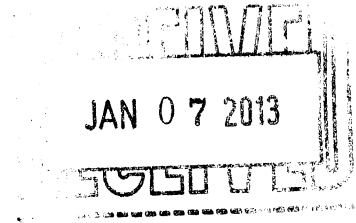




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The Rappahannock River Basin Commission



December 31, 2012

The Honorable Robert F. McDonnell  
Governor of Virginia

The Honorable Walter Stosch  
Chairman, Senate Finance Committee

The Honorable Lacey Putney,  
Chairman, House Appropriations Committee

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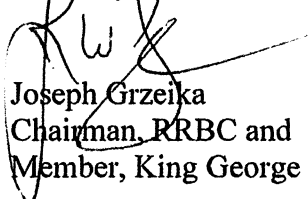
Dear Governor McDonnell:

As Chairman of the Rappahannock River Basin Commission, I am pleased to present this report to you on the accomplishments during 2012. I remain deeply appreciative of the continued membership and the work efforts expended by members of the House of Delegates and Senate as well as my colleague members of the local governing bodies of the basin.

Please do not hesitate to call upon me if I may be of further assistance.

With kindest personal regards and all best wishes, I remain

Sincerely,



Joseph Grzeika  
Chairman, RRBC and  
Member, King George County Board of Supervisors



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As defined in Section 61.1-659.27 of the Code of Virginia, the Commission's purpose and mission is to provide guidance for the stewardship and enhancement of the water quality and natural resources of the Rappahannock River Basin. The Commission is a forum in which the state, and fifteen local governments to include the city of Fredericksburg and the counties of Rappahannock, Madison, Fauquier, Culpeper, Orange, Stafford, Spotsylvania, King George, Caroline, Essex, Westmoreland, Middlesex, Richmond and Lancaster and citizens of the Commonwealth work to affect the Basin's water quality, quantity and other natural resources. We continue to promote communication, coordination and education, and by seeking appropriate solutions to identified problems, the Commission promotes activities by local, state and federal governments and individuals that foster voluntary resource stewardship for the environmental and economic health of the Basin.

Since our last report, we are very pleased to report that, as in previous years, we have continued to carry out our designated work program with significant success. In 2012, we conducted four meetings in March, June, September and December in Stafford County, Westmoreland County, Rappahannock County and the city of Richmond (in the Capitol building) respectively. Meeting materials are available on the Commission's website: [www.RappRiverBasin.org](http://www.RappRiverBasin.org)

The Commission spent considerable time reviewing various aspects of the implementation of the Phase II TMDL Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) including changes to the stormwater management program and the nutrient trading program. With the assistance of the RRBC Technical Committee the Commission has provided input to state agencies on these programs. The Commission and its Technical Committee has also worked extensively with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers on two studies that began in 2012 and will continue into 2013.

Dr. William Cox, formerly of Virginia Tech, who had previously worked with the RRBC and its Water Allocation Group, prepared a detailed summary of the laws, regulations and agreements that govern water quality in Virginia in 2005. This past year RRBC staff completed its sixth update to Dr. Cox's summary. This summary is posted on the Commission's website and is used by water resource professional across the Commonwealth.

The Rappahannock River Basin Commission's Technical Committee: There were eight meetings of the Technical Committee. Serving as the Commission's technical advisory group their charge is to advise us on how water quality measures can be implemented in a reasonable way with a high degree of success.

The Technical Committee was asked to develop recommended comments on the changing stormwater program. This was done to provide technical advice to the Commission in preparation for presentations to the Commission by DCR.

The Technical Committee has begun working with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Norfolk District, to investigate opportunities for cooperative planning and

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study efforts in 2012 and beyond. The USACE gave presentations to the Commission at its September and December meetings on the progress of the studies. The Commission expects to hear final draft presentations at the March 2013 Commission meeting.

The Commission staff continues to maintain information on the website. In addition to a listing of members and events it contains information on Commission meetings and the continuing efforts of the Technical Committee.