

Stronger Together

BIG NEWS!

FEDERATION PLANS TO JOIN FORCES WITH WEST/RHODE RIVERKEEPER

For more than 10 years, South River Federation and West/Rhode Riverkeeper Inc. have been working hand and hand (and shovel to shovel) to protect water quality and restore streams and tributaries in our adjacent watersheds. Earlier this year, we formed a steering committee to explore how our two organizations could partner together to more effectively achieve our shared mission, strengthen our voice for clean water and have an increased impact on the region.



After a thoughtful process with input from our funders and stakeholders, we decided the best course was to create a stronger, consolidated nonprofit organization. This unification will enable us to pool resources and direct more dollars to protect and restore the South, West and Rhode Rivers and the greater watershed.

By combining the two organizations, we will have a united voice regarding issues affecting water quality and a greater impact on our shared waterways. We view this as a natural next step in our long-standing partnership, and a strategic move that fits within a trend in the nonprofit world to eliminate duplication and redundancy of services and administrative costs while maximizing your dollars for our programmatic work.



Two Leading Anne Arundel Watershed Organizations Unite

On January 1, 2019, South River Federation and West/Rhode Riverkeeper will officially consolidate into one nonprofit organization and be renamed Arundel Rivers Federation. Arundel Rivers Federation will continue all existing restoration and monitoring programs and will maintain the current staff including the South Riverkeeper, Jesse Iliff and the West/Rhode Riverkeeper, Jeff Holland.

While both boards have voted to consolidate, South River Federation supporters have the opportunity to ask questions and approve the proposed bylaws at the October 30th annual meeting at Historic London Town and Gardens. The proposed bylaws are available on the website. The new logo will be unveiled at the meeting.

"This is like seeing my only child finally get married after a very long engagement. We're all pleased."

--John Flood, Founder, South River Federation

*The South River Federation's mission is to protect, preserve, restore and celebrate the South River and its interdependent living community. www.southriverfederation.net
West/Rhode Riverkeeper works with our community to enforce environmental law, promote restoration and advocate for better environmental policy. www.westrhoderiverkeeper.org*