



Beaver Watershed Alliance September e-News

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Beaver Lake Watershed Symposium on September 29th

The Beaver Watershed Alliance (BWA) and the Watershed Conservation Resource Center (WCRC) are hosting the Beaver Lake Watershed Symposium on September 29th. This event will focus on the USACE Master Plan and Shore Line Management Plan, Long Term Water Quality Trends in the White River, Harmful Algal Blooms and Beaver Lake, and some of the most important and impactful efforts being undertaken to ensure a long term quality of environment, quality of life, and quality of water on which we all rely.

Contact info@beaverwatershedalliance.org for more information.

Upcoming Events

September 10
Lee Creek Cleanup
Devil's Den State Park
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

September 16
Forest & Water Forum
Save the Date!
Fayetteville, AR

September 20
Kessler Mountain Regional
Park Invasive Plant
Removal
Fayetteville, AR
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

September 24
Beaver Lake Cleanup
Prairie Creek Public Use
Area
Rogers, AR
8:00 am - 1:00 pm

September 29
Beaver Lake Watershed
Symposium
Lowell, AR
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

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

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

October 27

Beaver Lake Watershed Symposium

September 29th
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

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

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



314 N. Good Springs Rd, Lowell, AR 72745



Events
Calendar

Native Seed Collection on September 7th

The Beaver Watershed Alliance, Watershed Conservation Resource Center (WCRC), and CH2M Hill are partnering for a native rye grass seed collection. The collected seeds will be used to re-vegetate restoration sites throughout the watershed. Volunteers are needed to assist in seed collection. Pizza and drinks will be provided. CONTACT Jennifer Ogle at Beaver Watershed Alliance for more information. Phone: 479-957-6859 or jennifer@beaverwatershedalliance.org

Volunteer Native Seed Collection

White River near Noland WWTP

Wednesday, September 7th, 2016

4:30pm—7:30pm

Meet at Watershed Conservation Resource Center Office:
380 W. Rock St.
Fayetteville, Arkansas 72701

Please join Beaver Watershed Alliance, Watershed Conservation Resource Center (WCRC), and CH2M Hill, for an evening of native seed collection. Native rye grass species have mature seed ready for harvest to be used for re-vegetating restoration sites throughout the watershed. Volunteers are needed to assist in seed collection. Pizza and drinks will be provided. We look forward to a fun time with you while we make our environment better!



We will meet at the WCRC Office and caravan to the seed collection site near Noland Wastewater Treatment Plant in Fayetteville

Pizza and Drinks will be Provided

To register: Please contact Jennifer Ogle at Beaver Watershed Alliance (479) 957-6859
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Northwest Arkansas Forests and Drinking Water Workshop to be Held in Fayetteville

A source water protection partnership between landowners, forestry, drinking water, conservation group, and local municipalities was born last year in the State of Arkansas. The partnership is known as the Arkansas Forests and Drinking Water Committee (*Committee*). The Committee established as part of an effort between the Southeastern Partnership for Forestry, United States Forest Service, and United States Endowment for Forestry and Communities which seeks to broaden partnerships to advance forest retention and strengthen the connection between well managed forested lands and drinking water. The Arkansas Forestry Commission, Arkansas Forestry Association, Beaver Water District, Central Arkansas Water, Arkansas Rural Water Association, and Arkansas Department of Health along with the Beaver Watershed Alliance and University of Arkansas Forest Management Resource Center compose the Committee and held an Arkansas Forests and Drinking Water Forum last year that was well attended and served to help stimulate several on the ground conservation projects, a sustainable source water protection funding mechanism, and a host of other excellent partnerships which will serve to maintain and increase the presence healthy forests and high quality drinking water supplies across the State of Arkansas. With that said, there is a little more room for participation in the NWA Workshop being held on September 15th and 16th, but space is going fast and you will need to register online by [clicking here](#) where more information about the program may also be found. A field trip will be offered on September 15th at 3pm to view a local stream restoration that reduces phosphorus and sediment loading by thousands of tons and pounds respectively on an annual basis. The tour

will be followed by a casual dinner at 6:00pm to allow participants time to get acquainted before the workshop on the 16th. On the 16th time will be devoted to the factors needed for successful watershed protection, perspectives from forestry and drinking water sectors, and developing sustainable funding for watershed protection initiatives. There is no registration fee for the event, no cost for the tour, and all meals will be provided thanks to contributions from our generous sponsors the Arkansas Forestry Association, Arkansas Forestry Commission, University of Arkansas Forest Resources Center, Arkansas Rural Water Association, Ozarks Water Watch, Multi-Basin Regional Water Council, Beaver Water District, Southeastern Partnership for Forests and Water, and the United States Endowment for Forests and Communities.



