

# DAN RIVER BASIN ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2003

## ORGANIZATION

- Joined River Network
- Developed strategic plan
- County Committees:
  - Person
  - Rockingham
  - Stokes
- Other committees:
  - Land Acquisition, River Access, Park
  - Publicity (News Releases)
  - Brochure
  - River Monitoring
  - Outings
  - Access Construction
  - Grants
  - Dan River Display for South Boston Museum

## FINANCES

- Grant from Miller Brewing Company to hold a river festival and purchase batteau and trailer
- Grant from Procter and Gamble
- Interest-free loan to purchase *Dan River Atlas*
- Pledge of grant from Advocates for Eden's Future for Eden Greenway signs
- Grant from Progress Energy for South Boston Museum display
- Sales items: Batteau design T-shirt, logo license plate

## PUBLICATIONS

- Color brochure
- Brochure reprint
- Website
- *Dan River Atlas* sales
- Display racks for sales items
- Display boards on river recreation and history and the Mayo River State Park for exhibiting at festivals and professional offices

## RESEARCH

- Initiation of Mayo River State Park master plan project by William Butler, sponsored by DRBA with cofunding by Rockingham County, Town of Mayodan, and Town of Madison

## EDUCATION

- Floyd Rich wildflower photograph collection copied into digital format

- Co-sponsored Virginia Canals & Navigations Society annual conference in Danville April 18-20
- Annual meeting program on Wild and Scenic Rivers, Danville
- Distributed *Dan River Atlas* to libraries and schools
- Distributed *North Carolina River Basins* booklet to libraries and schools
- Displayed DRBA sales and informational booth at Dan River Boat Race and Mayodan Homecoming, and displayed booth and batteau at Eden Apple Festival
- Led paddle trips on Mayo River for Piedmont Triad Council on Government Tourism & Economic Development representatives and State Parks staff
- Presented programs in schools and civic clubs on the basin's rivers and the Mayo River State Park

## **STEWARDSHIP**

- Mayo River State Park project—resolutions passed by Rockingham County governmental groups, chambers of commerce, civic clubs; funding obtained from county and municipalities; planner hired; state law passed; committee formed; property owners being contacted; some property being appraised through PLC for state purchase; guided State Parks staff to prospective property by land and water; website created
- Eden Greenway project—landowners contacted, committee formed, city planning department pursuing
- Exploring acquisition of land and easements along the rivers
- Received gift of deed to property in Eden to provide parking lot for new Leaksville Landing access
- Prepared proposal for river accesses and model farm for Dumaine Trust property (Bent Farm) on Dan River in Rockingham County
- Received \$500 first prize for most trash collected in Rockingham County Spring Clean
- Participated in Clean Virginia Waterways and NC Big Sweep Cleanup in September on Smith and Dan Rivers; \$250 first prize from Rockingham County Big Sweep
- Supporting preservation of historic Dan River Bridges: Worsham Street, Danville; Hamilton Street and Fishing Creek in Eden

## **RECREATION**

- First Saturday Outings, including hike on Ringgold to Sutherlin Rail Trail, visit to South Boston Museum, paddle trips on Lake Talbott, Mayo River, and Dan River in Stokes County, Dan River Boat Race, cleanup paddle trip on Smith River, annual Sprig Outing on Upper Little River
- Purchased batteau, named *Dan River*
- Joined with Rockingham County Tourism Development Authority to negotiate successfully with NCDOT for access signs in Rockingham County; continuing to negotiate for river identification signs