

September kept us busy with events and programs - check out our newsletter to find out what we were up to, and to learn more about how you can be involved in our upcoming programs!

BEAVER WATERSHED ALLIANCE



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October 2013

West Fork Opportunity Assessment is underway



About the Alliance

The Beaver Watershed Alliance was formed in 2010 to establish programming to maintain high quality drinking water in Beaver Lake and improve water quality on the Beaver Lake Watershed. The Alliance represents a diverse stakeholder group from conservation, education, water utilities, technical and science, agriculture, recreation, business, and local government groups working together for the



A landowner places a pin to show where his property lies in the West Fork Watershed at our meeting in Greenland

Last month we held the first meetings for our West Fork Opportunity Assessment Program in partnership with the [Watershed Conservation Resource Center](#) and the

cause of clean water.

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Upcoming Events

October 5

West Fork Watershed Community Meeting - Brentwood Community Center, Brentwood

October 8

Arkansas Water Plan Meeting - Pauline Whitaker Animal Science Center, Fayetteville

October 9

Pack Rat Pint Night featuring the Alliance - Pack Rat Outdoor Center, Fayetteville

October 11

Green Infrastructure Workshop - Arvest Ballpark, Springdale

October 20

Project WET and WILD Training - Springdale Convention Center, Springdale

October 22

West Fork Watershed Community Meeting - Fayetteville Public Library, Fayetteville

[Northwest Arkansas Land Trust](#). The meetings, held in Greenland and West Fork, brought together a diverse group of people in the community, from landowners to city and county officials, to discuss watershed management for the West Fork subwatershed of the Beaver Lake Watershed. The West Fork is listed as impaired by the ADEQ, and one of the goals of our organization is to remove this stream from the Impaired Waterbodies list by encouraging the use of voluntary Best Management Practices (BMPs). BMPs can include anything from conducting stream restoration or putting land in conservation, to using Low Impact Development practices for stormwater management. Ultimately, an updated map will be created to show priority areas for BMP implementation and where these areas intersect with willing landowners who will provide opportunities to put these practices in place. This map will be used by BWA, as well as other organizations, and will be made available for use by city and county officials. We will hold three meetings this month as part of the program, and encourage anyone who is a homeowner, landowner, or stakeholder in the West Fork Watershed to attend to find out more information about the program, as well as provide input and feedback. The upcoming meetings are as follows:

- Saturday, October 5th, 11:30-1:30 pm - Brentwood Community Center
- Tuesday, October 22nd, 6-8 pm - Fayetteville Public Library
- Tuesday, October 29th, 6-8 pm - Boston Mountain Fire Department in Winslow

A free meal will be provided at the meetings, so please RSVP to Courtney Thomas at courtney@beaverwatershedalliance.org or (479) 274-8903.

Beaver Lake Watershed Symposium brings together diverse stakeholders

October 26

Benton County Fall Cleanup -
Bentonville, Garfield, and
Decatur

October 26

Arkansas Prescription Drug
Take Back Day - Statewide
(see below for locations)

October 29

West Fork Watershed
Community Meeting - Boston
Mountain Fire Department,
Winslow

November 2

Mt. Kessler Trail Run - Ozark
Mountain Smokehouse,
Fayetteville

December 3

Winter 2013 Environmental
Education & Outreach
Networking Meeting -
Westside Wastewater
Treatment Plant, Fayetteville

December 13

Dirt Road Symposium -
Carroll Electric, Huntsville

Check out our [online calendar](#)
for more detailed information
on upcoming events!

