

**SCENIC RIVER EVALUATION
BLACKWATER RIVER**

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Sent: Monday, April 13, 2009 3:24 PM
Subject: final river evaluations

As you know, we are trying to get the Blackwater review completed before it gets too hot, too low or too buggy. Based on this I propose the following. I hope that you will be able to work with me to get logistics finalized soon.

April 18 - Zuni to 603 [this is pretty much confirmed, I will meet Jay at 603 at 9 am along with Byron's group]

April 22 - 603 to Franklin [Byron Carmen has said he will guide us on this section. We will need to know how many people and boats and I am hoping that we can get boats locally or with the help of Suffolk. The plan is to meet at 9 am at Route 603.]

I will stay over in the area and be there for a presentation at the River round table on April 23.

April 23 - Franklin to NC line [this will be done on the pontoon boat. There has been discussion about getting all the jurisdictions represented this day. The proposal is to go from the Franklin boat ramp to just below Route 189 bridge (about 1 mile past to an easily accessible take out) and drop off those who do not want to go the whole distance to the NC Line, which will take a couple more hours up and back.

That will complete the entire study corridor. I will combine all the scores and make a determination sometime after all is completed.

Please chime in if I have left anything out or you have any questions or changes.

Thank you all for your help and cooperation with this. Lynn Crump

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March 17, 2009

Ms. June D. Fleming
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Re: Scenic River Evaluation of the Blackwater River

Dear Ms. Fleming:

Thank you for your recent letter to the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) affirming that the City of Franklin City Council has voted to participate with Southampton County and Isle of Wight County in support of the Scenic River evaluation of the Blackwater River. As yet, we have not been notified by the City of Suffolk if they wish to be included.

Just last week, DCR staff traveled to Isle of Wight County to meet with county staff and begin setting up the process for the field study. We would appreciate the names of any City of Franklin representatives and other individuals or organizations who could work with department staff on the necessary fieldwork. Please get in touch with Lynn Crump, Environmental Programs Planner, at (804) 786-5054 or lynn.crump@dcr.virginia.gov, with this contact information. Also, it would be helpful if you could provide Ms. Crump with the city's comprehensive plan or any land use information you may have on the river corridor.

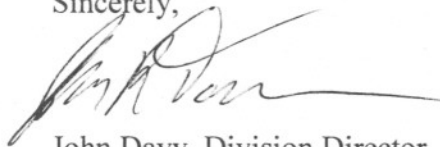
As stated in the February 25 letter from Joseph H. Maroon, the Director of the Department of Conservation and Recreation, the localities will be notified when the Blackwater evaluation is complete. If the river segment qualifies for Scenic River status, and the city wishes to proceed, you will want to work with local legislators, who would introduce designation legislation in the General Assembly. In the meantime, if you wish DCR staff to answer any questions, provide assistance, or give a presentation on the Scenic Rivers Program, please contact Ms. Crump.

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The Department of Conservation and Recreation looks forward to working with the City of Franklin in the evaluation of the Blackwater River. It is very gratifying to work cooperatively on programs of great benefit to individual localities and resources, and by extension, to the entire Commonwealth.

Sincerely,



John Davy, Division Director
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C: Michael W. Johnson, Southampton County Administrator
W. Douglas Caskey, Isle of Wight County Administrator
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Ms. Selena Cuffee-Glenn
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RE: Scenic River Evaluation, Blackwater River, Resolution # 09-R-031

Dear Ms. Cuffee-Glenn:

The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) has received a copy of the March 4th Suffolk City Council Resolution Number 09-R-031. We are pleased that the City is on board with the Blackwater Scenic River evaluation that has been initiated by Isle of Wight and Southampton Counties and the City of Franklin. Some preliminary background work has been done in Isle of Wight County, and plans are underway to begin studying the river in April.

Would you please assign someone to be a primary point of contact for our agency during the study process? Staff also needs to review Suffolk's comprehensive plan for areas along the Blackwater River in order to appreciate the City's vision for the river corridor. Could you please ask someone in Planning to send the pertinent sections to Lynn Crump, lynn.crump@dcr.virginia.gov, or 804.786.5054. Ms. Crump is providing DCR staff support for the Blackwater study.

We are excited about the study and are looking forward to working with City representatives and interested citizens. It is always gratifying to work cooperatively with localities in efforts to raise awareness of important Virginia resources such as the Blackwater River.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Davy", written over a horizontal line.

John Davy, Division Director
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