



## Spring 2008 Newsletter Upper Roanoke River Roundtable

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### Our Projects in the Watershed

The roundtable has been working on several projects in the watershed including a rain garden at the Roanoke wastewater treatment plant, stream restoration on the North Fork at McDonald's Mill, and pet waste stations at local parks and greenways. More information about these projects will be posted to the website. Check it out to find out more on what we've been up to and how you can participate!

### The Roundtable Elects Its 2008 Officers

At the January meeting, our board elected the 2008 executive committee: C.J. Mitchem (with Engineering Concepts, Inc.) will continue as chairman; Bob Blankenship (with Novozymes Biologicals, Inc.) will serve as Vice Chairman; Maureen Castern (with Stratus Environmental Solutions, Inc.) and Bill Modica will also continue to serve as Treasurer and Secretary, respectively.

### Welcome Our New Board Members!

Wes Jargowsky and Sarah Baumgardner have joined our board of directors. Wes is a regional coordinator for Virginia Save Our Streams and has been a member of the roundtable's water quality committee. Sarah works for the Western Virginia Water Authority as their Environmental Communications Coordinator. Thanks to Wes and Sarah for giving their time and experience to the roundtable!

### Upcoming Events

#### **April 5 —Clean Valley Day (9 am to noon).**

Come out and join us. You can also set up your own clean-up team. For more information: <http://upperroanokeriver.org/get-involved.shtml>. The only things required are a good pair of work gloves, protective clothing, and sturdy shoes. Roundtable members will participating at several local clean-up sites.

- **Botetourt County** at the Exit 150 park and ride (and possibly the AT, too!). Contact: Carol Craft, (540) 473-8316, [ccraft@botetourt.org](mailto:ccraft@botetourt.org)
- **Lick Run Greenway /Washington Park** clean-up crew will at the upper picnic shelter (near the swimming pool) at Washington Park on the corner of Orange Avenue. west and Burrell Street. Contact: Mike McEvoy (853-1449) [mcevoy@rev.net](mailto:mcevoy@rev.net) or Mike Loveman (354-9534) [mike@lanfordbros.com](mailto:mike@lanfordbros.com).

**April 19 — Earth Day (noon to 4pm).** Raleigh Court United Methodist Church on Grandin Road

**June 22 — Smith Mountain Lake Water Fair.** Smith Mountain Lake State Park