In response to Mr. Owen's letter of March 3, 2016

Point of Fork
P.O. Box 847
Columbia, Va. 23038

PROTEST

Re: VMRC # 14-0343
James River Water Authority

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MARINE RESOURCES
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Commonwealth of Virginia
Marine Resources Commission
2600 Washington Ave. - 3rd floor
Newport News, Va. 23607
March 10, 2016

Dear Mr. Owen,

In a nutshell, I most adamantly oppose James River Water Authority's project VMRC # 14-0343. Even though the vote carried to move the intake station a few hundred feet (approx. 200 ft. from me) up river, this does nothing to solve the problem of the damage done to our river, our marine resources, our water quality, and our land. Not to disregard that the pumping station will still be installed on historically important hallowed ground.

I have had a strong emotional attachment to and been a caretaker of this segment of the James River since 1956 when my father, Dr. Russell Snead bought Point of Fork and set up his rural medical practice. This may appear to be the ramblings of an old lady, but I know my river! I know when it floods, when it peaks, when it dries up. I know the species that are common to this area, both flora and fauna, as my family, friends, and I have loved this river and spent an insurmountable time on it. I know it as a living, breathing entity.

Fighting this project has literally made me ill (2 strokes). Still, the "powers that be" want monetary gain instead of sanctuary for our fragile marine resources. Some decisions have already been made and really have nothing to do with citizen approval or disapproval - just a matter of form. In talking to you via phone, Thanksgiving, you appeared to be sincerely interested in my opinion. I hope you are and I hope you and your superiors will re-evaluate this project and how it will disrupt or devastate those important resources which keep us a sane, viable society.

Please re-evaluate and do not give permission for this forever decision!

Sincerely,
Barbara S. Seay (Bobbie)

P.S. I am on recuperative leave by doctors' orders and away from my computer so I hope you can read and honor my words. (I am a high school teacher - Earth Science; Chemistry; and Astronomy at Fluvanna County High School.)

SAVE THE POINT

Tell County Supervisors "NO" to the *James River Water Authority's* Pumping Station on the Point where the James and Rivanna Rivers meet.

Public Hearing: **Wed., Oct. 21 at 7:00PM**

Fluvanna County Circuit Court Building

For more information: 434-842-3677

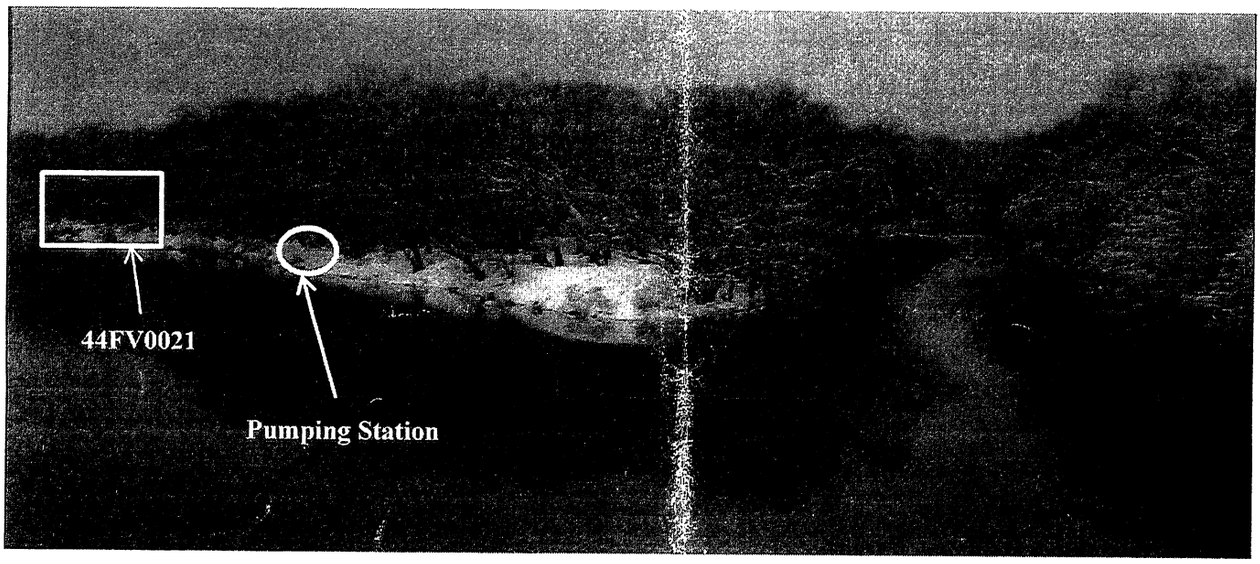
Point of Fork

Capital City of the Monacan Nation - Rassawek
On John Smith's original map
Home of Point of Fork Arsenal
Revolutionary War- Battle of Point of Fork
Civil War - Sheridan's encampment
Distinguished visitors:
- Edgar Allan Poe
- Robert E. Lee
- Lydia O'Hare
- Christopher McPherson

Precious green space
Dr. Russell Snead's legacy, beloved physician/healer

SAVE POINT OF FORK

SAVE THE POINT...Where the James and Rivanna Meet



The Virginia Department of Historic Resources Archaeological Site Record 44FV0021 documents the finding of 22 human bones Woodland period house/ hamlet ca. 1,200-1,600.

L. Daniel Mouer, PhD, informed the Fluvanna and Louisa's County Administrators and Board of Supervisors: "I feel it is highly likely that the proposed water treatment and pumping facilities and associated pipe lines could impact critical archaeological remains if construction takes place anywhere on the flood plain on or just below Point of Fork. I encourage you to consider such impacts early in the planning process and with a realistic understanding how they could eventually affect the timing, the cost, and even the viability of the James River Water Project."

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- **Legacy of Dr. Russell Snead, beloved physician and healer**
- **Integral Part of Fluvanna's heritage**

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Say "NO" to:

- **The extraction of approximately 12 million gallons of James River water daily**
- **Dynamiting Pre-Cambrian Schist rock at the bottom of the James to a depth of 18 feet**
- **Pumping the water to Louisa's treatment facility where Fluvanna MAY BE ABLE to purchase back 400, 000 gallons at Louisa's then - current commercial rate**
- **The erection of a 40 ft. x 60 ft. x 35 ft. high pumping/electrical station on the Point**
- **The widening of the narrow Point farm road from 10 ft. to 30 ft. with a 10 ft. utility easement**
- **The Special Use Permit <u>allowing major utilities</u> in the properties currently zoned "agricultural general" which could decimate this fragile and historical land**
- **The seizure and condemnation of land owned by taxpaying citizens**
- **Not being listened to nor acknowledged by local elected representatives**
- **To letting Louisa conduct eminent domain on Fluvanna citizens**
- **To despoiling, a national landmark and one of Virginia's foremost historic sites**
- **To spending millions of dollars on a water project which <u>helps Louisa's economic development</u> years before any water ever becomes available to Fluvanna**
- **To letting Louisa run a free line through Fluvanna landowners' property while other counties charge for such access**
- **To betting millions on a water project and promising homeowners tax relief in return when there are no hard numbers to prove the Louisa line will benefit Fluvanna citizens**
- **"DONE DEALS" behind closed doors at the midnight hour with only 3 supervisors present**

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Attend the public hearing Wednesday, **Dec. 2 at 7:00 PM** in the **Fluvanna County Circuit Court Building.**
(WATCH for a POSSIBLE CHANGE in DATE, Time or Place!)
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