



preservationpiedmont

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Dear Charlottesville City Council and Albemarle County Board of Supervisors:

In light of the potential destruction of significant culture resources and the loss of important and rare environmental habitats, Preservation Piedmont supports the dredging of the South Fork Rivanna Reservoir as a key element in a long-term water supply plan. Four structures located in the Ragged Mountain Natural Area are deemed eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The Earthen Dam (1880), Concrete Dam (1908), Gate House, and Gatekeeper's House are significant for their association with the creation of Charlottesville's first public water supply and for their distinctive characteristics as late 19th and early 20th century engineering structures. Each of these structures would be destroyed if the existing long-term water supply plan is implemented. There are no alternatives that would mitigate the loss of these structures.

Preservation Piedmont urges the decision makers to reconsider the proposed plan in favor of dredging the South Fork Reservoir, a plan that is far more sensitive to the historic and natural resources of our city and county.

Sincerely,

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