Rivanna River
Corridor Planning Area

**Total Length:** 12 miles
- Charlottesville: 3.5 miles
- Albemarle: 8.5 miles

**River Boundaries:**
South Fork Dam to the Milton Road Bridge
Why Work together?
- Watershed spans 4 watersheds
- Acts as a community boundary between Charlottesville and Albemarle
- Provides opportunity for bringing the community together
  - Placemaking
  - Recreation
  - Conservation
  - redevelopment
- Local Action and Local results
- Opportunities to redevelop and reimagine the river as a community asset, gateway and tourism draw
July 1, 2014: Albemarle & Charlottesville during a joint strategic planning meeting identified the shared Rivanna River corridor as one of three top priorities to pursue joint discussions.

Influencing factors
- Work by groups in this room to push the needle (RCA, RRBC, TNC)
- A-School River Vortex workshop
- 2002 Needs assessment by UVA-IEN
- TNC report
- And many others
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(Short) Timeline

- July 2014
  - Joint City County strategic planning meeting
  - River identified as a top priority

- September 2014
  - PDC begins facilitating joint City-County meetings
  - Group meets 9 times and has high level discussions

- June 2015
  - Groups recommendations presented to City-County Joint Strategic planning session
  - Phases approach to developing a masterplan

- April 2016
  - Joint City-County City Council BOS Meeting.
  - Recommendation to begin phase 1
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Plan

- Phased planning process proposed by the Renaissance Committee
- Facilitated by the PDC
- Guided by Albemarle and Charlottesville
- With input from the Community
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Prep Phase

✅ Develop, approve and execute a Memorandum of Understanding between City of Charlottesville, Albemarle County and TJPDC

- Establish a jointly appointed Rivanna Renaissance Committee that specifically includes the Rivanna Conservation Alliance and TJ Soil & Water District
- Every other month meetings of committee members of elected officials, staff and interested citizens and non-profits
- Identify MOU river boundaries
- Develop a communication system keeping elected officials, staff, citizens and stakeholders engaged in common river interests, applications and projects
Prepare a joint corridor Map and existing conditions report

- Review of City and County Comprehensive Plans for areas within Rivanna River boundary
- Prepare joint map from adopted Comprehensive Plans that include land use, development areas, etc.
- Add additional water quality, historic, development, recreation sites, etc. to map
- Utilize for joint project, permit reviews, project development for grants, etc. by staff
- Create TJPDC Rivanna Web Site for joint notification of projects with citizen engagement, includes corridor map display
- Funded by Albemarle and Charlottesville for a combined total of $15,000 Plus a contribution by the RRBC for mapping efforts outside the immediate Albemarle Charlottesville Urban area.
Prepare a Joint Corridor Concept Plan with Public Engagement

- Review existing Comprehensive Plans and other documents for conflict, new information and joint goals
- Engage consultants or UVA student project for design assistance
- Perform public engagement & public input
- Prepare concept document and amend Comp Plans if necessary
- Research, prioritize and visit successful river redevelopment projects such as Lynchburg, VA, Greenville, SC & Roanoke, VA
- Estimated cost of $50,000 (includes all of above) (approx. 700 hours)
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- Develop a Master Development Plan for one or more common boundary areas along the river
  - Develop Request For Proposals, Procure and Contract with Consulting Planning & Design Firm
  - Identify the public improvements/investments needed to improve the current greenway
  - Identify water quality protection and enhancement measures needed to address water quality issues.
  - Establish land use recommendations, conservation measures, design standards and guidelines for lands adjacent to the river.
  - Include a public participation program with an initial and follow-up public meetings and inclusion of important stakeholders throughout the planning process.
  - Deliverable is Master Plan of Improvements, Costs, Policy Revisions
  - Estimated Cost $300,000 in addition to previous actions. Cost is dependent upon detail of scope of work desired and as defined from previous steps.