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Trail Closure

The Amherst County Service Authority is currently underway with a project to stabilize portions of the James River streambank in an effort to protect a main Sanitary Sewer Trunk line carrying sewage from Madison Heights to its Williams Creek Sewer Pumping Station, which sends all sewage to the Lynchburg Regional WWRF for treatment.

The project currently under construction is Phase 2 of the overall Streambank Stabilization project. Phase 1 of the project was completed upstream of the Authority's Williams Creek Sewer Pumping Station. Phase 2 begins at the end of the improved section of the Sara Lu Christian Trail, and the work will stabilize 1,600 linear feet of the riverbank. The overall project is being funded by a \$2,000,000 grant received from US EPA. It is anticipated that the work will be completed later this spring. For public safety, the unimproved section of the Sara Lu Christian Trail will need to be closed until construction is complete. The cooperation of the trail users is appreciated in advance.

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