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Re: Scenic River Study of a James River Segment within the Town of Scottsville, and Albemarle, Buckingham, and Fluvanna Counties

Dear Town and County Administrators:

At your request on behalf of the County Boards of Supervisors for Albemarle, Buckingham, and Fluvanna Counties, and the Scottsville Town Council, Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) staff conducted a scenic river study of a James River segment. Based on the study, the 20-mile segment of the James River from a mile upstream of Warren boat ramp to New Canton has been found to qualify for Virginia Scenic River designation.

Field evaluations were performed on September 27, 2019 and October 4, 2019. James River Association and DCR staff along with local citizens paddled the study corridor. Our staff appreciates the support from local representatives who guided the evaluation.

Should the Boards of Supervisors and Town Council wish to continue with the designation process, please notify Lynn Crump of my staff as soon as possible. The Boards and Council will ultimately need to pass a resolution of support for the designation of the James River. Once DCR receives the resolution, we will develop a report about the recommendation for designation, which will be posted soon at <https://www.dcr.virginia.gov/recreational-planning/srstudies>.

Additionally, the Counties and Town will need to contact its local General Assembly representatives to request that they serve as patrons for the legislation that will codify the designation.

The Board of Conservation and Recreation heard the proposal for this designation at its October meeting and endorses extending the designation of the James River as described in this letter and the attachment.

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We look forward to hearing from you regarding your interest in pursuing the formal designation. Lastly, please send this office a copy of the Board/Council resolution of support. We anticipate that the necessary requirements can be completed in a relatively short time so that designation legislation can be introduced in the 2020 General Assembly.

If you would like DCR staff to participate in any general or public informational meetings, please let Lynn Crump know. We are happy to assist. We appreciate your interest in the Scenic Rivers Program and look forward to working with you to facilitate the designation of the James River.

If you have any question, please contact Lynn Crump, Environmental Programs Planner, 804-786-5054, or Lynn.Crump@dcr.virginia.gov.

Sincerely,



Kelly McClary, Acting Division Director
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Attachment

C: Scottsville Town Council
 Albemarle County Board of Supervisors
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 Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors
 Justin Doyle, James River Association
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