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**GOVERNOR KAINE ANNOUNCES \$7 MILLION IN
WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS**

*~ Grants funded through the Southern Rivers Watershed Enhancement
Program ~*

RICHMOND – Governor Timothy M. Kaine today announced an award of more than \$7 million through the Southern Rivers Watershed Enhancement Program (SRWEP) to 12 localities and one planning district commission to improve water quality.

SRWEP is designed to improve the water quality of Virginia’s non-Chesapeake Bay watersheds and is funded through Virginia’s Water Quality Improvement Fund. This marks the first time the program has announced grant awards.

“Improving access to clean and safe water for Virginians is a priority for my administration,” said Governor Kaine. “These grants will fund projects to improve water quality in the streams and ground waters of the southern rivers regions, while enhancing the quality of life through the installation and expansion of sewage treatment and collection systems.”

Grants are being awarded in three funding areas: Wastewater Treatment System Construction Grants, Managed On-Site Construction Grants, and Planning Grants. The combined projects will result in more than 1,200 homes being connected to public sewer systems. The projects will also reduce the amount of sewage flowing into several waterways, including three that have been identified as having water quality violations.

“The communities being funded in this first round of grants through the Southern Rivers program have demonstrated through their applications that this funding will enable them to improve their water quality and enhance the overall quality of life in their community,” said DHCD Director Bill Shelton.

SRWEP is administered by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), in accordance with guidelines and procedures developed with the Virginia Departments of Environmental Quality, Health, and Conservation and Recreation.

Details of the grant award projects and amounts are listed below:

Wastewater Treatment System Construction Grants		
Project Title	Locality	SRWEP Funding Amount
Long Forks Sewer Project	Town of Clintwood	\$332,116
Cassell's Chapel Clinic Wastewater Extension Project	Town of Dungannon	\$465,987
Town of Jarratt Sewer Rehabilitation and Treatment Plant Upgrade	County of Greensville	\$1,000,000
St. Charles to Pennington Gap Regional Sewer Interconnect Extension Phase I	Town of Pennington Gap	\$1,000,000
Andrew Lewis Place Sanitary Sewer Expansion	County of Roanoke	\$797,940
Smyth County Groseclose/Exit 54 Sewer Project	County of Smyth	\$1,000,000
Route 102/Falls Mills Road Water and Sewer Project	County of Tazewell	\$72,700
Baptist Valley East Sewer Extension Project, Phase I	County of Tazewell	\$927,300
Bold Camp Sewer Project	County of Wise	\$489,482
Roanoke River Regional Wastewater Upgrade and Expansion	County of Mecklenburg	\$1,000,000
	TOTAL:	\$7,085,525

Managed On-Site Construction Grant		
Project Title	Locality	SRWEP Funding Amount
Lower Exeter Wastewater Line Extension	Town of Appalachia	\$99,214
	TOTAL:	\$99,214

Planning Grants	
Locality	SRWEP Funding Amount
Town of Brookneal	\$20,000
City of Galax	\$20,000
New River Valley Planning District Commission	\$150,000
TOTAL:	\$190,000

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