



Join us for one of our many volunteer stewardship activities this month during "Make a Difference" March!

# 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.

## March 2015



## Make A Difference March!

BWA has several stewardship activities taking place this month and would like to invite you and your friends, family, and co-workers to be involved in actively working to improve the water quality in Beaver Lake, the drinking water source for nearly 500,000 people. Join us for one or more of our volunteer and education events during March to "Make A Difference" in your community for future generations!

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**RESCHEDULED: Middle Fork Cleanup**  
**- March 8th, 1-5 pm**

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## Upcoming Events

### March 7

Streamside Landowner Workshop - Carroll Electric, Huntsville

### March 8

Middle Fork Cleanup - Bunch Park, Elkins

### March 14

Streamside Planting Event - various in the War Eagle Creek Watershed

### March 21

War Eagle Creek Cleanup - War Eagle Mill, Rogers

### March 21

Devil's Eyebrow Reforestation Workday - Devil's Eyebrow Natural Area

### March 29

Septic Smart Program - Hobbs State Park, Rogers

### April 22

Mullins Creek Cleanup - University of Arkansas, Fayetteville

### April 25

East Fork Cleanup - Bunch Park, Elkins

Join us for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual

**Rescheduled!!**

# Middle Fork of the White River Cleanup

**Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 1 – 5pm**

Bunch Park Pavilion, Elkins

Park is located behind the white church on Hwy 16 and 1st Ave.

1 - 4 p.m. Check-in & Cleanup

4 - 5 p.m. Dinner & Door Prizes



Cleanup will take place at various sites along the river

- volunteers will be directed to the sites at check-in



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## May 2

Rain Garden Academy -  
Hobbs State Park

## May 2

Forest Management  
Landowner-to-Landowner -  
Durham Community Building

## May 16

West Fork Cleanup -  
Riverside Park, West Fork

## May 30

War Eagle Appreciation Day  
- Withrow Springs State Park

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.

## Streamside Landowner Workshop

**When?** Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**Where?** Carroll Electric  
5056 U.S. 412 Business  
Huntsville, AR

**What?** A workshop to provide needed information for streamside landowners and land managers.

**Why?** Many landowners want and need to know more about maintaining a healthy riparian buffer zone. Understanding stream processes and restoration projects, along with regulations on in-stream work, can be very helpful to landowners interested in slowing and preventing erosion. Information on stream basics, streambank erosion, available assistance for streamside problems, riparian corridor management, and other best management practices will be discussed. Landowners will also be able to pick up seedlings ordered through Beaver Watershed Alliance's Free Tree and Shrub Program.



### Presenters

Sandi Formica	Watershed Conservation Resource Center
Darrin Henderson	Madison County Cooperative Extension
Sean Saunders	Arkansas Game and Fish Commission
Thom Dodd	Natural Resources Conservation Service
Mark Hathcote	Arkansas Dept. of Environmental Quality
John Pennington	Beaver Watershed Alliance

### Agenda

8:30 - 9:00	Registration; Coffee and Donuts
9:00 - 9:50	Fluvial Processes/Stream Restoration and Stabilization Projects
9:50 - 10:25	Managing Pastures in Riparian Areas
10:25 - 10:35	Break
10:35 - 11:00	Riparian Corridor Management
11:00 - 11:25	Financial Assistance Through NRCS
11:25 - 11:50	Stream Work Permitting
11:50 - 12:00	How to Plant Bare Root Seedlings
12:00 - 12:45	Lunch
12:45 - 3:00	Riparian Buffer Planting



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DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS FREE WORKSHOP!

RSVP to Bryant at 479-769-4266 or  
bryant@beaverwatershedalliance.org by  
March 5<sup>th</sup> if you plan to attend.

## Dates set for Public Scoping Open House Meetings for the Beaver Lake Master Plan Revision

Opportunities to learn more about the Beaver Lake Master Plan and provide input for the plan's revision are coming up this month! The US Army Corps of Engineers Little Rock District is hosting three Public Scoping Open House meetings to seek feedback on the update of the Master Plan, which guides the recreational opportunities and natural resource management of Beaver Lake and public lands around the lake. Participants can drop in to one of three meetings at any time during the following meetings:

- March 10th, 2:00 - 7:00 pm - Fayetteville Town Center
- March 11th, 2:00 - 7:00 pm - First Baptist Church, Olive Street Campus Activity Center in Rogers
- March 12th, 2:00 - 7:00 pm - Inn of the Ozarks



## Plant Trees to Prevent Pollution!



Volunteers plant bare-root seedlings to enhance a riparian buffer along a Watershed Conservation Resource Center restoration site on the West Fork of the White River.

