



Middle Fork of the White River

Beaver Watershed Alliance May e-News

Arkansas Natural Resources Commission has released the 2018-2023 Nonpoint Source Pollution Management Plan

The Arkansas Natural Resources Commission has released the 2018-2023 Nonpoint Source Pollution Management Plan, which describes how the nonpoint source program (NPS) will be managed during these years and profiles the state's 11 priority watersheds for NPS education and funding.

The Plan includes sections on agriculture, silviculture, surface erosion and urban runoff, as well as descriptions of common best management practices and common nonpoint source pollutants.

The 11 priority watersheds identified in the plan are:

- * Bayou Bartholomew
- * Beaver Reservoir
- * Cache River
- * Illinois River
- * Lake Conway-Point Remove
- * L'Anguille River
- * Lower Little River
- * Lower Ouachita-Smackover
- * Poteau River
- * Strawberry River
- * Upper Saline River

The Beaver Reservoir watershed has been a priority of the Arkansas Nonpoint Source Management Plan since the comprehensive update of the program completed in 1998. Arkansas Natural Resources Commission (ANRC) is again designating the Beaver Reservoir watershed as a priority watershed for the 2018-2023 Non Point Source Pollution Management Plan.

Pollutants of concern within the Beaver Lake watershed area include:

- Total dissolved solids
- Sulfates
- Siltation/turbidity
- Dissolved oxygen
- Nutrients

Some of these pollutants cause some waterbodies to not fully meet their designated uses for aquatic life on the 2016 303(d) List of Impaired Waterbodies (ADEQ, 2016). The long-term goal in this priority watershed is to reduce pollutants to levels that will restore all designated uses. The short-term goal of

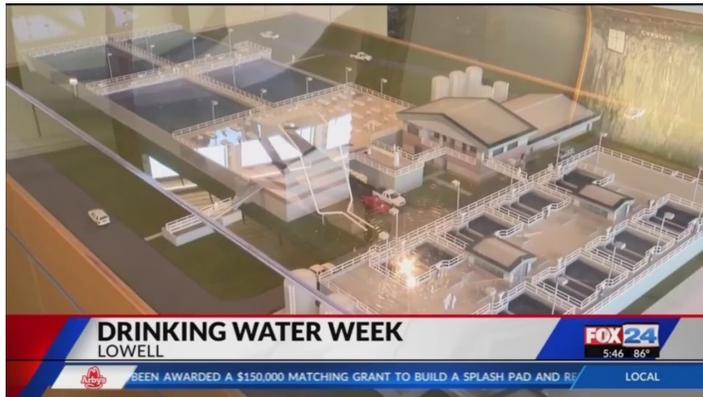
the program is to measurably reduce the pollutant loading from the land uses in the watershed. This goal is to be met through the implementation of the Nine-Element Watershed Management Plan. The [Beaver Lake Watershed Protection Strategy](#), based on the Nine-Element Plan, was formed in 2009, and updated in 2012.

Beaver Watershed Alliance works to implement the Beaver Lake Watershed Protection Strategy by proactively protecting, enhancing, and sustaining the high water quality of Beaver Lake and its tributaries through voluntary best management practice implementation, outreach and education, and scientific evaluation. We are proud to have the opportunity to work collaboratively with partners, sponsors, volunteers and landowners/managers to promote positive progress for the cause of clean water and help reach regional goals for long-term, high quality drinking water and restoring and protecting valued waterways. Check out the full [ANRC 2018-2023 Nonpoint Source Pollution Management Plan](#) to learn more.

Drinking Water Week | May 6-12, 2018



May 6 -12 is National Drinking Water Week! There are lots of ways to get involved, whether you want to reduce water use in and around your own home, place of business or school or help keep nonpoint source water clean and pristine by taking actions on your land that can have lasting positive impacts on NWA's drinking water source, Beaver Lake, there opportunities are endless! You can also help through stewardship and giving back to the community through volunteerism, or join an educational workshop to learn and share with others! Check out our Upcoming Events to find out ways you can volunteer and learn. Happy National Drinking Water Week!



Beaver Water District Encourages NWA to Drink Local

It's National Drinking Water Week and Beaver Water District is encouraging Arkansans to reach for their local tap water.

