

**EXTENSION OF SCENIC
RIVER DESIGNATION
NOTTOWAY RIVER**

SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY



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October 2, 2009

Ms. Lynn Crump, Environmental Programs Planner
Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation
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RE: State Scenic River Designation Extension- Nottoway River

Dear Ms. Crump:

In their September 2009 regular session, by unanimous voice vote, the Board of Supervisors directed me to officially request the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation to study that segment of the Nottoway River beginning at Careys Bridge at Route 653 and ending where it conjoins the Blackwater River to determine if it qualifies for designation as a State Scenic River pursuant to *The Virginia Scenic Rivers Act of 1970*.

We are hopeful that the report may be prepared and presented in sufficient time to obtain citizen input and request the introduction of pertinent legislation during the 2011 legislative session of the Virginia General Assembly.

Thank you in advance for consideration of our request and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Michael W. Johnson
County Administrator

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October 14, 2009

Mr. Michael W. Johnson
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Re: Scenic River Evaluation of the Nottoway River

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Thank you for your letter of October 2 to the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) stating Southampton County's interest in a Scenic River evaluation of a segment of the Nottoway River from Careys Bridge at Route 653 to its junction with the Blackwater River at the Virginia/North Carolina state line. I was pleased to note that the Board of Supervisors vote to request the evaluation was unanimous. It is gratifying to hear of strong initial support.

You are familiar with our process since Lynn Crump, Environmental Programs Planner with DCR, has been working closely with you during the past months on the Scenic River evaluation for the Blackwater River in your jurisdiction. She will also be the contact person for this study. The same information we requested for the Blackwater River corridor will be needed for the Nottoway; any land use information that you have is especially useful. Also, please send Ms. Crump the names of the county's representatives who will be working with her.

If the Nottoway River segment you describe qualifies and is nominated, the new recognition would be an extension of the current designation of the Nottoway in Sussex and Southampton Counties from the Route 40 bridge at Stony Creek to Careys Bridge at Route 653. As an extension, a full report to the General Assembly is not required. Since Ms. Crump currently is finalizing the Blackwater report for the 2010 legislative session, and since your tentative time frame for the study extends into 2010 and 2011, you may wish to begin Nottoway field work and public meetings in the spring of 2010. I will ask Ms. Crump to work out a schedule that is satisfactory to both of you.

DCR is appreciative of Southampton County's continued support of the Virginia Scenic River program and the concurrent interest in safeguarding Virginia's natural resources.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph H. Maroon".

Joseph H. Maroon
Director

C: Richard G. Gibbons, Chairman, Virginia Scenic River Advisory Board
John Davy, DCR, Division Director, Planning and Recreation Resources
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