

POTOMAC WATERSHED ROUNDTABLE

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*Conservation Districts
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Northern Virginia
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Planning District Commissions

Water/Wastewater Utilities

*Two members each from the
following stakeholder groups:*

*Environmental
Fishing & Boating
Agriculture
Development
Citizens of the Watershed*

(Date)

The Honorable _____
House of Delegates (or Senate of Virginia)
(Address)

Dear Delegate (or Senator) _____:

The Potomac Watershed Roundtable (PWR), founded in 2000, is a collaborative body which promotes a regional approach to the management of the Virginia portion of the Potomac River and fosters dialogue and cooperation among watershed stakeholders. Its members are drawn from elected officials representing area local governments and the fishing and boating, development, environmental, and agricultural communities. The Roundtable makes recommendations on water quality issues that impact the health of the Potomac River watershed. Thus, I am writing to request that you consider the following items for legislation in the coming session.

1. Tree Preservation – The Roundtable continues to support legislation to **enable localities in Northern Virginia to encourage the preservation of healthy, heritage and specimen trees during the development process.** Not only does preservation of such trees result in a more aesthetically pleasing development, and therefore one with higher value, but mature trees more effectively filter and cool the ambient air.
2. Stormwater Management Faculty Position at Virginia Tech – The Roundtable strongly supports the request of Virginia Tech to the General Assembly to **establish and fund a stormwater management faculty position at Virginia Tech** at the Blacksburg campus. This assistant professor position would comprise 50 percent extension teaching and outreach and 50 percent research, which is needed to address the need for advancing the science, policy, and methods to support effective stormwater runoff control, a major contributor to the deteriorating condition of Chesapeake Bay tributaries.

Potomac Watershed Roundtable members also are your constituents and look forward to further discussions on these issues. Please do not hesitate to call me if you need further information.

Sincerely,

Penelope A. Gross, Chair
Member, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors
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