

PAGE COUNTY DEMS WORKING FOR CLEAN WATER

Page County Democrats are working for clean water—both the South Fork of the Shenandoah River and the underground water sources for drinking.

Because of the local geology—and particularly, the very porous layers of karst in Page County—the quality of our surface water greatly affects the quality of our drinking water. So understanding, monitoring and reasonably protecting run-off and other sources of pollution are critical to preserving the quality of our river and our drinking water.

Local Democrats work with the **County Water Quality Advisory Committee**. That Committee informs the public about the quality of our water, influences the Commonwealth of Virginia on regulations protecting water quality and strives for assistance from state agencies in implementing standards.

Local Democrats work to collect and monitor water samples in coordination with the **Friends of the Shenandoah River**. They measure the condition of the water in terms of nutrients, water temperature, oxygen and other chemical elements, in order to detect pollution or degradation before it gallops out of control.

Local Democrats work with the **Shenandoah Valley Local Soil and Water Conservation District**. The SWCD's major program is to promote agricultural practices that protect the water even while producers profitably raise their crops, cattle and poultry. As explained at www.SVSWCD.org, the Soil and Water Conservation District provides environmental education, to help farmers and other residents to responsibly use fertilizers, reduce erosion and manage animal waste.

All these efforts help maintain our local economy, recreation, quality of life and the natural beauty of our County. Working together with other groups and citizens, local Democrats do our part to help build and maintain our community.