



WATER NET

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Creating a great watershed project

A fishing pier on the Ash Branch

by Marty Pritchard, Randy Kitchen, & Steve Amos

The Lower Paint Creek Association (LPCA) is a healthy watershed group with many projects under their belt. Recently, the LPCA built a public fishing pier on the Ash Branch — taking advantage of an increase in trout stocking and public interest. The following story gives some insight into the many steps and many hands that go into a successful watershed project.

Steve Amos, an LPCA member, was approached by another member of the LPCA with an idea about building a handicap accessible fishing pier. The LPCA board approved checking into the idea, so Steve and a few board members looked for an appropriate site.

At the same time, Don Phares of the DNR sent a letter informing the LPCA that when a limestone sand project and boulder placement was finished, the DNR would change their trout stocking from a bi-monthly, light stocking to a weekly, heavy stock-

ing all the way down to Ash Branch. For this reason, and because of easy access, Ash Branch was decided to be the perfect site for the pier.

Before



The LPCA found the property owner, who wished to remain anonymous, and made a proposal to build the public pier. Dennis Kinser, DNR, and the property owner looked over the site and agreed the site was feasible. Within two weeks, the LPCA had the necessary paperwork done, and a lease drawn up and agreed to by the property owner.

The LPCA cleared the land with donated help and materials. Cyprus Amex, Inc. worked for 4 days with a bulldozer, grade-all and trucks to

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency: ph: 1-800-438-2474

USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service: ph: 304-291-4152

U.S. Office of Surface Mining - Reclamation & Enforcement: ph: 304/347-7158; website: <http://www.osmre.gov>

West Virginia Division of Environmental Protection, Stream Partners or Watershed Basin Coordinator: ph: 1-800-556-8181, email: cdaugherty@mail.dep.state.wv.us or jpauer@mail.dep.state.wv.us; website: <http://charon.osmre.gov>

West Virginia Division of Natural Resources: ph: 304-637-0245

U.S. Geological Survey: ph: 304-347-5130; website: <http://www-wv.er.usgs.gov>

West Virginia Farm Bureau: ph: 304-472-2080

West Virginia Division of Forestry: ph: 304-558-2788

West Virginia Soil Conservation Agency: ph: 304-558-2204; website: <http://www.wvsca.org>

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shovel land and haul 900 tons of rock to the site -- all free of charge -- to prepare the land to standard. The LPCA worked with Kinser who ordered the materials needed, had them brought in, and paid for them through the DNR. The materials cost \$3,500.

Volunteers stepped in and built the pier in only 4 days. During this time, additional materials and equipment were donated from local businesses and associations. Donors included: the WV Turnpike, DOH, American Electric Power, Quikrete, and Smitty's Hardware.

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Next, the LPCA asked the Kanawha County Commission for help in paving a parking lot and driveway. The paving cost was estimated at \$12,000. The Commission agreed to pay half — \$6,000. WV Paving paved the parking lot, and the LPCA is in the process of raising the other \$6,000 to finish the driveway. The LPCA contributed money received from recycling to gravel the driveway.

From the time the idea was born until the day the pier was paved took 6 months. This spring, the LPCA landscaped the pier with donations made by local businesses and by private citizens in memory of a loved one. There will be a sign erected recognizing these donations, as well as every organization that helped to make the pier possible.

Plans to finalize the project include a one-tenth mile oval walking track with benches for resting and observing nature at its finest. There will be shelters over 2 picnic tables, and a morning glory trellis. A hiking trail leading up the Ash Branch tributary will be finished this summer.

For more information on this project or the Lower Paint Creek Association, contact Marty Pritchard at 304-595-4949 or Steve Amos at 304-595-4616.

Who Are We? WVWN members exposed

Trying to work your way through the labyrinth of government agencies, support groups, and other resources out there can be pretty confusing. To help watershed groups navigate this maze, we've listed below the basic support services of many WVWN participants and their contact information. These are the people to call on with your questions about funding, permits, technical issues, and additional contacts.

