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Dear River Friends,


The Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation and the State Scenic River Board are pleased to announce that in 2010 Virginia will be celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Scenic Rivers Program. For 40 years, this program has aimed to identify, designate and help protect rivers and streams that possess outstanding scenic, recreational, historic and natural characteristics of statewide significance for future generations. To date, the Commonwealth has determined that 24 river segments totaling 529 river miles are worthy of this prestigious designation. This we could not have done without the support of many local partners advocating for recognition of their rivers.

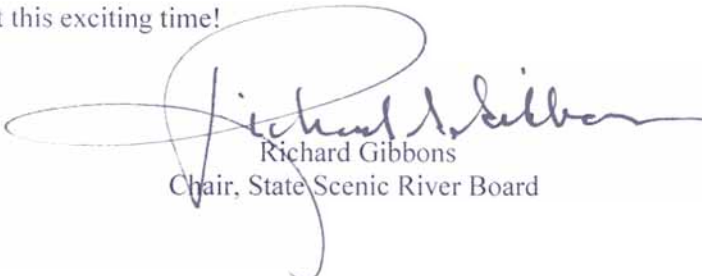
With the arrival of the 40th anniversary next year, we think it is time to honor this program through a series of special recognition events and outreach. Some of the proposed signature events in the planning include:

- Hosting a 40th anniversary commemorative event
- Creating and strengthening partnerships with state and local partners to promote the anniversary
- Sponsoring photography and writing contests
- Guided tours of designated rivers
- Designating at least four new rivers in 2010

We would be pleased to collaborate with you in the celebration of this program. Partnership opportunities include working together on a signature event or the photo and writing contest, marketing opportunities, river trip planning, media relations, volunteer recruitment, and the designation process. If you'd like to partner with DCR in promoting the Scenic River Program through local programs like these, or if you'd like to request a media packet, please contact the DCR Scenic Rivers Program Manager, Lynn Crump, at (804) 786-5054 or [lynn.crump@dcr.virginia.gov](mailto:lynn.crump@dcr.virginia.gov) or DCR Public Relations Specialist, Kim Hodge, at (804) 786-7961 or [kim.hodge@dcr.virginia.gov](mailto:kim.hodge@dcr.virginia.gov).

We look forward to working with you at this exciting time!

  
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Enclosures (2)

*State Parks • Soil and Water Conservation • Natural Heritage • Outdoor Recreation Planning  
Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance • Dam Safety and Floodplain Management • Land Conservation*

List of potential partnership opportunities:

- Pass a resolution. The 2009 General Assembly passed a resolution that recognizes 40 years of honoring statewide designation of Virginia's scenic rivers (see attached). Your locality could pass a similar community resolution recognizing the scenic river in your area.
- River float trips. If there are local float trips that you host, the 40th anniversary could be a theme for one of the trips. Whether for an existing trip or one planned for this celebration, a DCR staff member or scenic river board member will participate in the float whenever possible to provide information about the program.
- Local water-related festivals, Earth Day festivals and clean-up events. Part of the festival could tie-in with the 40th anniversary. When possible, a DCR staff member or scenic river board member will participate in activities, and when appropriate, set up a scenic river display.
- Photography contests. Help spread the word about the contests and get submissions or possibly be a judge.
- Help DCR update their scenic river web pages with your scenic river success story. These short stories (120-150 words), which can be illustrated, will highlight your local river and the Scenic Rivers Program.
- Media outreach and marketing efforts where applicable.
- Let us know of other ideas you might have.

**40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** 1970-2010

**KEEP AN EYE OUT** for the 40th anniversary celebratory events starting in 2018. Place books and a photo contest.

## Virginia's Scenic Rivers Program

**Program Successes:** 24 river sections totaling 529 miles, in 12 of Virginia's 14 major watersheds, in approximately 35 counties and cities.

This program identifies, recognizes and provides a level of protection to rivers or streams that have outstanding scenic beauty, historic importance, recreation significance and natural characteristics that make them stand out amongst Virginia's many rivers.

As a result of recognition received through Scenic River status, localities and adjacent landowners have supported their designated rivers by:

- Developing local river-based management plans and ordinances
- Community involvement, including organized river clean-ups
- Maintaining forest buffers that exceed state recommendations
- Facilitating easements to conserve river lands
- Protecting recreational interests during dam recertification
- Working for the removal of several dams

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## Virginia Scenic Rivers

Reviso Date:

