

FOLAR 2016 Community Impact

SPRING

Virginia General Assembly allocates \$100,000 toward Appomattox River Trail development.

FOLAR Annual Spring Clean-up of eight sites along the River with **200+ volunteers, including Perdue Farms, remove 4,700lbs of trash.**

Inaugural Appomattox River Regional Park 5K with Prince George Parks and Recreation, Virginia Special Olympics, and Riverside Regional Jail has **100+ runners.**



James River Advisory Council honors FOLAR with **Stewards of the River Community Partnership Award.**

2nd Annual FOLAR RiverFest with over 20 partner vendors provides **800+ children and adults with outdoor learning and activities.**

\$100,000 grant from the Cameron Foundation funds the **Trail Master Plan & Signage/Branding Design Plan;** includes community outreach meetings in August and September and numerous regional stakeholder meetings throughout the year.



SUMMER

FOLAR competes in the Hopewell Downtown Partnership's 3rd Annual "Get Your Butts to Broadway" BBQ Competition to raise community awareness, raise funds, and recruit members.

Youth Camps: With Petersburg's Week of Wonder (W.O.W) Camp and Hopewell's Parks and Recreation Department, FOLAR volunteers provide **50+ children with a river experience** to learn about fishing, water quality testing, and the river's ecology.



FALL

Achieves goal of **removing 10,000lbs of trash from the River at organized clean-ups through the year:**



- Fort Lee Soldiers at City Park, Hopewell
- Prince George Appomattox Regional River Park and Petersburg Ferndale Park in Dinwiddie
- Hopewell Youth at Mansion Hills and Bluffs site
- Appomattox Garden Club, Wonder City Garden Club, Keep Hopewell Beautiful, and the City of Hopewell at Ashford Plaza
- Chesapeake Bay Foundation's "Clean the Bay" Day at Hopewell Marina, Weston Manor & City Point
- Hopewell Cogeneration Day of Service at City Park
- James River Advisory Council's 17th Annual James River Regional Clean Up at Petersburg Patton Park

9th Annual "Paddle or Battle" **10 mile kayak race achieves record number of registrants.**

Receives the Cameron Foundation **Handy L. Lindsey, Jr. Award for Excellence in Organizational Management.**

FOLAR Environmental Stewardship Scholarship launched through contribution from the Victor and Reiko Liu charitable fund with the John Randolph Foundation as administrator will provide scholarships to local youth.

Wilderness Inquiry and NPCA return for 3rd "Canoemobile" providing **environmental field trips to 200+ Hopewell students.**



\$63,600 grant from Crater Health District funds **Neighborhood Trail Access** project to provide more opportunities for physical activity.

WINTER

Inaugural "FOLAR Fall Fling" fundraiser and annual meeting **honors retiring long-time Board Chair, Wayne Walton,** along with a record twelve community volunteers and organizations and major financial contributors who have helped advance conservation and stewardship of the Appomattox River. Raises funds to further FOLAR mission. Introduces 2017 Board Officers.

Forward in 2017 with FOLAR

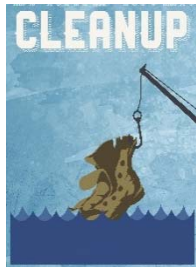
Rolling out the Plan!

Presentations of the Appomattox River Trail Master Plan and Signage Master Plan

Ten months in the making including your input, information from previous and current plans, and of course, walking and observing the beautiful riverside. We'll be scheduling community meetings or contact us to bring the plan to your group or neighborhood. We'll need everyone's involvement to "complete the trail!"



2017 EVENTS on the Appomattox River



Annual Appomattox River Spring Clean-up – Saturday, March 25, 2017. We'll meet at different sites along the river to restore healthy shorelines by removing litter, debris, and trash.

Appomattox Regional Riverside Park 5K TRAIL RUN – Saturday, April 8th. Prince George County hosts a run through the woods and along the Appomattox River Trail (ART).



RiverFest! on the ART – Saturday, April 29th. A day of family fun to celebrate and learn about our river heritage, nature, and recreation at historic Ferndale Appomattox Riverside Park.

JRAC Annual Regional River Clean-up – Saturday, September 9th. Join the regional clean-up of the James River and its tributaries (Hint: Appomattox River). FOLAR volunteers will meet at sites along the river.



10TH Annual Paddle or Battle the Appomattox River – Saturday, September 30th. A leisurely paddle or race to the finish.

FOLAR FALL FLING – The first one was so much fun we've started planning for 2017!

FOLAR Board Meetings

The FOLAR Board of Directors meets every other month on the last Wednesday of the month to plan projects, mark progress, and chart the future of the organization. If you are interested in helping to guide the development of FOLAR and working to achieve our mission to conserve and protect the Appomattox River for all to enjoy, please join our membership and attend our meetings. Membership information and meeting dates are published at www.folar-va.org and updated on Facebook.