

Join us in giving thanks for clean water in the Beaver Lake Watershed, and for the landowners, volunteers, communities, businesses, and leaders who are working to sustain this vital resource!

BEAVER WATERSHED ALLIANCE



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November 2015

Give thanks for good stewards and clean water in the Beaver Lake Watershed!



About BWA

The Beaver Watershed Alliance was formed in 2011 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.

November is the month of giving thanks and the directors and staff of the Beaver Watershed Alliance would like to express our gratitude for our friends who are working hard along with us to sustain high water quality in our water supply and its watershed. At our upcoming annual Friendraiser event the BWA will be thanking folks in person (RSVP today if you would like to attend). We are continually thankful for the watershed landowners that are working to be good stewards and learning more about additional measures they can take to help protect water quality even more. We would also like to say thank you to our volunteers who are helping make a difference by choosing to dedicate their time and energy to improve wildlife habitat and water quality where they live, work or play. Thank you to the communities, businesses, and leaders who are taking the lead and investing in watershed protection. And lastly, we are thankful for having a mostly healthy water supply and watershed that so many people recognize as important and worthy of their stewardship.

On another note, November is also the last month that our Outreach Coordinator, Courtney Thomas, will spend

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Upcoming Events

November 6

Friendraiser - Magnolia Gardens, Springdale

November 7

Lake Sequoyah Cleanup - Lake Sequoyah Park, Fayetteville

November 14

Town Branch Trail Cleanup - Walker Park, Fayetteville

November 19

Speaker Series - Carroll Electric, Huntsville

November 30

War Eagle Creek Watershed Lunch 'n Learn - American Legion, Huntsville

December 14

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

Please share this newsletter with your friends and

with us. We are very thankful that the Beaver Watershed Alliance had the fortune to end up with Courtney as a conservation intern, program coordinator, and wonderful human being who is so dedicated to making a difference. We will miss her and we know that many landowners, partners and community members will miss her as well. We are proud and happy for her that she will be moving forward with a career in soil, water, and wildlife conservation!

John Pennington
Executive Director
Beaver Watershed Alliance

Give thanks, and give back, at the Lake Sequoyah Cleanup

Come join us for the

Lake Sequoyah Cleanup!

Help remove trash and improve wildlife habitat and water quality on Lake Sequoyah



November 7th
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Volunteers check in begins at 9:00 am at 6608 E Lake Sequoyah Drive Fayetteville, AR 72701. Gloves, tools, and lunch will be provided for volunteers. Closed toe shoes and appropriate dress for the weather are Recommended. For more information and to volunteer, call 479-444-3467 or email kjones@fayetteville-ar.gov



We want to thank YOU at our

neighbors so that they can have the opportunity to become active members in the Beaver Watershed community.

Friendraiser this Friday!



It's not too late to RSVP for our annual Friendraiser, which will bring together friends of the Beaver Watershed Alliance in celebration of another year of voluntary watershed protection in the Beaver Lake Watershed! Local bluegrass musicians, the Roving Gamblers, will be playing while dinner and craft beer brewed with water from Beaver Lake is served. A silent auction will showcase local businesses and artisans. RSVP is requested for this event to (479) 750-8007 or info@beaverwatershedalliance.org

Arkansas Unpaved Road Program Explained at upcoming Speaker Series

Investing in Water Supply Protection in NWA:

It's good for business, agriculture, recreation, nature, and you!

A Speaker Series



Date: November 19th, 2015

Time: 11:30am – 1:00pm

Location: Carroll Electric
5056 Hwy 412B
Huntsville, AR 72740

Speaker: Alex Johnston—
Arkansas Rural Services
Department

Program: *Arkansas Unpaved Road
Program Expained*

RSVP Today!
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The Beaver Watershed Alliance will be hosting Alex Johnston, Director of the Arkansas Rural Services Department, who will be presenting about the newly established Arkansas Unpaved Road Program at the next edition of “Investing in Water Supply Protection in NWA: It’s good for business, agriculture, community, recreation, nature, and you” on November 19th from 11:30-1:00pm at Carroll Electric in Huntsville Arkansas. The program will provide an excellent opportunity for all municipalities and agencies managing unpaved roads to learn more about how this program may be utilized to make improvements to unpaved roads and protect water quality. RSVP to (479) 750-8007 or info@beaverwatershedalliance.org

Ohio River's huge algae bloom a warning for water suppliers

By John Seewer, Associated Press
from The Lima News

A toxic algae outbreak that snaked more than 600 miles down the Ohio River past four states is forcing water utilities to reassess the threat from harmful algal blooms that are popping up increasingly around the nation.

Treatment plant operators and researchers along the river were surprised by the large bloom and said it should be a warning to cities that get their water supply from lakes, rivers and manmade reservoirs.

“You need to be ready and have a plan in place,” said Roger Tucker, who monitors algae sampling for the Louisville Water Co. in Kentucky. “The Ohio River is proof of that.”

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Cities Can Save Money by Investing in Natural Infrastructure for Water

By Yiyuan Qin, Todd Gartner and Betsy Otto
from World Resources Institute

By 2030, the world is projected to spend an estimated \$10 trillion on repairing and expanding water infrastructure. Dams and treatment plants are aging, water demand is surging, and more frequent extreme weather events threaten our water security—each driving up water management costs.

As costs increase, cities are realizing that investing solely in traditional, built infrastructure isn't always the best use of tight budgets. Instead, some urban areas are benefitting from natural infrastructure or “green” infrastructure, a strategically planned and managed system of natural lands, working landscapes and other natural soil and vegetation systems across a watershed or within a city, that perform many of same functions as built or “gray” infrastructure. These essential functions, often carried out by the deep roots and multi-layered tree canopies of healthy forests, include purifying water, minimizing sedimentation, regulating flow and

stormwater runoff, and reducing the impact of floods and droughts.

Natural infrastructure helps to provide high-quality source water and well-regulated flow, which can not only lead to several potential areas of cost savings—such as avoided capital costs, lowered maintenance costs, and reduced treatment costs—but also generate social and environmental benefits.

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October Stewardship Moments



We're very thankful for the volunteers that came out for our White River Cleanup last month! Dozens of paint cans, and hundreds of pounds of housing materials, along with cans, bottles, and other trash that littered the shoreline and floodplain along the lower White River were removed because of their efforts. Thanks also to

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Keep Arkansas Beautiful, Boston Mountain Solid Waste District, Washington County Environmental Affairs, the Arkansas Game & Fish Stream Team, and Bryce's White River Marine for making this water quality and wildlife habitat improvement event possible!

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