BWA is hosting **two** volunteer events to plant trees for reforestation near Beaver Lake, as well as enhancing and establishing riparian buffers around the Beaver Lake Watershed! Forested areas and riparian buffer zones along streams work to slow down water runoff and prevent sediment and nutrients from getting into the area's rivers and Beaver Lake. These trees can help keep the watershed in good quality for future generations, and we really need your help to establish over a thousand seedlings this month to help achieve this goal!

- War Eagle Creek Riparian Planting Week - Planting opportunities will be ongoing during the week of March 9th and will culminate with a Streamside Planting Event in the War Eagle Watershed on March 14th. Contact Bryant Baker at [bryant@beaverwatershedalliance.org](mailto:bryant@beaverwatershedalliance.org) or by calling 479-750-8007 for details
- Saturday, March 21st, 9:30 am to 1:00 pm -

Devil's Eyebrow Reforestation Workday -  
Volunteers are needed to plant trees for the reforestation of closed roadbeds at Devil's Eyebrow Natural Area. Tools, snacks, and water will be provided for volunteers. Volunteers will meet at the parking area 0.4 miles east of Garfield on Highway 62. For more information, contact Courtney Thomas at [courtney@beaverwatershedalliance.org](mailto:courtney@beaverwatershedalliance.org) or 479-750-8007

*Join us for our first*

## **WAR EAGLE CREEK CLEANUP**

**Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

### **Check-in Stations:**

**War Eagle Mill (Main Location)**

**Withrow Springs State Park**

**9:00 AM - 1:00 PM** *Check-in & Cleanup*

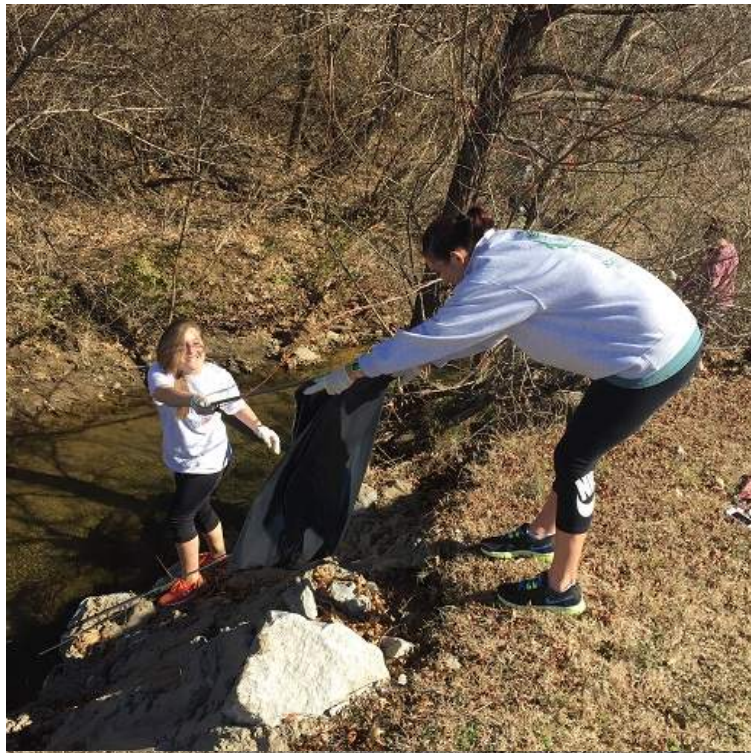
**1:00 PM - 2:00 PM** *Lunch & Door Prizes*

- Volunteers will be sent to various sites along the river
- Cleanup supplies (gloves, bags, etc.) will be provided
- Some canoes and kayaks will be available to those interested in cleaning up by boat
- Contact Bryant Baker at [bryant@beaverwatershedalliance.org](mailto:bryant@beaverwatershedalliance.org) or 479-769-4266 with any questions or to reserve a boat



## **February Stewardship Moments**





Students from the University of Arkansas removed trash from Mullins Creek on the UA Fayetteville campus as part of "Greek Week" activities

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