3/31/2008

River name	Designated Reach		Total miles	Adminstrating Legislation	Orig. Date Approved	Extension Date
	From	Downstream to				
<b>Appomattox River</b>	100 ft. from the Lake Chesdin Dam	Rt. 36 (Petersburg)	6.2	§10.1-409	1977	1998
<b>Big Cedar Ck.</b>	Near Lenanon, 5.8 miles from confluence	Confluence of the Clinch River	5.8	§10.1-410.2	1992	
<b>Catoctin Creek</b>	Town of Waterford	Confluence w/ Potomac River	16	§10.1-410	1977	
<b>Chickahominy River</b>	Route 360	Hanover/Henrico/ New Kent Co. Line	10.2	§10.1-410.1	1990	
<b>Clinch River</b>	Confluence with Little River	Rt. 645 (Nash Ford Bridge)	20	§10.1-410.2	1992	1994
<b>Clinch River</b>	Route 58 in Saint Paul	Confluence of the Guest River	9.2	§10.1-411.1	2002	
<b>Goose Creek</b>	confluence of N. & S. Prongs of Goose Ck. Near Linden	Confluence w/ Potomac River	48	§10.1-411	1976	2007
<b>Guest River</b>	100 feet down stream of Route 72	Confluence of the Clinch River	6.5	§10.1-411.1	1990	
<b>Historic Falls of the James</b>	West Richmond 1970 City Limits	Orleans Street (extended)	8.6	§10.1-412	1972^	1984
<b>Upper James River</b>	2 miles SE of Rte. 43 @ Eagle Rock	Route 630 Bridge at Springwood	14	§10.1-413	1985	
<b>Lower James Historic River</b>	1.2 miles east of Trees Point	Lawnes Creek (James City/ Surry Co.)	25	§10.1-419	1988	
<b>North Mayo River</b>	Route 695	North Carolina line	7.1	§10.1-418.4	2008	
<b>South Mayo River</b>	Patrick County line	North Carolina line	6.9	§10.1-418.5	2008	
<b>Meherrin River</b>	Brunswick/Lunenburg/ Mechenburg Co. Line	Brunswick/ Greeneville Co. Line	37	§10.1-418.3	2006	
<b>North Meherrin River</b>	Route 712 Bridge	Junction of South Meherrin River	7.5	§10.1-418.1	1997	
<b>Moormans River</b>	Charlottesville Reservoir	Confluence w/ Mechums River	14	§10.1-413.1	1988	
<b>North Landing River (Pocaty, West Neck &amp; Blackwater Cks.)</b>	No. Carolina/ Virginia state line	North Landing Road (Rt. 165)	26.7	§10.1-413.2	1988	
<b>Nottoway River</b>	Rt. 40 Bridge at Stony Creek	Rte. 653 (Carey's bridge)	39.5	§10.1-414	1979	1992
<b>Rappahannock River</b>	Headwaters near Chester Gap	Ferry Farm/ Maysfield Bridge (Rt/3 bypass)	86	§10.1-415	1985	1990
<b>Rivanna River</b>	Woolens Mill (City of Charlottesville)	Confluence of the James River	37	§10.1-416	1975	1988
<b>Rockfish River</b>	Rt. 693, Schuyler	Confluence of the James River	9.75	§10.1-415.1	1990	
<b>Shenandoah River</b>	Warren/Clarke Co. Line	West Virginia/Virginia State line	21.6	§10.1-417	1979	1992
<b>St. Mary's River</b>	Headwaters in Augusta Co.	George Washington - Jefferson National Forest boundary	6	§10.1-418.2	1979	
<b>Staunton River</b>	Route 761 (Long Island)	Route 360	51.3	§10.1-418	1975	2001, 2003
<b>TOTAL Segments</b>	NOTE: mileage with shading is estimated by GIS	^ river protected w/ separate Act of the Gen. Assembly & included w/ program	519.85	24		



## COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 819

Commending the Virginia Scenic Rivers Program.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 30, 2009  
Agreed to by the Senate, February 5, 2009

WHEREAS, the Virginia Scenic Rivers Program was established in 1970 and will celebrate its 40th anniversary in 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Scenic Rivers Program designates and helps protect rivers and streams that possess outstanding scenic, recreational, historic, and natural characteristics that are of statewide significance; and

WHEREAS, scenic river designations result from initiatives from partnerships of local organizations, local governments, state agencies, and the General Assembly of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, since the advent of the program, 24 river segments totaling more than 500 river miles have been designated as state scenic rivers; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) administers the Virginia Scenic Rivers Program, is assisted and advised by the State Scenic River Advisory Board, and receives guidance from locally appointed advisory committees; and

WHEREAS, rivers possessing outstanding scenic qualities continue to be evaluated and added to the system; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby recognize the Virginia Scenic Rivers Program in advance of the occasion of its 40th anniversary so that the State Scenic River Advisory Board, the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, and interested citizens and local governments may plan for appropriate celebrations in 2010; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Virginia Scenic Rivers Program as an expression of the General Assembly's gratitude for the efforts of those state and local entities and individuals who have moved this program forward for the benefit of all Virginians now and in the future.

House Patron: Hargrove

*Barbara J. Jamieson*  
Clerk of the House of Delegates