



Q3 2010 Newsletter

October 6, 2010

Upcoming Events

Virginiaforever will be hosting our annual December membership meeting and budget briefing the afternoon of Monday, December 20. Please mark your calendars and plan to be at this informative event with natural resources agency heads.

Member Spotlight: Bob Dunn, Virginiaforever Chairman

Robert L. (Bob) Dunn, chairman and a founding member of Virginiaforever has long connected with the environment both personally and professionally. "I always had a fondness for the outdoors," said Dunn. "I did a lot of fishing and hunting growing up in Colorado with my dad. I also did a lot of camping with the Boy Scouts (he was an Eagle Scout in 1956) so the outdoors has been important to me."

During those casting and camping days Bob had no idea his professional career with E. I. DuPont de Nemours and Company would later take him to the position of Community and Environmental Affairs Manager. He spent 33 years with the company before retiring in 2004.

Bob has been actively involved with several environmental groups including the Chesapeake Businesses for Bay program and Friends of Chesterfield Riverfront, but his primary focus has been Virginiaforever. Bob is committed to the financial priorities of the organization which he argues should be among the financial priorities of the Commonwealth.

"The primary mission of Virginiaforever is to increase funding. To do that we need to increase awareness of citizens, government leaders, non-profit leaders and business leaders," said Dunn. "There is not adequate funding. Protection of natural resources is a key component of the Virginia constitution. All stakeholders are involved with quality of water and land conservation. It is very important work."

Bob's hard work and dedication to the environment recently resulted in his appointment to the State Water Control Board. "I have been on the business side and on the environmental side of issues. Now I have an opportunity to weigh in on both sides. It's important to make sure our laws are adequately and fairly enforced. It's equally important our regulations are protective of the environment, business and our way of life. It's a balance," said Dunn.

Bob has found balance in his own life as a volunteer with the American Red Cross and five-term council president of Grace Lutheran Church. Bob and his wife of 42 years, Jeanne, live in Chesterfield County and have two grown children.

To nominate a member to be featured in our next e-newsletter, please email info@virginiaforever.org.

Member Updates

Two Virginiaforever Founding Board Members Receive National Recognition

The National Association of State Park Directors gave special recognition to two of our own during the September 9, 2010 awards ceremony at the NASPD National Conference held at Santa Fe, New Mexico. The Virginia Association for Parks and Dominion Resources were honored for their work on electronic kiosks in Virginia State Parks.

In the Awards Program under the heading "Special Recognitions - 2010" the following was written:

VAFP, Imperial Multimedia, Dominion Resources, Virginia

The newly launched virginiaoutdoors.com website was developed as part of a unique public/private partnership between the Virginia Association for Parks, Imperial Multimedia, and Dominion Resources. It is the second phase of a project that began in 2007 with the development and installation of electronic information stations at all Virginia State Parks. The new website contains in-depth information to help visitors plan every detail of their visit to a Virginia State Park. Virtual tours of trails, GPS based trail information, printable maps, and video and audio podcasts are just a few of the many features of this dynamic site. The project was sponsored in part by a grant from Dominion Resources, one of the nation's largest producers of energy.

Welcome new members!

Virginiaforever is excited to announce two new board members – Martha Moore with the Virginia Farm Bureau and Brooks Smith with Hunton & Williams. Please take a moment to welcome these two new members!



Thank you for all that you do to support funding for the protection and preservation of our natural resources.

On behalf of the Board of Virginiaforever, I remain,

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert L. Dunn". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, prominent "D" at the end.

Robert L. Dunn
Chairman