

Proposed Amendment to the By-Laws of Friends of Dragon Run, Inc

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

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- The purpose of FRIENDS OF DRAGON RUN, INC. shall be the preservation, protection, and encouragement of wise use of the Dragon Run and its watershed.
- Specifically, FRIENDS OF DRAGON RUN, INC. shall promote these goals through the example it gives the community by the actions and those of its members, primarily concerning the land that it owns or manages **and the biodiversity it preserves and protects.**
- In addition, it shall be the purpose of this organization to foster the protection and preservation of the whole Dragon Run **and its** swampland **s** in its natural wilderness state. The organization will encourage others who own or manage property in and adjacent to **or down stream from the Dragon Run and its** swamp lands **s** to donate fee title or conservation easements. This is to assure that future uses and development of the Dragon Run **watershed -swamp and**, its corridor, **as well as the Piankatank River and its watershed** are compatible with maintaining ~~the swamp's~~ ecological integrity. The use of buffer zones and the application of other agricultural and forestry best management practices will be encouraged and promoted. **We strive to increase environmental literacy about the critical role of the Dragon Run and its role as the headwaters and source of the Piankatank River.**
- It is the intent of the organization to seek this objective through the operation of a public interest land trust and by cooperation with and through the resources of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, the Virginia Outdoors Foundation, **The Nature Conservancy**, and other appropriate conservation organizations.