

Do you have property in the West Fork Watershed, War Eagle Watershed, or forested land in the Beaver Lake Watershed or know someone who does? We want to hear from you! Find out more about our landowner programs in this month's newsletter and contact us to learn how you can be involved.

# BEAVER WATERSHED ALLIANCE



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## About BWA

The Beaver Watershed Alliance was formed in 2010 to establish programming to maintain high quality drinking water in Beaver Lake and improve water quality in 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 goal of clean water.

## October 2014

### **BWA Begins War Eagle Landowner Outreach Program to Increase BMP Adoption, Improve Water Quality**



The Beaver Watershed Alliance was recently awarded a grant from the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission and Environmental Protection Agency to work with streamside landowners in the War Eagle Watershed. The goals of the project are to increase riparian areas, Best Management Practice (BMP) use, watershed stewardship, and water quality within the War Eagle Watershed. This riparian project is a collaboratively-guided landowner outreach program in which several state agencies, non-profit organizations, and local

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## Upcoming Events

### October 4

Beaver Lake Cleanup -  
Prairie Creek Marina, Rogers

### October 5

Restoration & Conservation  
Tour - Greenland Community  
Center, Greenland

### October 6

Highway 412 Cleanup -  
Springdale

### October 11

Benton County Fall Cleanup -  
Locations in Bentonville,  
Garfield, and Decatur

### October 16

Rain Garden Volunteer Day -  
Noland Wastewater  
Treatment Plant, Fayetteville

### October 18

General Forest Management  
Workshop - Hobbs State Park  
- Conservation Area, Rogers

### October 21

Construction Stormwater  
Tours and Workshop -  
Bentonville

### October 29 - November 1

Washington County Fall  
Cleanup - Locations in

community groups are partnering to provide much needed information, resources, and volunteer power necessary to help landowners within the watershed more easily achieve the use of BMPs on their property. There will be over 60 special volunteer opportunities throughout this project, so please check in with us if you would like to find out more about how you can be involved in helping to improve the water quality of War Eagle Creek by working side by side with landowners, other volunteers or BWA staff!

Check out our [War Eagle Project Page](#) for program information, and contact Bryant Baker at [bryant@beaverwatershedalliance.org](mailto:bryant@beaverwatershedalliance.org) or 479-750-8007 to find out about upcoming informational meetings being held in October and November.

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## Beaver Lake Watershed Symposium hits relevant topics, attracts statewide and local stakeholders



Stakeholders across interests and watershed boundaries came together for presentations on a wide variety of topics related to water quality at this year's Beaver Lake Watershed Symposium. Over 65 attendees representing streamside landowners in the West Fork and War Eagle watersheds, city and county staff, area watershed organizations, state departments of health and environmental quality, economic development interests, and more convened at Carroll Electric in Huntsville.

Fayetteville, Prairie Grove,  
and Tontitown

**November 1**

Make a Difference Day -  
West Fork White River Airport  
Restoration site, Fayetteville

**November 13**

Speaker Series - Washington  
County Farm Bureau,  
Fayetteville

**November 14**

Friendraiser - Magnolia  
Gardens, Springdale

**November 19 - 21**

2014 ADEQ Watershed  
Conference - Inn of the  
Ozarks, Eureka Springs

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

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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.

Presenters included area experts on Low Impact  
Development (LID), water quality monitoring along the  
West Fork of the White River, assessing the numeric  
criteria for Beaver Lake water quality standards, updating  
the Beaver Lake Master Plan, and defining critical habitat  
for threatened and endangered species.

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## Huntsville High EAST Program Recognized as War Eagle Watershed Guardians



Kevin Shinn and Huntsville High students receive the Watershed  
Guardian Award for the War Eagle Watershed from BWA's Bryant  
Baker.

Students involved in Huntsville High School's EAST  
program were recognized for their contributions to  
cleaning Town Branch in the city of Huntsville. This  
program has been running for seven years and has  
generated approximately \$84,000 in volunteer hours, with  
thousands of pounds of waste diverted from Town  
Branch, a tributary of War Eagle Creek. Six students,  
along with their teacher Kevin Shinn, received the 2014  
War Eagle Watershed Guardian Award at this year's  
Beaver Lake Watershed Symposium held at Carroll  
Electric in Huntsville.

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# Restoration & Conservation Tour to take place this Sunday

## West Fork of the White River Restoration & Conservation Tour

Learn more about stream restoration and conservation easements through a tour of the recently completed West Fork White River Airport Restoration project



**Sunday,  
October 5th  
1:30 - 4 pm**

Presentations will be given by the Watershed Conservation Resource Center and the Northwest Arkansas Land Trust

RSVPs are requested. Contact us at 479-750-8007 or [info@beaverwatershedalliance.org](mailto:info@beaverwatershedalliance.org) to register

**Greenland Community Center  
located at 170 Letitia St.**



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[info@beaverwatershedalliance.org](mailto:info@beaverwatershedalliance.org)

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## Healthy Forest Program set for October 18th at Hobbs State Park

While conducting the Forest Landowner Opportunity Assessment Program, participating landowners made it loud and clear that they are interested in learning more about how to keep their forest healthy. We have listened to our stakeholders and developed a special program to help meet existing needs for information such as what considerations to make before managing forest, managing disease and pests, managing for harvest, controlled burning, and how to do all of these things and protect water quality. This will be a mostly indoor program in which participants will learn about a variety of forest management issues, and then go outside and take a look

at how Hobbs State Park has been managing their forest. Participants will have the pleasure of learning from foresters of the School of Forest Resources at the University of Monticello. The workshop starts at 9am on October 18th and will end with a light lunch at noon. Participants are encouraged to RSVP by contacting [alli@beaverwatershedalliance.org](mailto:alli@beaverwatershedalliance.org) or by calling 479-750-8007.

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We're excited to announce the addition of Bryant Baker as Program Coordinator for the Beaver Watershed Alliance. Bryant grew up in Fort Smith, Arkansas and attended the U of A in Fayetteville. He holds a B.S. in Environmental, Soil, and Water Science and an M.S. in Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences. Bryant worked as a research assistant in a water quality laboratory at the U of A for nearly five years, where he conducted research in lakes and streams throughout Northwest Arkansas. He also helped design and implement various riparian native plant restoration projects while at the U of A. Bryant lives in Fayetteville, Arkansas and enjoys fishing, paddling, hiking, and photography. Bryant can be reached at [bryant@beaverwatershedalliance.org](mailto:bryant@beaverwatershedalliance.org) or by phone at 479-769-4266.

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## September Stewardship Moments



18 kids from the Yvonne Richardson Community Center went for a sunset paddle on Lake Sequoyah during the "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" event in partnership with Pack Rat Outdoor Center and BWA.



Volunteers, including this group from Team Depot, came out to remove 150 pounds of trash from the White River during the Reel Recovery Fishing Tournament. Thanks to Saddleback Brewery, Cargill, Boston Mountain Solid Waste District, Keep Arkansas Beautiful, McLellan's Fly Shop, and Tightlines Fly Fishers for sponsoring the event.

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