

## **City of Charlottesville Appointee to the Rivanna River Basin Commission**

This document is provided to the TJPDC to provide background on the Rivanna River Basin Commission (RRBC) to facilitate the process of making a recommendation to the City of Charlottesville for the position of Charlottesville City appointee.

The RRBC Charter states:

### ARTICLE 4. MEMBERSHIP

1. *The Commission shall consist of 14 nonlegislative members as follows: two members each of the local elected governing body of the Counties of Albemarle, Fluvanna, and Greene, and the City of Charlottesville; two nonlegislative citizen members, one each from the Culpeper Soil and Water Conservation District and the Thomas Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District; and four nonlegislative citizen members at-large, one member each appointed by the local elected governing body of the Counties of Albemarle, Fluvanna, and Greene, and the City of Charlottesville, upon the recommendation of the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission.*
  
2. *All members recommended by the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission and appointed to the Commission by the relevant local elected governing bodies shall be citizens who demonstrate interest, experience, or expertise in water-related Basin issues.*

The focus of the Commission is on altered hydrology that results in excess sedimentation in the Rivanna and its tributaries. RRBC has been seeking funding to support watershed-wide projects that will accelerate the adoption of measures and practices that will reduce these excessive flows to streams, with an initial focus on urban, suburban, and exurban components of stormwater. RRBC will be addressing agricultural sources of excess runoff in the near future.

The RRBC has a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) that consists of staff from each of the localities, TJSWCD, TJPDC, and appointed members with specific expertise in stormwater management, hydrology, conservation practices, modeling, forestry, and other academic and practical applications. The TAC meetings every other month throughout the year and provides technical advice and recommendations to the RRBC.

RRBC citizen members are appointed for four years for up to two consecutive terms. Not subject to the political process, these members can help provide continuity as elected officials come and go. In addition, they offer the opportunity for achieving diversity in demographics, perspectives, and backgrounds on the Commission.

**Rivanna River Basin Commission Makeup as of May 2009**

<b>Locality</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Appointed</b>	<b>Term Limit</b>
<b>Albemarle County</b>				
	Supervisor	Sally Thomas	April 2007	term of office
	Supervisor	Lindsay Dorrier	April 2007	term of office
	Citizen	John Martin	April 2007	<i>April 2009</i>
<b>Fluvanna County</b>				
	Supervisor	Marvin F. Moss	April 2007	term of office
	Supervisor	John Gooch	January 2008	term of office
	Citizen	Andy Wilson	April 2007	<i>April 2009</i>
<b>Greene County</b>				
	Supervisor	Clarence Peyton	January 2008	term of office
	Supervisor	Carl Schmitt	January 2008	term of office
	Citizen	Roberta Savage	February 2008	April 2011
<b>City of Charlottesville</b>				
	Councilor	Holly Edwards	January 2008	term of office
	Councilor	Satyendra Huja	January 2008	term of office
<b>City of Charlottesville</b>	Citizen	<i>vacant</i>		April 2011
<b>Culpeper Soil &amp; Water Conservation District</b>				
	Board Member	Robert Runkle	April 2007	term of office
<b>Thomas Jefferson Soil &amp; Water Conservation District</b>				
	Board Member	John E. Easter II	April 2007	term of office

## **Commission Vacancies in April 2009**

In October 2008, RRBC voted to stagger the terms of its citizen members in accordance with the requirements of its Charter. Mr. Andy Wilson (Fluvanna County) and Mr. John Martin (Albemarle County) were selected to serve two year terms, ending in April 2009. By Charter, they are each allowed to serve two more four-year terms.

### Mr. Andy Wilson

In accordance with Fluvanna County process for reappointment to commissions, Mr. Wilson has confirmed his interest in serving another term. His appointment will be endorsed at the May 8 Fluvanna Board of Supervisors meeting.

TJPDC Action: Endorse the Fluvanna selection of Mr. Andy Wilson as Fluvanna County citizen representative to RRBC for the term of May 2009 through April 2013.

### Mr. John Martin

In accordance with Albemarle County process for reappointment to commissions, Mr. Martin has confirmed his interest in serving another term.

TJPDC Action: Recommend to Albemarle County Board of Supervisors the selection of Mr. John Martin as Albemarle County citizen representative to RRBC for the term of May 2009 through April 2013.

### City of Charlottesville Citizen Appointee

There are four candidates for this position, each of whom would bring valuable and important perspective and experience to the position. Candidate information and resumes are attached. They are (in order of application received):

Jeff Werner  
Alex Forasté, P.E.  
Eugene Ryang  
Keith Lancaster

TJPDC Action: Recommend one of the four candidates for appointment to the position of Charlottesville citizen representative to the RRBC.