



Beaver Watershed Alliance October e-News

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BWA Welcomes New Outreach Coordinator

We are excited to announce the addition of Melissa Welch as Outreach Coordinator for the Beaver Watershed Alliance. Melissa joined the Alliance in September 2016. She was born in Alabama and has lived in Arkansas since 2013. She holds a B.S. in Biology from Rhodes College and is working on her M.S. in Biology at the University of Arkansas. Melissa has worked as a teaching assistant for the past 3 years at the U of A, while researching aquatic invertebrates in streams throughout Northwest Arkansas. She also is part of a Stream Smart volunteer group that does quarterly water quality reports on Baldwin Creek in the Beaver Lake Watershed. Melissa lives in Springdale, Arkansas and enjoys kayaking, hiking, and scuba diving. Melissa can be reached at melissa@beaverwatershedalliance.org.



NWA Forest and Drinking Water Workshop

The recent Northwest Arkansas Forests and Drinking Water Workshop was a regional partnership and collaboration meeting in which water utility managers, private forest landowners, State and Federal agencies, and non-

Upcoming Events

October 6
Beaver Dam 50th Anniversary
Dam Site Lake Day Use Area
Eureka Springs, AR
2:00 pm

October 11
Elkins BMP Tour
Elkins Community Center
Elkins, AR
10:00 am-12:00 pm

October 15
Lower White River Cleanup
Bryce's White River Marine
Springdale, AR
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

October 17
Watershed Community Meeting
Wesley Community Center
Wesley, AR
6:00 pm

October 19
Invasive Plant Removal
Kessler Mountain Regional Park
Fayetteville, AR
9:00 am -12:00 pm

October 20
Speaker Series
Save the Date!
11:30 am - 1:00 pm

October 20
Watershed Community Meeting

profit watershed organizations worked to increase collaboration throughout the geographic northwest portion of Arkansas. The two-day workshop included a tour of stream restoration and forestry demonstration sites in which participants were able to learn more about the interface between drinking water, forestry, land ownership, education and collaboration to achieve shared forest and water conservation goals. It was exciting to see new partnerships form across the Ozarks, the River Valley, and the Ouachita regions. It was even more exhilarating to witness the formation of multiple action items that all of the participants are now planning and initiating. This program was made possible by the Arkansas Forests and Drinking Water Committee and sponsored by the United States Endowment for Forestry and Communities, Beaver Water District, Central Arkansas Water, United States Forest Service, Ozarks Water Watch, Arkansas Forestry Commission, Arkansas Department of Health, Green Bay Packaging, University of Arkansas Forest Resource Center, Arkansas, Water Resources Center, Arkansas Forestry Association, South Eastern Partnership for Forests and Water, Multi-Basin Regional Water Council, and the Beaver Watershed Alliance.



Arkansas Natural Resources Commission Grant Awarded

Beaver Watershed Alliance (BWA) was recently awarded a \$438,251 grant from the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission (ANRC) and United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to work with streamside landowners in the Middle Fork-White River Watershed, Lake Sequoyah-White River Watershed, Headwaters-White River Watershed, and Richland Creek Watershed. Half of the funding for this grant is in-kind match from BWA. Each year the ANRC is given monies from the EPA to fund projects proposed by nonprofits, governmental agencies, or academic institutions that address aspects of nonpoint source pollution through outreach and education projects, scientific research, and best management practice (BMP) development or installation as listed in the state's nonpoint source pollution plan, which is voluntary. BMPs are practices that have been proven to be practical and effective in reducing sediment, nutrients, bacteria, and other pollutants from reaching ground and surface waters.

