

The dedication of the FVNR Board members is especially appreciated by the current Chair. Much time, effort, and travel expense has been contributed by these individuals. We hope that the mission of FVNR will be a meaningful part of the McDonnell Administration's natural resource protection policy.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Gilliam

Jay Gilliam, Chair, Board of Trustees

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APPENDIX I: FACT SHEET

Foundation for Virginia's Natural Resources
Sb1141 (2005) Patron: Senator Emmett Hanger
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

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Sec. Preston Bryant, Ex-Officio, Virginia Secretary of Natural Resources – 804 786 0044 – preston.bryant@governor.virginia.gov - Executive Office Building (Patrick Henry Building), 4th Floor , 1111 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219

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)

Piedmont 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)

Blackwater/Chowan – Lunenburg County, Brunswick County, Nottoway County (part), Dinwiddie County, Sussex County, Prince George County (part), Greensville 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/Holston 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
Robert Duncan	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
Joe Keiper	Virginia Museum of Natural History

Advisory Task Force:

Russ Baxter	Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation Virginia Save Our Streams
Denny Casey	Virginia Museum of Natural History
Evans Drake	VMA & Virginia Chamber of Commerce
Harry Gregori	Environmental Solutions
Emmett W. Hanger	Senator
Herman Holly	Legal Aide to Senator Hanger
Ron Jenkins	Virginia Department of Forestry
Gary Kappesser	Computer 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
Perida Giles	Virginia Department of Agriculture & Consumer Affairs
Brad Williams	Virginia Department of Forestry

APPENDIX V: GRANT RECIPIENTS

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Project</u>
Leesville Lake Association	500.00	Water quality data collection
Cowpasture River Preservation Association (CRPA)	500.00	Training, supplies/equipment to expand program in watershed-based education
Claytor Nature Study Center Of Lynchburg College	500.00	Outdoor learning areas
Friends of Chesterfield's Riverfront	500.00	Outdoor learning areas
Friends of the Russell Fork	1,000.00	Outdoor learning areas
Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission	500.00	Outdoor learning areas
Friends of the Rappahannock	500.00	Watershed-based education
Prince William County Service Authority	500.00	Watershed-based education

APPENDIX VI: TRUST FUND DONATIONS/EXPENDITURES

January 1, 2010

Total Donations to Date	\$41,192.57
Interest Earned	+ 498.80
Expenditures	<u>- 27,809.18</u>
Trust Fund Balance	\$ 13,882.19

Donations in Kind: \$10,900.00

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
VDEQ	NAAEE Teacher Scholarships
ILUKA Resources, Inc.	NAAEE Teacher Scholarships
Robert S. Bloxom	NAAEE Teacher Scholarships
Float Fishermen of Virginia	NAAEE Teacher Scholarships
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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
VA Resource - Use Education Council	Projects or Professional Development related to "meaningful watershed education"
Alpha Services	Outdoor Classroom - Haysi - Friends of the Russell Fork

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
Ann M. Regn
Float Fishermen of Virginia
Virginia Save Our Streams
Jay Gilliam
Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Clement, Chesapeake Bay Foundation
Mac & Mary Stuart Gilliam
Virginia Save Our Streams
Carneal-Drew Foundation (c/o Meade A. Spotts)
VA Resource -Use Education Council - Smithfield
Samuel Clement
Shelley Butler-Barlow, Cotton Plains Farm Inc
James Madison University
Ann D. Masters, Clean Valley Council
AEP River Operations
MeadWestvaco
Eleanor Brown
ILUKA Resources Inc.
James Madison University
James Madison University
Carneal-Drew Foundation (c/o Meade A. Spotts)

In-Kind Donations:

McClung Companies	Brochures (1st Printing at No Charge)
ESRI	ARC-GIS Software