



You are invited to join us for the 9th Annual West Fork of the White River Cleanup on Saturday, May 17th. Come out for this fun community event where you can make a difference in the water quality of our area rivers and drinking water source!

# BEAVER WATERSHED ALLIANCE



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## May 2014

### Volunteers needed for the 9th Annual West Fork White River Cleanup!



We need YOU—join us for the 9th Annual

## West Fork of the white river Cleanup



### 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



For more information, call 479-274-8903 or email [courtney@beaverwatershedalliance.org](mailto:courtney@beaverwatershedalliance.org)

**Saturday, May 17th**  
**9 a.m. — 1 p.m.**

**Riverside Park, West Fork**

**9 a.m. — 12 p.m. Check-in & Cleanup**

**12 p.m. — 1 p.m. Lunch & Door Prizes**

Check-in is available at:

Slicker Park, South Hwy 71—Winslow  
Riverside Park, Arkansas 170—West Fork  
Walker Park, 10 W. 15th St.—Fayetteville



Join us for a community cleanup of the West Fork of the

cause of clean water.

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## Upcoming Events

### May 2

Springdale High School  
Environmental Awareness  
Fair - Springdale High School

### May 5

Drinking Water Week Press  
Conference - Beaver Water  
District, Lowell

### May 6

Springdale Public Schools  
Earth Day Celebration -  
Botanical Garden of the  
Ozarks, Fayetteville

### May 9

Multi-Basin Meeting - Rogers  
Public Library, Rogers

### May 10

Pig Trail (Highway 23)  
Cleanup with the OHTA -  
Turner Bend Store, Ozark

### May 17

West Fork of the White River  
Cleanup - Riverside Park,  
West Fork

### May 17

Presentation and Pasture-  
walk with Allen Shumate -

White River and its tributaries! The event begins at 9 am with registration at Slicker Ballpark in Winslow, Riverside Park in West Fork, and Walker Park in Fayetteville. Volunteers will disperse to sites throughout the watershed, and return with trash to Riverside Park at 12 pm for a free lunch and door prize drawing. For more information, call 479-750-8007

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## Speaker Series: "Investing in NWA Water Source Protection – Good for Business, Agriculture, Recreation, Nature and You"

The Beaver Watershed Alliance Speaker Series "Investing in Water Source Protection in NWA: It's good for business, agriculture, recreation, nature, and you" will be taking place in Berryville at the Community Center located at 601 Dr. Spurlin Circle from 11:30 am – 1:00pm on Thursday, May 22nd. The featured speaker will be Tony Ramick of the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission. Tony is the Supervisor of the Nonpoint Source Management Program for the State of Arkansas, and his topic "The Nonpoint Source Management Program of Arkansas: Are we or can we make a difference for water quality?" will investigate the current status of pollution reduction progress and challenges faced by the Arkansas Nonpoint Source Pollution Program and the entities who carry out the work. This program is free, however participation is limited and RSVPs are encouraged. Individuals wanting to attend should RSVP with Courtney Thomas at 479-750-8007 or [courtney@beaverwatershedalliance.org](mailto:courtney@beaverwatershedalliance.org).

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## Natural Infrastructure: Investing in Forested Landscapes for Source Water Protection in the United States

A recent publication, *Natural Infrastructure: Investing in Forested Landscapes for Source Water Protection in the*

Durham Community Center,  
Durham

**May 22**

Investing in NWA  
Sourcewater Protection: A  
Speaker Series - Berryville  
Community Center, Berryville

**May 31**

Watershed Photography  
Contest Closes

**June 1**

UpStream Art Reception and  
Downtown Walking Tour -  
Fayetteville Underground,  
Fayetteville

**June 3**

Town Branch Cleanup -  
World Peace Wetland Prairie,  
Fayetteville

**June 7**

War Eagle Appreciation Day -  
Withrow Springs State Park,  
Huntsville

**June 11**

A Celebration of Clean Water  
Conference - Branson Hilton  
Convention Center, Branson,  
MO

**June 12**

White River Stewardship  
Float - Beaver Dam Site Park,  
Eureka Springs

**June 17**

Project WET, WOW, and  
LakeSmart workshop -  
Beaver Water District, Lowell

**June 30 - July 2**

Project WET hisTOURy  
Traveling Workshop - Various  
in Northwest Arkansas

**July 12**

*United States* (2013), by the World Resources Institute makes a very clear linkage between clean water and the presence of forested landscape within watersheds. The document provides powerful insight into how watershed managers and water works professionals of all types may be able to benefit from investing in forested landscapes as well as traditional grey infrastructure. The report draws on the work of 56 experts in source water protection and forests throughout the United States and can be downloaded here: <http://www.wri.org/publication/natural-infrastructure>.

The following is an excerpt from review of the document:

“Aging infrastructure, a growing population, and continued land use change, are driving water costs higher in the United States. Investing in water management strategies that combine engineered solutions with “natural infrastructure” can reduce costs, enhance services, and provide a suite of benefits for communities and the environment.”

Safe water ensures good health & quality of life. And it's there when you need it in Northwest Arkansas, thanks to **Beaver Water District**, and its customer cities – Bentonville, Fayetteville, Rogers & Springdale. **Beaver Water District** & its partners monitor & protect Beaver Lake, your drinking water source. Let's all celebrate! Pour a glass of water and raise it in a toast to Beaver Lake. You Drink It Every Day!

For more information, visit [www.bwdh2o.org](http://www.bwdh2o.org)

**PUBLIC INVITATION - PRESS CONFERENCE**  
Monday, May 5th at 2:30pm • 301 N Primrose Road, Lowell

## East Fork Cleanup Wrap-up

Lake Appreciation Month  
Cleanup - Hobbs State Park-  
Conservation Area, Rogers

**July 15 - 16**

Arkansas Water Resources  
Center Annual Conference -  
TBD, Fayetteville

**August 16**

Secchi Day on Beaver Lake -  
Prairie Creek Marina, Rogers

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

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**activities around the**  
**watershed by following**  
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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.



Volunteers from the Arkansas Canoe Club, Arkansas Game & Fish Stream Team, University of Arkansas, and Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism were among the 45 volunteers that helped out at the East Fork of the White River stream cleanup.

Over 1,200 pounds of trash was removed from the East Fork of the White River, Lake Sequoyah, and surrounding areas at the first ever East Fork of the White River cleanup that took place last month. 45 volunteers came out from the Northwest Arkansas region to help out the river, remove trash from washing into our drinking water supply, and work to keep Arkansas beautiful! This event was a great success thanks to many partners and sponsors, including the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service, Arkansas Game & Fish Stream Team, Beaver Water District, Keep Arkansas Beautiful, Washington County Environmental Affairs, Coca-Cola, Columbia Sportswear, Grassroots Outdoor Alliance, and Pet Champion.

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## April Stewardship Moments



Participants at the Spring Rain Garden Academy installed five rain gardens in Huntsville last month



Volunteers from the University of Arkansas removed 300 pounds of trash from 1/4 mile of Mullins Creek in honor of Earth Day



Hikers identified native plants, learned about Leave No Trace ethics, and

maintained trails by removing trash from 4 miles of trail at Hobbs State  
Park last month as part of the "Earth Day, Every Day" celebration in  
partnership with Pack Rat Outdoor Center

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