



MEDIA ALERT

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Buffer Planting at the Charlottesville Albemarle Airport

WHAT: The [Charlottesville Albemarle Airport](#) (CHO) and the [Rivanna Conservation Society](#) (RCS) will host Stream Day, a riparian buffer planting event, in cooperation with the [County of Albemarle](#), the [VA Department of Forestry](#) and the [Alliance for the Chesapeake](#). Grant funding support is being provided by the [Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation](#) in addition to the Airport.

Volunteers are needed to help plant 1,350 trees in stream buffers on the west side of the airfield. CHO and RCS estimate that a total of seven acres will be enhanced to become a riparian buffer providing additional protection to the waterway. Riparian buffer planting (i.e., planting along a waterway) is an important environmental measure used to stabilize a river's edge. The installation of a riparian buffer can help reduce sedimentation and promote the absorption and filtration of rainwater run-off.

WHEN: **Sunday, November 15, 2009**

- 8:30am-9:00am - Volunteer Registration
- 9:00am-9:15am - Welcome and Introductions
- 9:15am- 9:30am - Planting Demonstration
- 9:30am-12:30pm - Buffer Planting
- 12:30pm – 1:00pm – Lunch & Check Out

WHERE: If traveling from Route 29, do not enter the main airport entrance but pass it to exit south on Dickerson Road towards Earlysville. Parking will be on the south end of the airport on the right. Follow the signs and balloons to the parking area. A shuttle will transport volunteers to the planting area.

What to Wear and Bring: Please wear warm, layered clothing and strong shoes or boots. A hat or ball cap is recommended, as are gloves to protect your hands. If you have planting tools (hoe, trowel or shovel) feel free to bring them.

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About Charlottesville Albemarle Airport

The Charlottesville-Albemarle Airport is a non-hub commercial airport with three airlines serving central Virginia with direct service to six major destinations and multiple one-stop flights worldwide. For more information and the latest travel news, visit www.gocho.com.

Editor's Note: The [Albemarle County Stream Buffer Restoration Initiative](#) is a temporary program to help fund the cost of planting streamside vegetative buffers. Owners of non-agricultural riparian land in impaired watersheds within Albemarle County are eligible to participate in

this program. This Albemarle County project received funding from the Virginia Water Quality Improvement Fund provided by the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) via grant number WQIA-2006-05.