

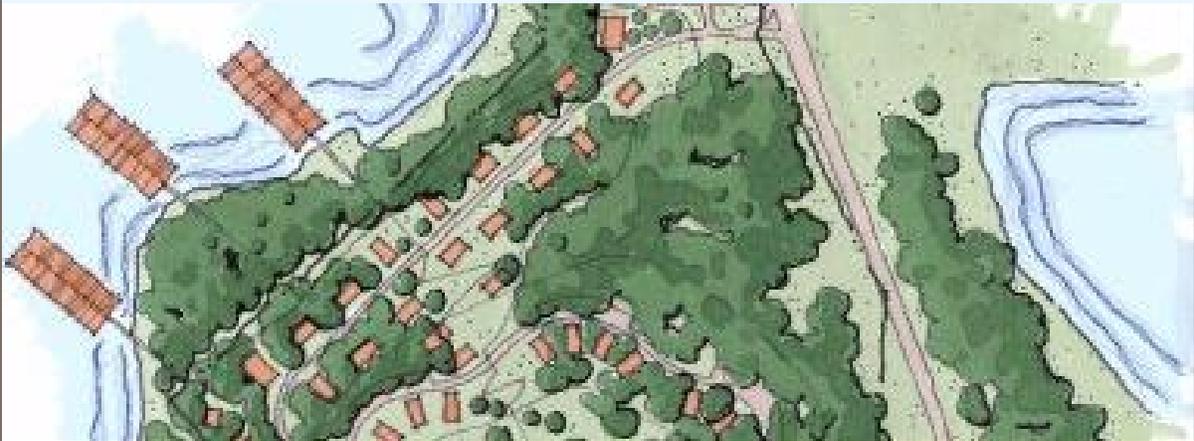
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Beaver Watershed Alliance February e-News

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Speaker Series to focus on Maintaining High Quality of Life in Your Community & Protecting Water Quality

Northwest Arkansas' cities and communities large and small can benefit from the Beaver Watershed Alliance speaker series *investing in water source protection*. The presentation will feature Brian Teague of Community by Design, a full service multidisciplinary urban design firm in the Northwest Arkansas. Teague will be presenting about the latest information regarding water quality protection efforts that maintain a high quality of life and will provide a practical approach to balance the goals of conservation and development for future growth of our area. **The workshop will take place Thursday, Feb. 23 from 11:30 am to 1 pm at the Elkins Community Center, 162 Doolin Dr., Elkins, AR 72727.**

"Protecting our region's natural resources and planning for future growth with water quality in mind has a positive impact on communities reaching from Harrison, AR to Westville, Oklahoma," says John Pennington, Executive Director of the Beaver Watershed Alliance. "The

Upcoming Events

February 9

[Invasive Plant Removal at Kessler Mountain](#)

Fayetteville, AR
1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

February 11

[Spout Spring Branch Cleanup](#)

Fayetteville, AR
10 am - 12 noon

February 18

[Richland Creek Cleanup](#)

Goshen Community Center
244 Clark St.
Goshen, AR
9 am - 12 pm noon

stewardship of streams and rivers, the lands surrounding them and Beaver Lake is vitally important to improving Northwest Arkansas' quality of life that is second to none."

Beaver Watershed Alliance is working with local governments and other nonprofits to reduce the amount of sediment entering streams, improve fish habitat and reduce flooding, an essential service to local communities.

Since Beaver Lake supplies 1 in 7 or nearly a half million people with clean drinking water, provides over forty million tourism and recreation dollars for the local economy, and is the key factor to a successful future in the region, BWA developed this quarterly speaker series to share the rationale behind investing in watershed protection activities today that can benefit our entire region tomorrow. The series name, *Investing in Water Supply Protection in NWA: It's good for business, agriculture, recreation, nature, and you*, reflects these goals.

The program is free and to RSVP, call or email BWA at 750-8007 or info@beaverwatershedalliance.org. BWA is a non-profit organization focused on maintaining high quality drinking water in Beaver Lake and improving water quality within the Beaver Lake Watershed.

