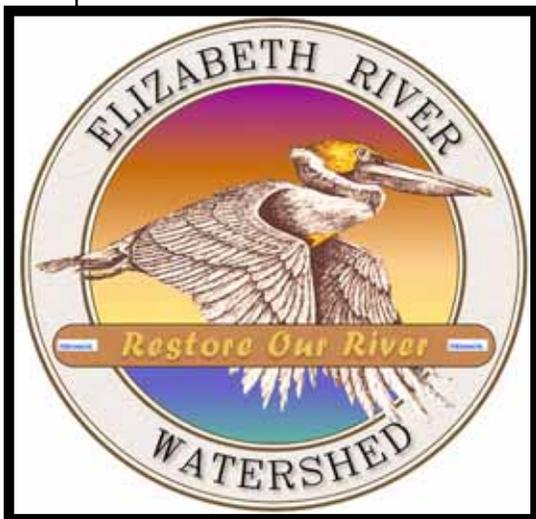


Portsmouth Installs Watershed Markers

Portsmouth partnered with the City of Virginia Beach and The Elizabeth River Project to install "Restore our River" watershed markers at selected sites throughout our two jurisdictions. The markers, which show the familiar Elizabeth River Project Pelican and the respective city logo are intended to raise public awareness as to the geographic extent of the watershed. Hopefully, people will make the connection that land area miles away from the river actually drains into the river.

Look for the 18-1/2" diameter roadside markers at major roadway bridge crossings over tributaries to the Elizabeth River throughout Portsmouth and Virginia Beach.



So far, Portsmouth has installed 16 markers, one on each side of the bridges, at the following locations:

1. Hodges Ferry bridge on Portsmouth Boulevard
2. Clifford Street bridge near City Park
3. Churchland bridge on High Street
4. George Washington Highway bridge at Paradise Creek
5. Victory Boulevard bridge at Paradise Creek
6. Spratley Street bridge at Scott's Creek
7. London Boulevard bridge at Scott's Creek, near Norcum High School
8. Caroline Avenue bridge in Waterview

Portsmouth is also seeking approval from VDOT to install markers on each side of the West Norfolk bridge.

Community Outreach Spotlight: Elizabeth River Garden Club

On February 7, 2006, staff from the City's Stormwater Management Division had the honor to be guest speakers at the Elizabeth River Garden Club's monthly meeting. City Stormwater Administrator, **Cindy Linkenhoker**, and Stormwater Inspector, **Wesley Brown**, gave a slideshow presentation highlighting Portsmouth's Stormwater Management program.

Mr. Brown presented the women with an overview of the City's stormwater system components, including information on causes and sources of stormwater pollution. Ms. Linkenhoker discussed the administration of the City's overall program and associated activities to meet permit requirements. Informational brochures were distributed describing how citizens can make informed decisions to positively affect our area's lakes and rivers and help prevent stormwater pollution.