US Office of Surface Mining

The Federal Office of Surface Mining (OSM) is an agency within the US Department of the Interior. OSM is responsible for programs that regulate the environmental performance of active coal mining operations and the reclamation of abandoned mine lands. These programs are implemented primarily through state agencies with OSM funding assistance and oversight. OSM began the Clean Streams Initiative to focus attention on stream pollution from acid drainage from abandoned mines. The Initiative's goal is to coordinate citizen groups, researchers, the coal industry, corporations, environmentalists, and agencies involved in cleaning up streams polluted by mine drainage. A major effort of the initiative is to increase the exchange of information and so eliminate duplicative efforts. OSM's participation in WVWN helps facilitate communities focused on stream clean-up. Contact: Rick Buckley at RBuckley@OSMRE.GOV or 304-347-7158.

National Park Service/Rails, Trails, and Conservation Assistance (RTCA). The RTCA is a program of the National Park Service. They work outside of the Parks with nonprofits, community groups, and government agencies. The NPS-RTCA is involved in the WVWN because they are interested in broad-based involvement for watershed planning, learning about watershed issues and efforts, understanding the needs of watershed partners, sharing information, and building partnerships. NPS-RTCA can assist groups through consultations or longer term project involvement. They can: facilitate meetings; assist groups in finding funding; help improve networking between groups and agencies; share information about projects in other states; and assist in developing rails-to-trails and greenway projects. Contact: Peggy Pings at 304-293-2941 x2446 or Peggy_Pings@nps.gov

Environmental Protection Agency. EPA works with federal, state, and tribal governments to tailor activities to local watersheds and their groups. The role is defined by EPA's legal mandate and needs identified by the community. Typically, EPA provides technical, financial, coordination and enforce-

ment support related to its authorities. To find out more about EPA's role, see the Office of Water homepage at www.epa.gov/ow. Contact: Robert Koroscai, WV and VA Branch Chief, Office of Watersheds, 215-566-5731.

USDA, Natural Resource and Conservation Service. The Natural Resource and Conservation Service (NRCS) provides technical assistance for the development and implementation of watershed plans. NRCS also helps form new watershed associations and offers financial cost-share assistance on natural resource problems with private landowners and communities. Contact: Paul Dunn at 304-291-4452 or Lynn Shutts at 304-291-4152 x 167.

West Virginia Division of Forestry (DOF). The DOF provides watershed management and technical assistance to nonindustrial private landowners through the Stewardship Program and Cooperative Forest Management Program. The Stewardship Program's main focus is developing management plans that direct landowners on activities to perform that meet their goals and objectives while utilizing and enhancing the forest resource, wildlife, recreation and water quality. Some activities may include tree planting, riparian area development, crop tree release, wildlife habitat improvement, and trail establishment. Contact: James Warren at 304-558-2788.

West Virginia Soil Conservation Agency (WVSCA). The WVSCA carries out programs, projects, and educational activities through WV's 14 Soil Conservation Districts to improve and protect WV's natural resources and water quality from non-point sources (NPS) of pollution, particularly agriculture and construction NPS. WVSCA also addresses water quantity issues throughout WV. The WVSCA participates in the WV Watershed Network in order to prevent duplication of efforts of other agencies in fostering support and providing needed resources to empower local residents, through watershed associations, to protect and improve their natural resources. Contact: Teresa Byler at 304-558-2204.

West Virginia Division of Environmental Protection (DEP), Office of Water. The Office of Water enforces state and federal laws, issues water pollution permits, administers a grant and loan program for sewage treatment facilities, performs analysis on water samples, and leads a multi-agency effort to control non-point source pollution. Contact: Barb Taylor at 304-558-2107 or Bill Brannon at 304-558-2108.