Investing in Water Supply Protection in NWA:

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

A Speaker Series



Beaver Lake • Water for Life



Date: February 23, 2017
Time: 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
Location: Elkins Community Center
 162 Doolin Dr.
 Elkins, AR 72727
Speaker: Brian Teague
 Owner
 Community by Design
Topic: Maintaining High Quality of Life in Your Community & Protecting Water Quality

Please RSVP to the Beaver Watershed Alliance at (479) 750-8007 or info@beaverwatershedalliance.org



February 21 [Ward Slough Planting](#)

899 W Partridge Dr.
 Fayetteville, AR
 9 am - 12 pm noon

February 22 [Town Branch Cleanup](#)

Fayetteville, AR
 1 pm - 3 pm

February 23 [Speaker Series: Lunch and Learn](#)

"Maintaining High Quality of Life in Your Community and Protecting Water Quality"

Presentation by
 Brian Teague, Owner
 Community by Design
 Elkins Community Center
 162 Doolin Dr.
 Elkins, AR
 11:30 am - 1 pm

March 4 [Streamside Management Workshop and Planting Demo](#)

Elkins Community Center
 162 Doolin Dr.
 Elkins, AR
 9 am - 12 pm noon

March 11 [Riparian Planting Demo](#)

Elkins Community Center
 162 Doolin Dr.
 Elkins, AR
 9 am - 12 pm noon

SAVE THE DATE!

March 15
 Rain Garden Management
 St. Paul, AR

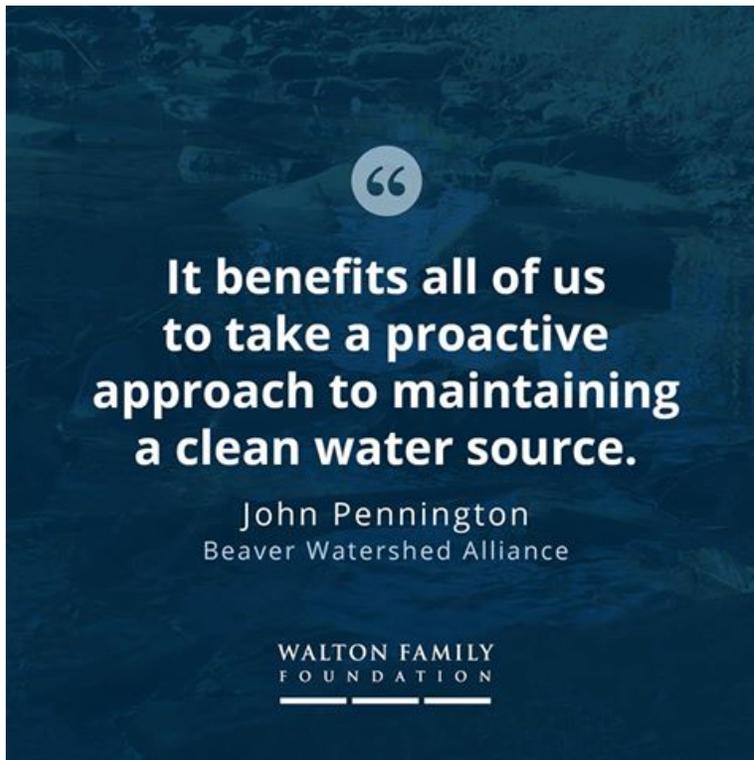
March 18
 Native Tree & Shrub
 Planting
 Winslow, AR

March 21
 Benton County Ag Days
 Rogers, AR

March 25
 East Fork/Lake Sequoyah
 Cleanup

March 25
 Monarch Butterfly
 Workshop
 Botanical Gardens of the
 Ozarks

April 1
 Rain Garden Workshop



Beaver Watershed Alliance was recently featured in the Walton Family Foundation Blog, read more about what's happening in our home region: [Ensuring Water Quality for a Region, One Landowner at a Time](#)

Town Branch Creek Preserve Established to Help Protect Water Quality in Beaver Lake Watershed

The [Northwest Arkansas Land Trust](#) is excited to announce the permanent protection of a small section of riparian habitat along Town Branch Creek in South Fayetteville. Town Branch Creek flows into the West Fork of the White River, a major tributary of Beaver Lake, the primary source of drinking water in Northwest Arkansas.

The .7 acre property was donated to the land trust by Crowne Properties, LLC and will undergo restoration to improve habitat for native species and to protect water quality in the Beaver Lake Watershed. In addition to benefiting water quality and wildlife habitat, the preserve also offers a scenic backdrop to the Town Branch Trail, which is part of the regional network of paved multi-use trails.

Through a partnership with Beaver Watershed Alliance, the land trust is looking forward to stewarding this urban creek to better serve people and wildlife in the Fayetteville community. Plans are underway to develop footpaths to the creek and install educational signage on the property. This small "pocket preserve" is the first step towards a larger vision to protect and enhance adjacent stretches of Town Branch Creek and other urban creeks throughout the Northwest Arkansas region.

