

## INTRODUCTION

The Charlottesville-Albemarle Transportation Coalition, Inc. (CATCO) was organized in 1988 by a group of citizens who were concerned with traffic problems in the Charlottesville-Albemarle area. It is a non-profit organization staffed entirely by volunteers. CATCO's purpose is to research, study, and work toward sensible solutions to the area's growing traffic congestion problems. Since its inception, CATCO has closely followed the U.S. Route 29 Corridor Study and issues surrounding it.

The purpose of this publication (referred to as the *Green Book*) is to present important facts and information concerning the proposed Route 29 Bypass in Albemarle County, Va. and related topics. Information for this publication has been collected for several years and includes hundreds of pages of documents obtained by CATCO under the Freedom of Information Act.

Readers may notice redundancy among the chapters. Many of the topics covered in the chapters are inter-related, yet each chapter has been written to stand alone in an attempt to address the various interests or need for information of the readers. The book is arranged alphabetically by subject matter as indicated in the Table of Contents. A comprehensive and extensive Appendix contains brief descriptions of the supporting documents that were used in compiling the chapters. These documents are assembled in separate volumes and are available for review upon request.

The *Green Book* is the latest of several CATCO publications. Previous publications include:

November 1, 1990	<i>Memo To Members of the Commonwealth Transportation Board - Improvements to the Route 29 Corridor in the Charlottesville Area</i>
1991-1996	<i>The Schlesinger Farm</i>
January 6, 1995	<i>Route 29 North Corridor Problems in Albemarle County/Charlottesville</i>
July 22, 1996	<i>Interchanges on the Alternate 10 Bypass - Albemarle County, Virginia - Documents and History</i>
September 1996	<i>Alternate 10 Western Bypass - Background Information and Documentation</i>
December 1997	<i>Route 29 Bypass - Revised Northern and Southern Termini - Pertinent Documents</i>
1997-1999	<i>Albemarle County School Property - Jogging Trails and Bypass</i>
June 1998	<i>James Spiny mussel and the Bypass - Albemarle County, Virginia</i>
February 1998	<i>Route 29 Bypass Maps - Design Versions</i>

The Route 29 Corridor issues are ongoing. CATCO plans to continue its research and anticipates publishing addenda to this book at regular intervals for the foreseeable future.