DEP – Watershed Basin Coordinator. The Watershed Basin Coordinator helps governmental entities work together in various watersheds throughout the state based on the WV Watershed Management Framework process. An important aspect of this process is public participation. Not only does the framework describe how government will work together, but also emphasizes where and when public outreach efforts

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Working in watersheds with the Natural Resources Conservation Service

By Pam Yost, NRCS

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), formerly known as the Soil Conservation Service, is the federal agency that works

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with private landowners to help them protect their natural resources. The agency, working in close cooperation with conservation districts, emphasizes voluntary, science-based assistance that helps solve problems at the community level. Thirty-one field offices in WV are staffed with soil conservationists, biologists, foresters, technicians, engineers and other professionals who assist local people with a variety of natural resources management issues.

Conservation is complex and beyond the abilities of any one agency to do alone. NRCS works in partnership with the WV Soil Conservation Agency and the 14 Soil Conservation Districts throughout the state to administer programs that address local natural resource needs. NRCS also partners with other federal and state agencies, universities, environmental groups, and others who can help accomplish the ultimate goal of putting conservation on the land.

NRCS works through local Soil Conservation Districts with just about any type of natural resource issue imag-

inable and with a variety of people. For example, NRCS works with private farmers, schools, citizen groups, local county commissions, soil conservation districts, and others. NRCS works with farming, forestry, recreation, urban development, acid mine drainage, flooding, erosion, and many other issues.

NRCS works with watershed groups through a process called "locally led conservation". This process is voluntary, with neighbors working with neighbors, to address common issues and concerns. Conservation districts assist local people in assessing their natural resources conditions and needs, setting goals, identifying ways to solve those needs, implementing solutions, and measuring success.

The role of NRCS in locally led conservation is to describe and assess the health of the watershed and then to communicate that information to local watershed groups.

What help does NRCS typically provide? Most often, watershed groups request topographic maps that show watershed boundaries; access to information or studies about their watershed; help in organizing and oper-

ating their group; and assistance in securing and administering funding. The type of assistance provided varies greatly depending on the individual needs of the watershed group.

Historically, NRCS has worked in watersheds under two major public law authorities — PL 566 and PL 534. In West Virginia, over 80 applications for watershed assistance have been received under these two laws. Traditionally, the focus of PL 566 and PL 534 plans have been to provide solutions to flooding problems. In more recent years, NRCS has moved from this traditional focus to looking holistically at all the natural resources problems in a watershed through the eyes of community watershed groups.

NRCS in Morgantown: 304-291-4151. Contacts:

Bill Hartman, State Conservationist
Paul Dunn, Assistant State Conservationist
Rich Sims, Assistant State Conservationist

WV Soil Conservation Agency in Charleston: 304-558-2204. Contacts:

Lance Tabor, Executive Director
Glenn Dowdy, Assistant Executive Director

To find out more about NRCS, contact your local NRCS office, visit their web site at: www.ncg.nrcs.usda.gov, or contact one of the offices in the box on this page.

Watershed groups across West Virginia

Ever wonder who else is out there? You truly are not alone! The following list is just a hint of the number and diversity of groups out there working to protect and restore West Virginia's rivers and streams.

The list is by no means complete -- if you don't see your organization listed here, let us know! This list is of watershed groups who have received Stream Partners grants. We'd like to build this list into a more complete resource. To add your group to a growing list that can be used to refer interested members of the public to you, contact Merritt Frey of the West Virginia Rivers Coalition at mfrey@neumedia.net or 304-637-7201. Thanks to the Stream Partners Program for providing this list.

