

## **PRESS RELEASE**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2010**

### **RIVANNA WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY PUBLIC MEETING ON DREDGING FEASIBILITY STUDY**

Charlottesville, VA (Thursday, February 18, 2010) –The Rivanna Water & Sewer Authority (Authority) announced today that the first of two public meetings on the Dredging Feasibility Study will be held at City Space, 100 Fifth Street NE, adjacent to the Charlottesville Downtown Mall, at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, March 9, 2010. The meeting will be an opportunity for the public to hear a presentation from the engineering consultant and provide public input.

HDR Engineering is the engineering consultant, a national firm with extensive experience in dredging. Their presentation will focus on their conclusions from a recent physical survey of the South Fork Rivanna Reservoir to determine the volume and characteristics of sediment, areas where dredging should be limited, and locations of wetlands. The presentation will also outline the scope of future engineering work in determining how to dredge and how to process the sediments removed.

“There has been a long-term interest in this community to dredging, and we are excited to have a well-qualified firm to lead us through this study,” stated Mr. Tom Frederick, Executive Director of the Authority. “We also look forward to receiving positive ideas from the public to aid the study, including potential sites in our community for processing or use of sediment.”

A second meeting will be scheduled in late May or early June to wrap up the study. The Authority hopes interested citizens will be able to attend both meetings.

**PRESS RELEASE CONTACT:  
Mr. Thomas L. Frederick  
Executive Director  
Rivanna Water & Sewer Authority  
(434) 977-2970, Ext. 103**