The 2015 Beaver Lake Watershed Symposium, NWA Open Space Draft Plan meetings, and volunteer opportunities in this month’s eNews!

September 2015

2015 Beaver Lake Watershed Symposium: "Our Region's Cornerstone"

The program focus of this year’s symposium recognizes that Beaver Lake is our regional cornerstone and will focus on the issues that matter most. Water quantity allocation and water distribution capacity from Beaver Lake, water quality impairments in the Beaver Lake Watershed and their associated implications, mechanisms for funding voluntary watershed protection on the landscape and the metrics of valuing landscape investments to maintain high water quality at low cost.

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.
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Upcoming Events

September 10
Rain Garden Volunteer Workday - Huntsville City Hall

September 12
Lee Creek Cleanup - Devil's Den State Park, Winslow

September 17
Cato Springs Invasive Plant Removal - Kessler Mountain Trailhead

September 23 - 24
2015 Nonpoint Source Pollution Stakeholder and Project Review Meeting - University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture, Cooperative Extension Service State Office, Little Rock

September 23
NWA Open Space Plan Public Input Workshop - Rogers Public Library

September 24
NWA Open Space Plan Public Input Workshop - Fayetteville Public Library

September 25
Beaver Lake Watershed Symposium - Carroll Electric,

The program will also focus on the greatest short-term threats to the quality and cost of NWA's water supply. Since Beaver Lake is the source of community growth and economic development, high quality of life, and drinking/industrial water supply this is a program that most can’t afford to miss! For more information and to RSVP, contact Beaver Watershed Alliance at info@beaverwatershedalliance.org or by calling (479) 750-8007.

Volunteers Needed for Invasive Plant Removal Efforts!

Help remove invasive plants to improve water quality and wildlife habitat alongside a tributary to Cato Springs Branch at the base of Kessler Mountain in Fayetteville on Thursday, September 17th! Volunteers are needed to remove Bush Honeysuckle, Privet, and Perilla Mint at the site of a future stream restoration. Meet at the Kessler Mountain Trailhead, located at 2600 Judge Cummings Road, at 4 pm to check-in and receive supplies. Gloves and refreshments will be provided; volunteers should wear long pants and sturdy shoes for this event.

Upcoming Public Input Workshops for the NWA Open Space Draft Plan

After several meetings to seek public input for the Northwest
Huntsville

September 26
Beaver Lake Cleanup - Prairie Creek Park, Rogers

November 6
Friendraiser - Magnolia Gardens, Springdale

Check out our online calendar for more detailed information on upcoming events!

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.

Arkansas Open Space Plan, the draft plan will now be made available for viewing and further comment!

The next round of public workshops and presentations for the Northwest Arkansas Open Space Plan is scheduled for September 2015. The focus will be on the draft plan and draft implementation strategy. Each meeting will feature the same information and will have two identical presentations at 4:00 p.m. and again at 5:30 p.m. with Q&A following each presentation:

- Wednesday, September 23, 2015 (4 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.) at Rogers Public Library, 711 S Dixieland Rd, Rogers, AR 72758

- Thursday, September 24, 2015 (4 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.) at Fayetteville Public Library, 401 W Mountain St., Fayetteville, AR 72701

Don't miss this opportunity to view the draft plan and provide YOUR input regarding valuable open spaces in Northwest Arkansas!

Signs Encourage Stewardship on Beaver Lake and its tributaries
BWA continues to increase awareness with educational signage on in the Beaver Lake Watershed. Look for these additional signs recently placed at the Blue Springs Use Area, Gar Hole on War Eagle Creek, and Big Clifty Park on Beaver Lake. These signs encourage all - boaters, anglers, swimmers, and other users - to help keep Beaver Lake and its tributaries clean!

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**Volunteer to Help Keep Beaver Lake and Area Rivers Clean**

Get involved in volunteer efforts to help keep the Beaver Lake Watershed and Lee Creek Watershed clean!

The Lee Creek Cleanup will be held Saturday, September 12th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at Devil’s Den State Park. Volunteers will check in at the Day Use Horse Parking Area. Lunch and a door prize drawing will follow the cleanup.

The Beaver Lake Cleanup will take place Saturday, September 26th from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm, with multiple check-in locations available for volunteers to remove trash from the lake and its shoreline from Twin Bridges at Hwy 45 all the way to Beaver Dam! For more information and updated check-in locations, see our website calendar [here](http://us4.campaign-archive1.com/?u=958bedd4b5cca63dc7e5897fd&id=25b59c34b3&e=890093637c).
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BWA partnered with the Watershed Conservation Resource Center for a volunteer effort to remove invasive plant species along a tributary to Cato Springs Branch at the base of Kessler Mountain in Fayetteville. 20 volunteers came out to remove Bush Honeysuckle, Privet, and Perilla Mint along this stream, which is the site of a future stream restoration! Thanks to these hard-working volunteers, and to the City of Fayetteville and Beaver Water District for their support.