

SOUTH RIVER SCIENCE TEAM: EVOLUTION TO WATERSHED ORGANIZATION

Summary of SRST Small Groups + RAP Comments

FOCUS Water Quality South River Watershed Mercury + Co-Benefits for Water Quality Stream Health Mercury Fish Recreation/Greenway Agriculture	WHO INVOLVED Advocacy Groups Government/Elected Officials Education/Research Industry Landowners Farmers Business Ruritans & similar Non-Traditional
WHAT IT DOES Networking (mostly within watershed but also network with groups outside of watershed) Collaboration Convene Stakeholders Archive of Information/ Knowledge Transfer Activities within Watershed Prioritize & Communicate Priorities Applied Research	HOW Annual Summit Have Mercury committee with additional meetings Network with groups within & outside watershed Assistance to Landowners (e.g., grants, applications) Conduct Applied Research Assist Citizen Science Efforts Provide Link between Chesapeake Bay efforts and South River Ongoing Education & Science Organization
ORGANIZATION MODEL Paid Coordinator + Volunteer Board Secure Funding Source Expand Mission over Time Mercury Committee	EXAMPLES Shenandoah Summit PDC Transportation Summit for Harrisonburg/Rockingham Pure Water Forum Friends of Middle River Friends of the North Fork, etc.