The grant's focus is to fund outreach to streamside landowners in the Middle Fork-White River Watershed, Lake Sequoyah-White River Watershed, Headwaters-White River Watershed, and Richland Creek Watershed to help investigate the health of their riparian or streamside area, to provide information about stream processes and beneficial riparian area BMPs, and to encourage the voluntary use of a variety of BMPs throughout the watershed. Well-managed riparian areas can be agriculturally productive, great habitat for wildlife, effective filters for runoff, and barriers against stream bank erosion. Streamside landowners who are interested in adopting BMPs that will benefit land and water quality can get free assistance from

St. Paul High School
St. Paul, AR
6:00 pm

October 21
Watershed Community Meeting
Pig Trail Bypass Country Cafe
Elkins, AR
12:00 pm

October 22
Lake Sequoyah Cleanup
Fayetteville, AR
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

October 24
Watershed Community Meeting
Elkins Public Library
Elkins, AR
3:00 pm

October 25
Watershed Community Meeting
Pig Trail Bypass Country Cafe
Elkins, AR
12:00 pm

October 26
2016 Forest Awareness
Lake Wedington Picnic Area
Fayetteville, AR
9:00 am-1:30 pm

October 27 & 28
2016 Arkansas Watershed Conference
Eureka Springs, AR

October 29
Make A Difference Day
Walker Park
Fayetteville, AR
11:00 am-3:00 pm

November 3
Watershed Community Meeting
Goshen Community Center
Goshen, AR
6:00 pm

November 5
Kessler Trail Run
Kessler Mountain Regional Park
Fayetteville, AR
9 :00 am

November 7
Watershed Community Meeting
Elkins Public Library
Elkins, AR
3:00 pm

November 18
Friendraiser
Magnolia Gardens Event

BWA. The program is entirely voluntary, with no strings attached.

The White River and Richland Creek Watershed Project represents a unique approach of BWA to work with landowners in a way that they can appreciate and value to maintain and improve water quality that involves no new regulations. Landowners and managers who volunteer to implement BMPs have been shown to positively impact water quality in other watersheds and can make a positive difference for water quality. The program will last from October 2016 – June 2019.

The Beaver Watershed Alliance is formed of a diverse stakeholder group representing agricultural, recreation, conservation, water utility, business, and private landowner perspectives who all work together for the benefit of Beaver Lake and its watershed. To learn more about BWA, BMPs, the White River and Richland Creek Watershed Project, or how you can voluntarily help protect water quality go to www.beaverwatershedalliance.org or contact Bryant Baker at 479-769-4266.

Venue
Springdale, AR
6:30-9:30 pm

December 3
Forest Management
Workshop
Elkins Community Center
Elkins, AR
9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Events
Calendar



Elkins BMP Tour

Join us to take a tour of the various BMPs recently implemented in Elkins. This will be a great opportunity to learn about installing a rain garden or planting trees. We will meet at the Elkins Community Center and carpool to different locations around town. The program will end with a free lunch at the Elkins Senior Center. Please RSVP by calling [479-750-8007](tel:479-750-8007) or emailing bryant@beaverwatershedalliance.org.



Beaver Lake Watershed Symposium Review

Stakeholders in the Beaver Watershed came together to talk about the various water quality issues in our watershed. The talks ranged from learning about water quality and Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) to the issues our watershed is going to face with an increasing population. There are already programs being implemented in our watershed to address these issues, such as the Northwest Arkansas Open Space Plan. We are thankful of the partners who took time to provide excellent presentations. We had so many great people give talks from Beaver Water District, United States Geological Survey, Arkansas Water Resource Center, Watershed Conservation Resource Center, Northwest Arkansas Land Trust, NWA Regional Planning Commission, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. We were also happy to have students from the University of Arkansas present data they had collected from the Beaver Lake Watershed.



Water for Life!

The value of your interest and involvement in the voluntary watershed protection effort of our regional water supply is priceless and appreciated! Read, like, and share this newsletter to help spread the good water quality word and to help get your friends and family involved. We are all in this together!



About Beaver Watershed Alliance

BWA was formed in 2011 to proactively protect, maintain, and enhance the water quality of Beaver Lake and the integrity of its watershed through outreach and education, voluntary best management practice implementation, and scientific investigation. BWA 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.

Your financial contribution will help BWA fulfill our mission to proactively protect, maintain, and enhance the water quality of Beaver Lake and the integrity of its watershed through outreach and education, voluntary best management practice implementation, and scientific investigation.

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