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##PRESS RELEASE##

Rivanna Water & Sewer Authority Begins Work on the South Rivanna River Crossing Pipeline

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The Rivanna Water & Sewer Authority is pleased to announce that the South Rivanna River Crossing Pipeline Project has commenced. The project will add a second drinking water distribution pipe under the river to increase the capacity, redundancy, and resiliency of our community’s drinking water network.

The South Rivanna River Crossing Pipeline Project will directly connect the South Rivanna Water Treatment Plant to a water pipe near the intersection of Route 29 and Polo Grounds Road. Residents may notice heavy equipment operating within the vicinity.

A unique challenge of the project is burying a section of pipe under the Rivanna River. To minimize environmental impacts, a trenchless construction method known as Horizontal Directional Drilling will be used. To install the pipe, a clearing will occur on each side of the river just west of Route 29.

The project was awarded to Faulconer Construction Company of Charlottesville in September. The project's total cost is \$5.9 million. It is expected to be completed in January 2027.

The Rivanna Water and Sewer Authority & Solid Waste Authority’s mission is to serve the Charlottesville, Albemarle, and UVA communities by providing high-quality water and wastewater treatment, refuse, and recycling services in a financially responsible and sustainable manner.

The Rivanna Water & Sewer Authority provides wholesale water and sewer services to the Charlottesville Department of Utilities and Albemarle County Service Authority.

The Rivanna Water & Sewer Authority manages five reservoirs, nine dams, six drinking water treatment plants, five finished water pumping stations, eleven water storage tanks, four advanced water resource recovery facilities (wastewater treatment plants), and nine wastewater pumping stations.

On average, the Authority treats 10 million gallons of drinking water and 9.6 million gallons of wastewater per day.

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