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James RiverWatch



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The James and Me Video Contest

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The Online voting for the Viewer's Choice Award is now open and will continue until November 2, 2009. View the winning videos and vote for your favorite! >>

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Thank you to all who participated in The James and ME Video Contest and Professional Filmmaker Competition.

Join Our Mailing List!

Winners of the school age contest will be featured at JRA's annual meeting and be aired during FOX television's Thanksgiving Day football game on November 26, 2009.

Sturgeon Restoration

**Easy Ways to
Support
JRA:**

Join

Keep your membership up to date and encourage your friends to join. Check out our [website](#) for membership information!

Only through the strong support of our members can JRA continue its efforts to protect and restore the



The Virginia Sturgeon Restoration Team, a partnership that includes the James River Association, has received a National Fish and Wildlife Federation grant to construct

two artificial spawning reefs in the Lower James. Years of pollution and sediment deposition in the river have lead to less than ideal conditions for sturgeon reproduction in the James.

These reefs will replicate the ideal spawning ground

James River for current and future generations to enjoy.

Volunteer

Visit JRA's [Website](#) to find out about Volunteer Opportunities

Search

Use [GoodSearch.com](#) as your search engine with JRA listed as your charity and earn money for JRA while searching the Web!

Drink

When you buy Ukrop's Super Markets bottled spring water, JRA receives part of the proceeds.

Please Recycle!

Don't let your bottles end up in the river!

Donate

We accept donations of Gifts of Stock, bonds and other investments. You can also donate through the [Donate Now](#) link on our [Website](#).

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conditions that once existed in the river. The granite reefs will be constructed in the Lower James near the Presquile National Wildlife Refuge. The reefs and the river will continue to be monitored for the presence of eggs, juvenile fish and mature adults.

Extreme Stream Makeover



JRA's 2009 Extreme Stream Makeover took place October 19-22th, in the Blackwater Creek watershed in Lynchburg. The Makeover was a week-long, local stream makeover project aimed at sparking greater community involvement and public action to improve and restore water quality through a series of low-impact design projects. During the week volunteers learned how to reduce pollution caused by rain water runoff through the construction of rain gardens, buffer plantings and trash clean up.

Thank you to the hundreds of volunteers that turned out to help, as well as to the school groups, clubs, and many businesses and government organizations who helped to make this event a huge success. Without you this project would not have been possible!

Special thanks to our sponsors, Altria, Center for Watershed Protection (CWP), The Easley Foundation, Honeywell, National Fish & Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), and Waste Management, RBC- Blue Water Project, as well as by local businesses and organizations including Alcoa, Lynchburg Morning Rotary Club, City of Lynchburg, Bedford & Campbell Counties, Center for Watershed Protection, Lynchburg College, Greater Lynchburg Environmental Network (GLEN), Peaks of Otter and Robert E. Lee Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD), Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Jefferson Forest High School, Arthur Carroll's Landscaping, BioForm Landscape, Conner Produce Co., Culligan, Food Lion, Guthrie Nursery, Inc., JMJ Landscape Supply Center, John Deere Landscapers, Lynchburg Community Market, Marshall Schmitt Inc., Royal Oak Farm, LLC, Target, Toy Town Soul Food, Wingate by Wyndham, Developers Diversified Reality, Compson Development, Counts & Dobyns Excavating, Inc., RSG Landscaping & Lawn Care, and Inc. Southern Landscape Group.

Check the website soon for more information [>>](#)

JRA's Annual Meeting



JRA's Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 8th at Willow Oaks Country Club in Richmond, Virginia.

The finalist for the school age and professional James and Me Video Contest will be debuted at this year's event.

Special thanks to Luck Stone Corporation for their event sponsorship.

If you have any questions or would like ticket information please contact Sherrie Tribble at stribble@jrava.org or (804) 788-8811 ext 202.

Join JRA

See what's happening at JRA and on the James at our new website.

Take a look at www.jamesriverassociation.org. You'll find more information, more news about events, easier navigation, and more ways for you to connect to the James River.

[Join JRA today](#). Your contribution will help JRA's efforts to ensure a cleaner James River for the future. Make your tax-deductible gift through our secure PayPal site.

The James River Association is a member supported, nonprofit organization that works to provide a voice for the James River and its natural resources. If you'd like to help us continue our work, please call Sherrie Tribble to find out how you can join or donate at
(804) 788-8811 Ext. 202

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