

Vision and Goals for Stream Health in our Community

VISION: Albemarle County will have clean, healthy stream systems that allow for safe utilization and support a diverse and resilient natural environment and a thriving rural economy. The quality of the water and riparian areas will provide important benefits such as drinking water protection, climate resilience, protection of biodiversity, erosion and sediment control, flood mitigation, and scenic beauty; and will maintain healthy aquatic and terrestrial habitat, support agriculture and other rural industries, and safely allow for recreational uses such as swimming, boating, and fishing.

GOAL 1: Maintain and improve local conditions to ensure that our streams and rivers are meeting or exceeding the state water quality standards.

GOAL 2: Increase our understanding of the status and needs of our waterways through monitoring and assessment within our watersheds.

GOAL 3: Strengthen programs, policies, and enforcement mechanisms to have clear, effective, and enforceable measures.

GOAL 4: Increase and promote incentives and voluntary measures that protect stream health.

GOAL 5: Protect and restore riparian systems to maintain and enhance the benefits they provide to people and the natural environment.

GOAL 6: Foster a well-informed and educated public that understands the importance of stream health, local policies, best management practices, and individual actions that can affect stream health.