



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Office of the Governor

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L. Preston Bryant, Jr.
Secretary of Natural Resources

Dear Fellow Virginians:

I am pleased to announce that Governor Timothy M. Kaine and I are launching the 2008 Stewardship Virginia fall campaign to run September 1 through October 31, 2008. Stewardship Virginia is a campaign to encourage volunteers to participate in a specific group of tangible projects that will contribute to conserving Virginia's landscapes, improving water quality and providing for improved recreational opportunities, and enhancing fisheries and wildlife.

Citizens, businesses and service groups across the Commonwealth are encouraged to become involved by adopting streams, planting buffers, improving wildlife habitat, and participating in educational and recreational programs. The campaign will encourage these types of stewardship activities and those that can be conducted in communities, parks, and in your own neighborhood.

Virginia's Natural Resources agencies and others will participate in these efforts, and the Governor will thank participants with personal certificates of appreciation. Given your commitment to wise stewardship, I am asking you to identify and undertake one or more projects and to register your event or activity with Stewardship Virginia so we can recognize your contribution to improving the environment. Or, if you prefer, volunteer for one of the projects sponsored by our Natural Resources agencies. You can find a list of them online at www.dcr.Virginia.gov/stewardship.

Virginia's landscapes and waterways are important for their ecological value, scenic beauty, and recreational opportunities. If you or your organization would like to participate in Stewardship Virginia, please complete the attached registration form and mail or fax it to the address listed. You also can register your event online at the above website. The Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation is once again taking a leadership role in this campaign. If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to call Ms. Bonnie Phillips with the Department of Conservation and Recreation at (804) 786-5056 or toll free at 1-877-42-WATER.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "L. Preston Bryant, Jr." with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

L. Preston Bryant, Jr.

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