Back Creek Conservation Improvements
Watershed: Potomac River drains;
Subwatershed: Sir John's River
Contact: Gary Lightener
293 Tuscawilla Hills
Charles Town, WV 25414

Bakers Run Watershed Conservation Society
Watershed: Cacapon;
Subwatershed: Lost River
Contact: Arthur Halterman
RR 1, Box 180
Baker, WV 26801
ph: 304-897-6298

Blackwater River Watershed Association
Watershed: Cheat;
Subwatershed: Blackwater River
Contact: Murray Dearborn
P.O. Box 611
Davis, WV 26260
ph: 304-866-7414

Blue Heron Environmental Association
Watershed: Potomac River drains;
Subwatershed: Sir John's River
Contact: Sherry Evasic
Rt. 1, Box 362
Hedgesville, WV 25427
ph: 304-754-8717

Bluestone River Environmental Restoration
Watershed: Upper New;

Subwatershed: Bluestone River
Contact: Jerry Haynes
Rt. 1, Box 631
Princeton, WV 24740
ph: 304-425-2939

Buckhannon River Clean Up Project
Watershed: Tygart Valley;
Subwatershed: Buckhannon River
Contact: Jim Cockerill
Rt. 3, Box 369
Buckhannon, WV 26201
ph: 304-472-2286

Buckhannon Watershed Association
Watershed: Tygart Valley;
Subwatershed: Buckhannon River
Contact: Robin Spence
P.O. Box 2244
Morgantown, WV 26201
ph: 304-472-7916

Buffalo Valley Association
Watershed: West Fork
Contact: Gene Powell
P.O. Box 141
Mannington, WV 26582

Burgundy Center for Wildlife
Watershed: Cacapon
Contact: Lavinia Schoene
HC 83, Box 38 DD
Capon Bridge, WV 26711
ph: 304-856-3758

Cabin Creek Community Health Council
Watershed: Upper Kanawha;
Subwatershed: Cabin Creek
Contact: Tim Adkins
P.O. Box 70
Dawes, WV 25054
ph: 304-595-5006

Cabin Creek Watershed Association
Watershed: Upper Kanawha;
Subwatershed: Cabin Creek
Contact: Lindol Hossler
P.O. Box 131
Dawes, WV 25054
ph: 304-595-1945

Cacapon Institute
Watershed: Lost/Cacapon
Contact: Neil Gillies
Rt. 1, Box 328
High View, WV 26808
ph: 304-856-1100

Cairo Community Development Association
Watershed: Little Kanawha;
Subwatershed: Lower North Fork Hughes
Contact: Mona Region
P.O. Box 295
Cairo, WV 26337

Cheat Lake Environmental and Recreation
Watershed: Cheat;
Subwatershed: Cheat Lake
Contact: Steve Fogel
Morgantown, WV 26505

Cheat River Watershed Association
Watershed: Cheat
Contact: Jim Snyder
Rt. 1, Box 30
Albright, WV 26519

Davis Creek Watershed Association
Watershed: Upper Kanawha;
Subwatershed: Davis Creek
Contact: Diana Green
Rt. 2, Box 334
Charleston, WV 25314
ph: 304-344-3223

Downstream Alliance
Watershed: Cheat & Monogahela
Contact: Craig Mains
211 Willowdale Drive
Morgantown, WV 26595

ph: 304-293-4191

Dunkard Creek Watershed Association
Watershed: Dunkard Creek
Contact: Betty Wiley
373 Dunkard Avenue
Morgantown, WV 26505
ph: 304-879-5500

Elk Creek Water Pollution Control
Watershed: West Fork;
Subwatershed: Elk Creek
Contact: Paul Christafore
P.O. Box 8298
Nutter Fort, WV 26302

Elk River Development Corporation
Watershed: Elk
Contact: Mack Samples
WVU Extension Office
Clay, WV 25043
ph: 304-587-4267

Elkhorn Creek Watershed Association, Inc.
Watershed: Tug;
Subwatershed: Elkhorn Creek
Contact: Dorothy Horne
70 McDowell Street, Suite 3
Welch, WV 24801
ph: 304-436-6555

Fishing Creek Watershed
Watershed: Mid Ohio 1;
Subwatershed: Little Fishing Creek
Contact: Kristen Nolan
P.O. Box 13
Jacksonburg, WV 26377

Friends of 18 Mile Creek Roadrunners
Watershed: Lower Ohio;
Subwatershed: 18 Mile Creek
Contact: Betty McCoy
372 Rocky Fork Road
Glenwood, WV 26288

