

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
Between the City of Charlottesville and Albemarle County
Regarding the Environment

WHEREAS regionalism is a recognized governing principle across the United States in which neighboring jurisdictions can recognize mutual benefit, efficiencies, and harmony by working together on areas of mutual concern, rather than apart or even against each other; and

WHEREAS both the City of Charlottesville and Albemarle County have recognized that protecting natural resources, including clean water, biodiversity and tree cover foster livable, sustainable and resilient communities; and

WHEREAS both the City and County recognize the value of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving air quality, and anticipating and adapting to local impacts of a changing climate; and

WHEREAS the populations served by the City and County similarly impact and benefit from natural resources, and the outdoor recreational and sustainable stewardship programs offered by and coordinated with both localities will result in a stronger and more resilient community; and

WHEREAS existing examples of cooperation between the City and the County include:

- Rivanna Solid Waste Authority (RSWA)
 - McIntire Recycling Center Operations
 - Hazardous Materials Collection/Disposal
 - Bulky Waste
- Joint Solid Waste Management Plan – TJPDC
- LEAP Governance Board
- Local Climate Action Planning Process
- Better Business Challenge
- Rivanna Conservation Alliance (Stream Watch)
- Rivanna River Basin Commission
- Rivanna Stormwater Education Partnership
- Thomas Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District
- Rivanna Environmental Management System Association
- Livability Project
- Rivanna River Corridor Plan
- Hazardous Spill Cleanup coordination – Fire/Rescue
- Imagine A Day Without Water
- Green Infrastructure planning
- Outdoor Park, Bicycle and Pedestrian Infrastructure and Trail Planning and Construction

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Charlottesville and the Board of Supervisors of Albemarle County hereby agree to this Memorandum of Understanding directing our respective City Manager and County Executive and their staffs to develop and enact plans to:

- Designate a staff member assigned to promoting success
- Identify potential available resources available to both localities
- Identify and consider potential efficiencies through harmonization
- Identify and consider potential impacts on each other's jurisdiction of acting with or without information sharing where appropriate; and
- Identify mutually beneficial ways to cooperate and communicate, including governance structure where possible.

This Memorandum of Understanding shall begin on the date of signatures by both the Mayor of the City of Charlottesville and the Chair of the Board of Supervisors of Albemarle County, as authorized by their respective bodies.

SIGNED THIS __ DAY OF _____, 2016

Mayor Mike Signer
CITY COUNCIL OF CHARLOTTESVILLE

Chair Liz Palmer
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ALBEMARLE COUNTY