

Rappahannock County Clean Streams Days Programs

Rappahannock County's **Clean Streams Initiative** is a joint effort among Rappahannock County's government, Culpeper Soil and Water Conservation District, the Virginia Department of Health, and RappFLOW and is designed to help protect the water quality in county streams and rivers. This initiative will bring many new activities, events, workshops, and programs to the county in the next several months.

The **Clean Streams Initiative** is unique to Rappahannock County, and the programs of the initiative address the geography of our watersheds. The headwaters of the Rappahannock River lie within our county, and 755 miles of rivers and streams wander through it. The ways in which we use and care for our watersheds not only impact the way in which we live but also those of everyone and everything living downstream. However, we in Rappahannock County are most fortunate that many of our watersheds are still protected by land cover, and that we still have the opportunity to conserve and protect these areas.

The **Clean Streams Initiative** is designed to protect and conserve our watersheds through the following efforts:

- The development of effective strategies for storm water management on non-agricultural lands within Rappahannock County,
- The development of an erosion and sedimentation control program in the county,
- The implementation of a septic systems improvement cost-sharing program within the county to help residents reduce or eliminate the discharge of pollutants from their system into local streams and rivers,
- The provision of effective training and educational programs to the public that will support local erosion and sedimentation control efforts and teach resourceful ways to enhance protection and conservation of our watersheds.

Please see **Upcoming Events** on the RappFLOW website (www.rappflow.org) for further information.