



Ball rolling on Draft field

Members of Stuarts Draft's "Diamond Club" held a pre-organizational meeting with members of the community on Tuesday night to discuss their plans to renovate a county-owned ballfield behind the Stuarts Draft Firehouse. Pictured are organizers Bill Sullender, Virginia Michael, Cecil Miller, Phillip Doyle and

Michael Link. Fill dirt from a nearby drainage project will begin to be trucked to the field on Monday, and the group is expected to vote on formal officers at 8 tonight at the Stuarts Draft firehouse, according to Orvin H. Kiser Sr., who got the ball rolling on plans to adopt the field from Augusta County.

(Photo by Vincent Lerz)

¹⁰⁻¹²⁻⁹³ Du Pont To Remove Dirt at South River Drainage Project Location

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VERONA — The Waynesboro Du Pont Co. received some pats on the back Monday from the Augusta County Board of Supervisors.

The board, during its regular work session at the county government complex, was discussing the progress of the work on the South River drainage project in Stuarts Draft.

The supervisors on Wednesday will vote to spend \$33,000 from its infrastructure account to finish the first phase of the project that is designed to put an end to the long-standing stormwater drainage problems between downtown Stuarts Draft and the South River.

The county, if the supervisors vote in favor of the measure, will have much of the excavation handled by Du Pont, which needs fill dirt for its own purposes.

"This is another example of Du Pont wanting to do something good for the county," said South River Supervisor John W. Swett. "They could get this dirt

a whole lot closer to where they need it than where we are."

In the public/private partnership, Swett explained, Du Pont has agreed to remove the unwanted earth in accordance with the county's exact specifications for the drainage project.

Swett pointed out that completion of the first phase does not yet mean the end of flooded streets and basements in the area. The excavated land will not take water to the South River

until the rest of the project is complete.

The project includes culverts to channel water from downtown, along Wayne Avenue and underneath the Norfolk Southern rail line to the drainage system currently under way. Swett said the second phase is the most expensive part of the project, and could take as much as a couple of years to find funding.

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