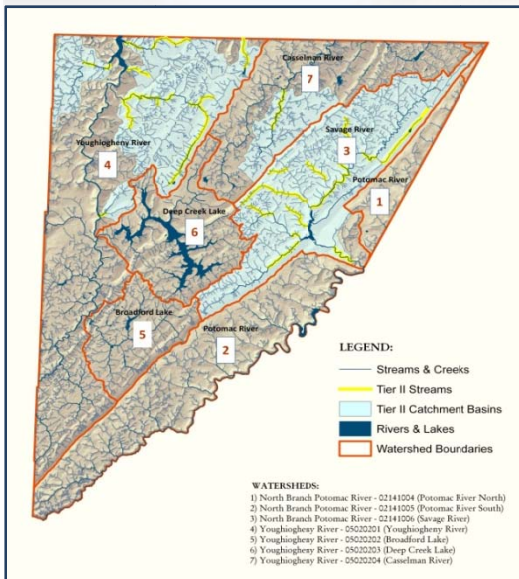


The conservation of irreplaceable natural assets is one of the most crucial factors to consider for a community's quality of life. The impact of growth and development on natural resources, and the environment, is an issue of increasing public concern that impacts all of humanity. Human settlements built across the landscape disturb and alter the fragile natural environment. PJA believes that future building and development in communities be conceived and designed in ways, which recognize and protect sensitive natural features and their ecological support systems.

## Resource Conservation Planning



During our 30 years of planning, we have witnessed an increasing public awareness of the importance of natural resources for quality of life. This is especially true sensitive features, which are critical to sustaining our planet. Considering the fragility of natural systems has emerged in the principles of conservation planning and the practical aspects of environmental site design. Both have emerged as leading considerations for communities involved in land use and growth management planning processes. Incremental changes in development regulations over the last several decades, spurred by public perception that harm is being done, have elevated resource protection from an afterthought in the planning process to a leading determinant.



PJA utilizes a variety of planning techniques to fit conservation planning to each area's unique social and natural system. PJA also strives to develop an effective and practical implementation framework, adapted to critical biological systems when performing environmental planning. These techniques include land acquisition and easement programs, transfer and/or purchase of development rights (TDR and PDR) programs, tax relief, and grant incentives to fund preservation initiatives. Other techniques include watershed planning, land use regulations (in the case of development), and best management practices for resource utilization uses, such as agriculture, forestry, and mineral extraction.