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Dear Riparian Partner,

Through funds from the DCR **Water Quality Improvement Act** DOF has developed a **Regional Grants Program** which is designed to restore and/or improve riparian health through the use of tree plantings or other vegetative techniques and may include riparian buffer tree planting, raingardens, stream restoration and stabilization, targeted urban tree canopy analysis and non CREP stream tree planting.

The Virginia Department of Forestry will accept project proposals from local units of government, approved non-profit organizations, civic groups, educational institutions, private citizens or community volunteer groups for proposals which meet some, or all, of the specific program objectives. Eligible project categories are described in detail in the attached flyer.

Proposals are currently being accepted for spring and fall 2009 project funding. Grants will be awarded on a continual basis as grants are received, evaluated for compliance with the program and approved. Funds will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.

To obtain a copy of the grant application package contact me at 434.220.9041 or Barbara.white@dof.virginia.gov . You may request a package in writing by directing your request to the address shown on this letterhead.

These funds are provided by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation and are administered by the Virginia Department of Forestry.

Sincerely,

Barbara White

Urban and Community Forestry Partnership Coordinator