Riparian Planting Guide

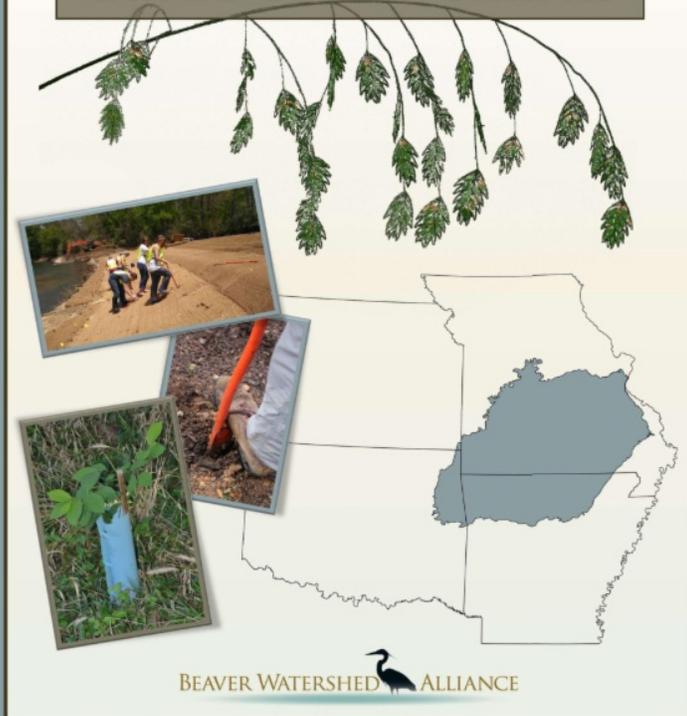
The Beaver Watershed Alliance (BWA) recently published a Riparian Planting Guide of the Ozarks to aid landowners who are interested in enhancing, replanting, or restoring riparian (*streamside*) areas on their property. The guide was created as part of an Arkansas Natural Resources Commission and Environmental Protection Agency section 319 grant to work with 2,000 streamside landowners on War Eagle Creek, a tributary to Beaver Lake the source of drinking water for the region. The guide covers types of native plants for riparian or streamside areas, consideration for management, tools to use, and where to find what is needed to increase the health of riparian areas.

Healthy riparian areas serve many roles by filtering pollutants from water, providing wildlife habitat, preventing streambank erosion, and increasing property value. While developing the guide BWA staff were able to establish over 200 water quality best management practices including establishment of riparian buffers with over 50 different landowners.

Partners in the development of the publication are the Northwest Arkansas Master Naturalists, University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service, Watershed Conservation Resource Center, Arkansas Game and Fish Stream Team, Natural Resource Conservation Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism, Association for Beaver Lake Environment, Ozarks Water Watch, and Beaver Water District. The guide is available in print from the Beaver Watershed Alliance and can be found online

at <http://www.beaverwatershedalliance.org/pdf/Riparian-Planting-Guide-Ozarks.pdf>

Riparian Planting Guide of the Ozarks



Research Frontiers - Tracking Turbidity in the White River

We've been working with the Arkansas Water Resource Center to track water clarity on the West Fork of the White River. This exciting research could potentially result in large sections of the river being taken off the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality's list of impaired waterbodies. We're proud to take part in the exceptional research focused on improving the water quality here in the Beaver Lake Watershed.

[Read the full UofA Research Frontiers article here](#)



Pictured above: Haley McLaughlin, a senior majoring in biological and agricultural engineering, takes a water sample at Baptist Ford on the West

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 show off YOUR contributions and to encourage your friends and family to get involved!



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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