

Upper & Middle James Riparian Consortium

Growing partnerships to create healthy streamside ecosystems for clean water in the James River today and tomorrow.

Riparian Consortium



Who we are

The Upper and Middle James Riparian Consortium (the Consortium) is a network of partners working together strategically and collaboratively to achieve their goals in riparian buffer implementation in order to improve water quality within the James River watershed.



The Consortium aims to align partners around five areas of focus: Riparian forest buffers; Agricultural infrastructure (ie, fencing); Stream stabilization; Wildlife habitat; as well as Buffer protection, easements, and maintenance. James River Association acts as the Consortium convener, building from successful partnerships and increasing capacity for collaborative implementation. Dialogue + Design Associates serves as the Consortium facilitator. Partnerships will continue to evolve and expand. Partners are listed on the second page.

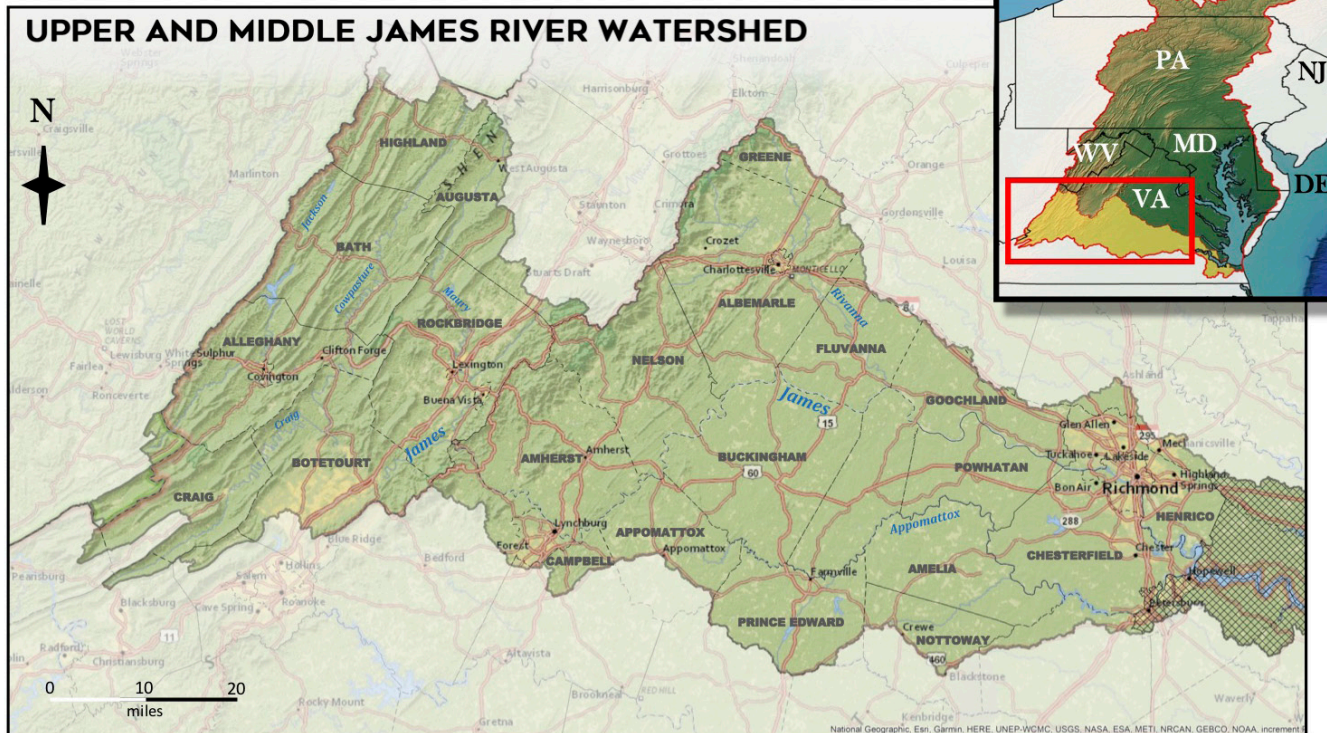


Consortium Goals

1. Build awareness of the importance of riparian areas and deliver outreach based on identified partner priorities, landowner interests, and restoration opportunity areas to increase strategic riparian investments.
2. Ensure the use of the best research method for the best site for riparian restoration.
3. Build knowledge and capacity about best practices, innovation, and by growing partnerships.
4. Coordinate implementation and outreach based on targeting, funding availability, and potential for impact.



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Consortium Partners

- Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay
 - Center for Watershed Protection
 - Chesapeake Bay Foundation
 - Chesapeake Conservancy
 - Conservation Partners LLC
 - Dialogue + Design Associates
 - James River Association
 - Middle James Roundtable
 - Monacan SWCD
 - Natural Bridge SWCD
 - Peter Francisco SWCD
 - Stroud Water Research Center
 - Thomas Jefferson SWCD
 - Trout Unlimited
 - Valley Conservation Council
 - Virginia Cooperative Extension
 - Virginia Department of Forestry
 - Virginia Dept. of Wildlife Resources
 - Virginia Outdoors Foundation
- * New partners are welcome!*

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Action Teams

Each Action Team is an implementation arm of the Consortium to accomplish the Consortium goals. To learn more about the Consortium's interactive tools or get in touch with the Action Teams please visit the website listed below.

1. **Targeting and Outreach:** Build awareness of the importance of riparian areas and deliver outreach based on identified partner priorities, landowner interests, and restoration opportunity areas to increase strategic riparian investments.
2. **Research:** Ensure practitioners are using the best method for the best site by compiling existing studies, looking at projects already installed, and using test plots to try out methods for site preparation, planting, maintenance, etc for regional specific methods.
3. **Knowledge Network:** Build capacity in the region by learning from each other about best practices, innovation, and by growing partnership.
4. **Implementation:** Coordinate Consortium members and practitioners on implementation and outreach for the Focus Areas based on targeting, funding availability, and potential for impact.

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