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**DOMINION PROVIDES \$25,000 ENVIRONMENTAL GRANT
TO BENEFIT SOUTH RIVER IMPROVEMENTS**

- *Money part of \$1.1 million company commits to environmental organizations*
- *Money will restore Coiner Springs, provide parking access to new waters*
- *Trout Unlimited, Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries partnering*

WAYNESBORO, Va. – Dominion Resources is contributing \$1.1 million this month to environmental projects, including a \$25,000 grant to provide access to parts of the South River and restore a spring creek, in celebration of the 40th Anniversary of Earth Day.

The grant presented to representatives from Trout Unlimited and the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries during a noon news conference at the Virginia Fly Fishing Festival will be used to create parking access, informational kiosks and trails along seven miles of the South River that VDGIF plans to open to special regulation fishing within a year. Part of the funds will also be used to restore a short section of Coiner Springs, which is a tributary to the South River.

“Dominion’s commitment to the environment has been longstanding, as evidenced by the nearly \$3.5 billion we have invested in the last decade to reduce the impact of our operations on the air, water and land,” said Thomas F. Farrell II, chairman, president and chief executive officer. “We also recognize the importance of the efforts of other likeminded organizations, so we are pleased to be able to partner with them through these grants to help protect endangered species, restore wetlands, preserve forests, educate the public and support environmental outreach.”

Dominion grants will be distributed to 88 different environmental and conservation organizations in 11 states where the company operates during April. The majority of the grants are being made through Dominion’s philanthropic arm, The Dominion Foundation. Other funding is being provided through corporate sponsorships.

Across Virginia, the company is providing \$519,000 to 41 environmental and conservation groups.

For a complete list of all grants please visit:

- <http://www.dom.com/news/2010/pdf/one-million-env-grants.pdf>.

Also included in the giving program is \$75,000 for the company's multi-state program "Project Plant It!" in support of National Arbor Day and \$50,000 for "Putting Our Energy to Work for the Environment," Dominion's signature program that allows employees to volunteer their time to partner with environmental organizations on hands-on projects.

Earth Day, April 22, 2010, was first held in the United States in 1970 and is now celebrated worldwide with activities and events designed to inspire awareness and appreciation for the Earth's environment, and focus attention on issues affecting its air, water and land.

The Earth Day environmental grants are part of Dominion's overall commitment to volunteerism and philanthropy. In 2009, the company and its charitable foundation gave more than \$20 million. Recent large grants include more than \$1 million in 2008 to food banks in 14 states and \$1 million to non-profit health clinics last year. Also in 2009 the company provided \$4 million to EnergyShare, a program it created to help people in need pay heating and cooling bills.

Dominion, the parent firm of Dominion Virginia Power, is one of the nation's largest producers and transporters of energy, with a portfolio of more than 27,500 megawatts of generation. Dominion operates the nation's largest natural gas storage system and serves retail energy customers in 12 states. For more information about Dominion, visit the company's Web site at www.dom.com

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