

River Currents

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James River - Howardsville Landing: After major hellraising by FORVA, DGIF has reopened this river access. We are working on resolving remaining issues and improving it further. --- Tom Miller, Karen Firehock and Bill Tanger

James River - Cushaw Take-out Access: FORVA filed a complaint with the SCC arguing that one designated railroad crossing would be much safer than a half-dozen that are unauthorized. Virginia Public Safety Commission is now reviewing rail safety issues and SCC authority. --- Bill Tanger, Howard Kirkland & Juanita Callis

Roanoke River Gorge Put-in: We proposed a plan to the NPS to improve the put-in just below Niagara Dam. We are laying out trail details now to show the NPS. --- Bill

Pigg River - Dam Removal/Recreation: Working on the Pigg River dam removal with the USFWS, Franklin County and the town of Rocky Mount. Hydrologic study just started. Sediment fate study starting in May. --- Bill

Roanoke River - Rutrough Point Erosion: A \$10,000 erosion control project is getting started, using fees from the paypost at the point and a DEQ grant. --- Bill

New River - Price Park: A 50 acre park along Stroubles Creek in Montgomery County is being created by FORVA. We have a parking area, Eagle Scout footbridge and kiosk, and a mile long hiking/biking trail. --- Randi Lemmon and Bill Tanger

Blackwater River - Mitigation Bank easement: We plan to hold a land bank easement on a property that borders the Blue Ridge Parkway and is the headwaters for the Blackwater River in Franklin County. --- Randi, Rick and Bill

Roanoke River - Blueway: FORVA has been instrumental in creating the Roanoke River Blueway, now with an interactive website and soon to have a new logo, guidebook, mapbook and kiosks. --- Bill Tanger

Invasive Species: FORVA has been instrumental in getting the VA Invasive Species Advisory Committee to look at support for the Invasive Species Prevention Act now before Congress. Support of the bill will be discussed at a May 13 meeting. --- Bill



Bill Tanger, Chair, FORVA