Friends of Deckers Creek
Watershed: Monogahela;
Subwatershed: Upper and Lower Deckers Creek
Contact: Adam Polinski
P.O. Box 1154
Morgantown, WV 26507

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Friends of Laurel Mountain Watershed

Watershed: Cheat;
Subwatershed: Big Sandy Run
Contact: Keith Pitzer
Rt. 2, Box 218
Tunnelton, WV 26444

Friends of Mud River Watershed

Watershed: Coal; Subwatershed: Parsner Creek/Mud River
Contact: Clayton Alford
Rt. 1, Box 658-d
Sod, WV 25564
ph: 304-524-7660

Friends of the North River

Watershed: Cacapon;
Subwatershed: North River
Contact: Steve Bailes
HC 71, Box 103-c
Capon Bridge, WV 26711

Friends of Spring Run's Wild Trout

Watershed: S. Potomac;
Subwatershed: South Branch
Contact: Jerry Burke
9 Point Drive
Petersburg, WV 26847
ph: 304-257-4487

Friends of the Cheat

Watershed: Cheat
Contact: Dave Bassage
Rt 1, Box 112
Bruceeton Mills, WV 26525
ph: 304-379-3141

Friends of the Little Kanawha

Watershed: Little Kanawha
Contact: Margo Davis
HC 32, Box 51a
Rock Cave, WV 26288

Friends of the Second Creek

Watershed: Greenbrier River;
Subwatershed: Second Creek
Contact: Larry Mustain
General Delivery
Second Creek, WV 24974
ph: 304-772-5665

Friends of Trace Fork

Watershed: Lower Kanawha;
Subwatershed: Davis Creek
Contact: Lu Schrader
P.O. Box 201
Nitro, WV 25143
ph: 304-755-4878

Green Club, West Virginia Wesleyan College

Watershed: Tygart Valley;
Subwatershed: Buckhannon
Contact: Johah Long
WV Wesleyan, Box 1290
Buckhannon, WV 26201

Greenbrier River Watershed Association

Watershed: Greenbrier
Contact: Leslie McCarty
P.O. Box 1419
Lewisburg, WV 24901
ph: 304-647-4792

Guyandotte River Conservation Group

Watershed: Upper Guyandotte;
Subwatershed: Guyandotte River
Contact: Sam Rogers
300 Stralton Street
Logan, WV 25601
ph: 304-792-8630

Helvetia Restoration & Development Organization

Watershed: Tygart;
Subwatershed: Upper Buckhannon River
Contact: Darlene Lucas
P.O. Box 15
Helvetia, WV 26224
ph: 304-924-5063

Heizer Manila Stream Partners

Watershed: Lower Kanawha;
Subwatershed: Poca River
Contact: Robert Carter
Route 1, Box 111A
Poca, WV 25159
ph: 304-755-0006

Indian Creek Watershed Association

Watershed: Upper New;
Subwatershed: Indian Creek
Contact: Doug Wood
HC 65, Box 182
Forest Hill, WV 24935
ph: 304-466-2724

Little Coal River Beautification Association

Watershed: Coal; Subwatershed: Lower Little Coal
Contact: Larry Lodato
200 State Street
Madison, WV 25130
ph: 304-369-7377

Little Coal River Coalition

Watershed: Coal; Subwatershed: Little Coal River

Contact: Lucian Schrader
P.O. Box 487
Nitro, WV 25143
ph: 304-755-4878

Little Kanawha River Development Committee

Watershed: Little Kanawha
Contact: Diane Sams
Calhoun Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 176
Grantsville, WV 26147

Loop Creek Watershed Association

Watershed: Lower New;
Subwatershed: Loop Creek
Contact: Priscilla Asbury
Box 78
Page, WV 25152

Lower Cacapon River Committee

Watershed: Cacapon
Contact: Leigh Jenkins
Rt. 1, Box 654H
Berkely Springs, WV 25411

