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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The West Piedmont Planning District Commission (WPPDC) regional water supply planning group is made up of ten (10) local governments and two (2) service authorities. Participating jurisdictions include the counties of Henry, Patrick, and Pittsylvania; the cities of Danville and Martinsville; and the towns of Chatham, Gretna, Hurt, Ridgeway, and Stuart. The Henry County Public Service Authority and Pittsylvania County Public Service Authority also participate.

1.1 Purpose of the Study and Regulation

The WPPDC Regional Water Supply Plan (Plan) complies with the State Water Control Board's regulation 9 VAC 25-780, Local and Regional Water Supply Planning, and is a functional plan supporting sustainable growth and economic development. The purpose of the regulation is to establish a comprehensive water supply planning process for the development of local, regional, and state water supply plans. This process is designed to:

- Ensure that adequate and safe drinking water is available to all citizens within the region;
- Encourage, promote, and protect all other beneficial uses of the region's water resources;
- Encourage, promote, and develop incentives for alternative water sources; and
- Promote conservation.

Local governments participating in the regional plan notified VDEQ of their intent to participate in the Plan before the November 2, 2008 deadline. The Plan was submitted to the VDEQ prior to the November 2, 2011 deadline. A public hearing was held by each participating jurisdiction and the local governments passed resolutions approving the Plan and adopting other policies or ordinances that were developed during the planning process.

1.2 Regional Nature of the Study

The WPPDC region recognized the benefits of a regional plan and began developing their Plan in October 2006. The representatives for the WPPDC regional planning group included utility directors, water plant operators, planners, county administrators, and city and town managers.

1.3 General Location and Description

The WPPDC region is located in the south-central portion of Virginia and includes the counties of Henry, Patrick, and Pittsylvania; cities of Danville and Martinsville; and the towns of Chatham, Gretna, Hurt, Ridgeway, and Stuart. According to an estimate provided by the U.S. Census Bureau, the total population for the region in 2000 was estimated to be 202,909. Figure 1.1 identifies the location of each jurisdiction in the WPPDC regional water supply planning group.

Figure 1.3 – Regional Overview Map