A cleanup of the Preserve will take place Wednesday, Feb 22. Volunteers can meet at *The Spectrum Apartments*, 1741 Crowne Drive, Fayetteville, AR 72701. Snacks, refreshments and equipment will be provided. Contact Jennifer at 479-750-8007 or jennifer@beaverwatershedalliance.org with questions or to volunteer.

April 1
Discovery Farm Day

Water for Life!

The value of your interest and involvement in the voluntary watershed protection effort for 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.

Together, we can make a difference!

Events Calendar

***Volunteer
for
Clean Water***



Thank you to the 36 landowners who spent Saturday, Jan. 28 morning with us to learn how to achieve and maintain a healthy forest at our Forest Management Workshop!



Thank you to 91 volunteers that helped to cleanup Mullins Creek in Fayetteville! Over 200 pounds of trash were removed from the creek!

Contact [Sim Barrow](#), Communications and Development Coordinator for the Northwest Arkansas Land Trust: 479.966.4666 (office)



Town Branch Cleanup - February 22



Protecting and restoring Beaver Lake, our regional drinking water source!

Richland Creek Cleanup

Saturday, February 18th 9am - 1pm



Goshen Community Building
244 Clark St., Goshen, AR

9 am - 12 pm Check-in & Cleanup

12 pm - 1 pm Lunch & Door Prizes

Cleanup will take place at various sites along the creek

Volunteers will be directed to the sites at check-in

Trash bags, gloves, and water will be provided

Volunteers will receive free lunch!



For more info, contact:

Melissa@beaverwatershedalliance.org

479-750-8007

Event Partners and Sponsors



Streamside Management Helps Reduce Erosion and Land Loss

One of the most common issues in our watershed is streambank erosion, which can cause land loss and water quality degradation. Erosion is the primary source of sediment and phosphorus delivery to Beaver Lake. In order to maintain the high quality of water in Beaver Lake and its watershed and high quality of life in Northwest Arkansas, the Beaver Watershed Alliance wants to help landowners understand the problem and work towards solutions.

One of the most beneficial best management practices for streamside landowners is to maintain a healthy riparian buffer, which is a vegetated strip along the banks and floodplain of a water body that helps to protect the waterway. Landowners and anyone who would be interested in learning about or seeing first-hand how to establish a riparian buffer will have the opportunity to attend the Streamside Management Workshop, a free workshop, hosted on **Saturday, March 4 from 9 am to 1 pm at the Elkins Community Center.**

Speakers from the Watershed Conservation Resource Center and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Partners for Fish and Wildlife will present on topics including:

- Stream basics & streambank restoration
- Basic stream fluvial geomorphology (Concepts of erosion water and gravel movement in streams)
- In-stream work permitting
- Low water bridge management & considerations
- Tree planting and care tips
- Importance of dense riparian vegetation
- Resources & assistance programs available

Assistance for streamside problems is available, and best management practices will be discussed.

Participants will also learn how to establish and increase their riparian buffer through a hands-on planting demonstration using native tree and shrub seedlings, following the workshop. Please RSVP to melissa@beaverwatershedalliance.org or 479-750-8007. Lunch will be provided.

The following Saturday, March 11th, Beaver Watershed Alliance will host another volunteer planting demonstration day for hands-on experience at local streamside properties.



Protecting and restoring Beaver Lake, our regional drinking water source!



Streamside Management Workshop

Achieve a healthy riparian buffer on your property!

WHERE:

Elkins Community Center
162 Doolin Dr.
Elkins, AR 72727

WHEN:

Saturday
March 4th
9am - 12pm

COST: FREE

Lunch Included

RSVP:

melissa@
beaverwatershedalliance.org
479-750-8007

Learn about Streamside Management at our workshop!

Participants will learn how to establish and increase the health of their riparian buffers along streams and rivers to prevent land loss and slow down erosion. Experts from the Watershed Conservation Resource Center and the US Fish and Wildlife's Partners for Fish and Wildlife will present:

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(Concepts of erosion water and gravel movement in streams)
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Participants can pick up their free native trees and shrubs ordered through the Beaver Watershed Alliance.

Thanks to our Event Partners and Sponsors:



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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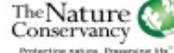
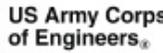
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