[Read more](#)

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Upcoming Events

May 12

[Devil's Eyebrow Natural Area Invasive Plant Removal](#)

Garfield, AR
9 am - 12 pm

May 19

[West Fork Cleanup](#)

Multiple Locations
9 am - 12:30 pm

May 21

[Low Head Dam Removal Public Meeting](#)

Fayetteville City Hall
5:30 pm

May 23

[Pasture Aerator Field Day](#)

Durham Community Center
10 am - 11 am

May 31

[BWA Speaker Series](#)

June 1

[War Eagle Appreciation Day Cleanup Float](#)

Huntsville, AR
9 am

June 2

[War Eagle Appreciation Day](#)

& War Eagle Float (9 am)
Withrow Springs State Park
Huntsville, AR
10 am - 1 pm

SAVE THE DATE!

June 9

Kill the Kudzu
Winslow, AR

July 23-24

[2018 AWRC Annual Water Research Conference](#)

Fayetteville, AR

August 18

West Fork White River Cleanup



Saturday, May 19th
9 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.

Riverside Park, West Fork

9 a.m. — 11:30 a.m. Check-in & Cleanup

11:30 a.m. — 12:30 p.m. Lunch & Door Prizes

Check-in is available at:

Walker Park, 10 W 15th St. — Fayetteville

Riverside Park, Arkansas 170 — West Fork

Slicker Park, Arkansas 71 — Winslow

Yvonne Richardson Community Center 240 E Rock St. — Fayetteville

Join us at Riverside Park after the cleanup for free lunch, door prizes, and live music performed by **Brentwood Bluegrass**.

Cleanup supplies will be provided. Don't forget to wear closed-toe shoes and weather appropriate clothing.



For more information, call 479-750-8007 or email Melissa@beaverwatershedalliance.org

13th Annual West Fork Cleanup happening May 19

The 13th Annual West Fork Cleanup will take place Saturday, May 19th, from 9:00 am to 11:30 am. Several locations will be cleaned up in S. Fayetteville, West Fork and Winslow, within the West Fork watershed area. Call or email to find out a location close to you! After the cleanup, come enjoy some free lunch and bluegrass music by Brentwood Bluegrass at Riverside Park, West Fork at 11:30 am. There will be a raffle for some great door prizes too!

RSVP to Melissa Welch at melissa@beaverwatershedalliance.org or by calling (479) 750-8007.



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](#)



The Healthy Watersheds Consortium Grant Program's third-year of awards expands the pace of proactive watershed protection in the U.S. through conservation and improved stewardship of thousands of acres of lands that provide drinking water, flood risk reduction, and an array of economic and environmental benefits.

We are proud to announce that our proposal, "Establishing Conservation Funding Mechanisms in the Beaver Lake Watershed," was one of the 22 awards totalling \$4.168 million that will benefit organizations and partnerships in 20 states.

The Healthy Watersheds Consortium Grant Program was conceived by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Office of Water (EPA) and launched in late 2015. EPA co-funds the program with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the U. S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities (Endowment), which manages the partnership.

We appreciate this incredible opportunity!! Find out more about this grant program, [HERE](#).



Thank you Fedex Freight and Tyson for a great day of stewardship!

Beaver Watershed Alliance hosted the Watershed Discovery Day, a day to engage employee volunteers from FedEx Freight in Harrison, AR and Tyson Mexican Original, Fayetteville, AR to conduct watershed stewardship activities that benefit the Town Branch watershed. This day-long integrated education program is part of a grant project awarded to the Beaver Watershed Alliance by the National Fish and Wildlife Service to engage volunteers in the Town Branch watershed project area to learn about characteristics of the critical drinking water tributary and surrounding watershed, and an opportunity for a service-learning project to improve water quality for the Beaver Lake watershed.

Mt. Sequoyah Woods is a open green space in South Fayetteville, AR. Efforts continue to remove invasive species from the forest to promote healthy ecosystems and have a long-term, positive impact on water quality. Nearly 20 acres of invasive species have been hand-pulled since October 2017. This is part of a National Fish & Wildlife Foundation project to promote a healthy ecosystem and wildlife in urban forests. We're removing the highly invasive Amur Honeysuckle (*Lonicera mackii*) and Chinese Privet (*Ligustrum sinense*) to promote native plants for wildlife habitat. The Mt. Sequoyah Woods trailhead is located at 5 S Happy Hollow Rd, Fayetteville, AR and is a convenient location for volunteers to help with this cause! Sign up for our volunteer newsletter to get the latest times and dates for volunteer activities like these, we appreciate you!

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.

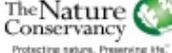
Your financial contribution will help BWA fulfill our mission to proactively protect, maintain, and enhance the water quality of Beaver Lake and the integrity of its watershed through outreach and education, voluntary best management practice implementation, and scientific investigation.

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