



**##Press Release##**

## **Rivanna Solid Waste Authority and Rivanna Water and Sewer Authority Hold Public Meeting on Strategic Planning**

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Charlottesville, VA—July 14, 2017 On August 3, 2017 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm, the Rivanna Solid Waste Authority and the Rivanna Water and Sewer Authority will host a public meeting at CitySpace in downtown Charlottesville to gain input from the community about our mission, vision, and goals for the next 5 to 50 years.

The Rivanna Authorities hired Raftelis Financial Consulting to conduct a series of strategic planning stakeholder interviews, meetings, workshops, and data collection in support of a strategic planning effort. The outcome of this six-month process will be a Strategic Plan for the Authorities to serve the needs of the community including: water supply; water and wastewater services; environmental stewardship; recycling; solid waste services; and residential and small business household hazardous waste disposal.

To date the consultant group has met with over two dozen community stakeholder groups including the Rivanna Conservation Alliance, the Nature Conservancy, the League of Women Voters, the Sierra Club, the Charlottesville Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Free Enterprise Forum, and others.

- Meeting:** Strategic Planning Input Session
- When:** Thursday, August 3, 2017 6-8pm
- Where:** CitySpace, 100 5<sup>th</sup> Street N.E., Charlottesville, VA
- Agenda:**
1. Overview of the Rivanna Authorities
  2. Why Strategic Planning is important
  3. Discussion of Rivanna's future in facilitated groups on selected topics
- Parking:** Parking is available in the Parking Deck on East Market Street. Meeting participants who bring their parking ticket can receive a stamp for up to two hours of free parking.

**Who:** The meeting is open to residents, organizations, and businesses in the City of Charlottesville and Albemarle County area.

For more information on the Strategic Planning Project, please visit [www.rivanna.org/strategic-planning-project](http://www.rivanna.org/strategic-planning-project)

### **About RSWA**

Rivanna Solid Waste Authority is dedicated to protecting and improving the environment by providing recycling, solid waste, and household hazardous waste disposal services requested by the City and County. RSWA assists thousands of City and County residents and businesses each year with their recycling, solid waste, and household hazardous waste disposal needs.

### **About RWSA**

RWSA is the wholesale provider of clean, safe, high-quality drinking water serving City of Charlottesville and Albemarle County Service Authority's over 100,000 customers. RWSA then treats wastewater, so it can safely return to the aquatic environment of the Rivanna River and eventually the Chesapeake Bay.

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