**The next Arkansas
Prescription Drug Take
Back Day will be held on
October 26th from 10 am to
2 pm. If pharmaceuticals
are discharged through a
toilet or sink, they may not
be completely removed
from the water supply. By
bringing prescription drugs
to a collection site, you can
ensure that they will be
properly disposed of.**



The Beaver Lake Watershed Symposium was held at Carroll Electric in Huntsville, Arkansas on Friday September 27th 2013 and was attended by 85 participants. The participants ranged from Huntsville High School students, University of Arkansas students, environmental educators, municipal decision-makers, watershed stakeholders, agricultural producers, and city staff from across the Beaver Watershed. Overall, 36 different organizations, municipalities, agencies, and schools were represented at this event. A great outcome of the Symposium was the increased environmental literacy of participants who attended, as well as the exchange of information between stakeholders about which watershed issues are of importance for the future. Also, this was the first time that most of the 20 Huntsville High School students had attended a conference, and this event gave them a glimpse of the complexity of watershed management issues. Perhaps one of the best outcomes of this event is the fact that diverse stakeholders from across the Beaver Lake Watershed are more invested in the concept of working together to improve water quality. We would like to thank our sponsors, the [Arkansas Water Resources Center](#) and the [Arkansas Environmental Education Association](#), for helping us make this event possible.

**Arkansas Water Plan Meeting in
Fayetteville this month**

Collection sites are located all over Northwest Arkansas, including the Washington County Courthouse, the World Gym Parking lot in Fayetteville, the Springdale Police Department, the Benton County Sheriff's Department, and the Madison County Sheriff's Office in Huntsville. For more information, and to find the collection site nearest to you, visit www.artakeback.org

Please share this newsletter with your friends and neighbors so that they can have the opportunity to become active members in the Beaver Watershed community.

The second meeting phase in the series of Arkansas Water Plan Meetings is coming to Fayetteville on October 8th at 3 pm. This purpose of this meeting is to discuss the work that is being done to update the Arkansas Water Plan and how this will impact our regional water supply here in Northwest Arkansas through the year 2050. All stakeholders are invited to this meeting and are encouraged to attend. The meeting will take place at 3 pm at the University of Arkansas Pauline Whitaker Animal Science Center located at 1335 West Knapp St. in Fayetteville.

Join us for Pint Night at Pack Rat Outdoor Center!

The Alliance is excited to be one of the featured nonprofit organizations for the [Fall Pint Night](#) at [Pack Rat Outdoor Center](#) this month. Pint Night is an event at Pack Rat Outdoor Center to promote local nonprofit organizations in the community. Join us on October 9th, from 5:30 to 8 pm for an evening of live music, food, and drinks. This event is open to all ages, and entrance is free. A donation of \$2 is suggested for each New Belgium Brewery beer, and chips and salsa will be provided by Jose's Mexican Restaurant and Cantina. We will have a table set up outside the store to talk with the community about our mission and programs, as well as hand out relevant educational materials. Check out the Facebook event for more information [here](#). Bring your friends and family and join us for this event!

Alan Bland named Watershed Guardian for Lakeside Area



**Alan Bland receives the Watershed Guardian Award from BWA
Executive Director, John Pennington**

The Watershed Guardian Award for the Lakeside Area of the Beaver Watershed was awarded to Alan Bland last Saturday in recognition of his dedicated efforts to keep Beaver Lake clean and safe for everyone. Bland, of the United States Army Corps of Engineers, was chosen to receive the award because of his outstanding stewardship of Beaver Lake over the past 15 years. He has led the Annual Beaver Lake Cleanup effort since 1998 with partners like Keep Arkansas Beautiful, Benton County Solid Waste, Waste Management, and Coca-Cola. The cleanup event has resulted in over 6,000 participants removing 6,000 cubic yards of litter and debris from Beaver Lake. In addition, he has also carried out more than 300 educational programs for over 25,000 residents of Northwest Arkansas about Beaver Lake, its wildlife and value to the region.

September Volunteer Activities



Volunteers unload and separate electronics brought in by businesses, nonprofits, schools, and individuals last month at the NWA E-Waste Recycle Event put on by the Boston Mountain Solid Waste District and Washington County Environmental Affairs.



Students planted a rain garden at West Fork Middle School last month through the [Northwest Arkansas Rain Garden Project](#). This project was student-driven through the EAST program, and students played an active role in the process from the design phase to planting, and will continue to maintain the garden.

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