

Rockbridge County's Natural Resources

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Why I Believe Conservation is Important

- ◎ The reason that the conservation of natural resources in Rockbridge County is important to me is because not only do they provide for residents, but they also improve the quality of our lives.
- ◎ The two natural resources I am talking about are the trees and bodies of water that surround us.

Conservation of Rivers and Streams



Conservation of Rivers and Streams cont.

- ⦿ Keeping the different bodies of water that run through Rockbridge County clean is something that all residents should take an active part in because they are the habitats and water sources for many different types of wildlife. This wildlife provides for families that like to fish and hunt. If the rivers are polluted, then the pollution can make the fish sick. This could cause harm to someone who would eat the fish.

Conservation of Rivers and Streams cont.

- ◎ The rivers and streams also provide for many different recreational activities. I come from a family of fisherman and I know that my father and brothers would be upset if they were no longer able to fish due to pollution. I, along with many others, also enjoy swimming and tubing during the summer. With littering, there is the possibility of dangerous debris entering the waterways. This could cause harm to someone trying to enjoy themselves.

Conservation of Forests



Conservation of Forests cont.

- ◎ Another natural resource that I think has a very positive effect on Rockbridge County is its abundance of forests. The forests provide natural habitats for animals, areas for recreational hunting, beautiful hiking trails, and so much more. In order to keep these wonderful forests available for these different uses, I believe that it is important to take any necessary measures so that they can be conserved.

Conservation of Forests cont.

- ◎ To me, the forests are what make Rockbridge County one of the most beautiful places in the world. Without them, it would be a totally different place.

Natural Resources

- ◎ I strongly feel that the conservation of both Rockbridge County's bodies of water and forests are vital to reconnecting with our respect to nature and to the county as a whole. Without these two things, my experience here over the past 17 years would have not been the same.

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