



April 2018 is Clean Rivers Month

What is Clean Rivers Month?

A Community Effort to Clean Up the Blackwater & Nottoway Watershed.

This year's Cleanup is being sponsored by the Historic Southside Chapter of the Virginia Master Naturalists and the Franklin Garden Club. Organizations, church and civic groups, schools, or any groups or individuals can participate in cleaning up our piece of earth. Since this program began in 2001, there have been 100,000 pounds of trash picked up by over 2,300 volunteers!

Participant or Group Contact for More Information:

Dick Gilbert at rbgilbert124@gmail.com or 757-562-2682
Anne Parker at annebparker@gmail.com 757-562-4804.

Litter-getters, reflective vests, and bags may be provided for those who need them.

Picking up the abundance of litter, trash, and other junk no matter where it is found will make our community a better place. Some will go by boat on our rivers; some will hit streams or ditches, parking lots, your front yard or anywhere you desire. **This is a great opportunity for folks to contribute to the health of the Blackwater and Nottoway watershed community in which we live in.** You may choose any date in April that best suits your group.

What you and you Group Can Do!

Start looking at river and swamp bridge crossings or ditches in your area and scope out a place for your team to clean. There are plenty of storm water ditches in Franklin that need attention.

Keep track of the number of bags and tires you pick up and report this to Anne or Dick by the end of April. Please also report any unusual trash that you found. Email us pictures of the cleanup so that we can publicize the event.

This is a great community event. Get yourself, your group, or your family involved this year and let's show the world just how much this proud community cares about our environment!!!