Lower New Creek Watershed Association

Watershed: N. Potomac;
Subwatershed: New Creek
Contact: David Vanscoy
City Engineer
Keyser, WV 26726

Lower Paint Creek Association

Watershed: Upper Kanawha;
Subwatershed: Lower Paint Creek
Contact: Steve Amos
HC 64, Box 112a
Hansford, WV 25103
ph: 304-595-4616

Lower West Fork Watershed Association

Watershed: West Fork;
Subwatershed: Lower West Fork
Contact: John Eleyette
1049 Clark Street
Shinnston, WV 26431
ph: 304-592-3055

MCPARC West Fork Project

Watershed: West Fork
Contact: Robert Gorey, Jr.
P.O. Box 789
Fairmont, WV 26554

Middle Island Creek Conservation Group

Watershed: Mid Ohio 1;
Subwatershed: Lower Middle

Island Creek

Contact: J. Eric Peters
P.O. Box 58
Sisterville, WV 26175
ph: 304-652-1645

Moncove Lake Foundation, Inc.

Contact: Michael O'Brien
Moncove Lake State Park
Gap Mills, WV 24941
ph: 304-772-3450

New Creek Valley Watershed Association

Watershed: N. Potomac;
Subwatershed: New Creek
Contact: Jay Rogers
P.O. Box 849
Petersburg, WV 26847
ph: 304-257-2448

No. Shenandoah Watershed Association

Watershed: Shenandoah 2;
Subwatershed: Shenandoah River
Contact: Richard Latterell
P.O. Box 763
Shepardstown, WV 25443
ph: 304-876-6072

Opequon Watershed, Inc.

Contact: Steve Bauserman
609 S. Braddock Street
Winchester, VA 22601

Plateau Action Network

Watershed: New/Gauley;
Subwatershed: Wolf Creek/
others
Contact: Randy Boyd
P.O. Box 687
Edmond, WV 25837
ph: 304-574-3327

Potomac Headwaters RC & D

Watershed: Potomac River
Drains
Contact: Roger Boyer
1450-6 Edwin Miller Blvd
Martinsburg, WV 25401
ph: 304-267-8953

Riverfest, Inc.

Watershed: Upper Kanawha
Contact: Helen Warren
708 Carroll Street
St. Albans, WV 25177

Shaver's Fork Coalition

Watershed: Cheat;
Subwatershed: Shaver's Fork
Contact: Zach Henderson
P.O. Box 2777
Elkins, WV 26241

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Simpson Creek Watershed Association

Watershed: West Fork
Subwatershed: Simpson Creek
Contact: Stephen McDaniel
206 Anderson Street
Bridgeport, WV 26330

Teter Creek Lake Neighborhood Watch

Watershed: Tygart Valley;
Subwatershed: Teter Creek
Contact: Paul Simons
Rt. 1, Box 166
Montrose, WV 26283

Upper Knapps Creek Watershed Association

Watershed: Greenbrier;
Subwatershed: Knapp Creek
Contact: Kenneth Kelly
RR 2, Box 51B
Buckeye, WV 24924-9639

Thorn Creek Watershed Association

Watershed: South Potomac;
Subwatershed: South Branch
Contact: Dr. Tony Smith
Lightstone Foundation
Moyers, WV 26813
ph: 304-249-5310

Tug Fork Watershed Association

Watershed: Tug Fork River
Contact: David Reynolds
P.O. Box 368
Matewan, WV 25678
ph: 304-426-4239

Tygart River Basin Association

Watershed: Tygart Valley
Contact: Richard Little
63 Callen Street
Morgantown, WV 26505-6703
ph: 304-291-9026

Tygart Valley River Bend Park Association

Watershed: Tygart Valley
Contact: Phil Gainer
401 Davis Avenue
Elkins, WV 26241

Tygart Valley Watershed Development

Watershed: Tygart Valley
Contact: Bruce Miller
Grafton, WV

Tyler Mountain Community Association

Watershed: Lower Kanawha;
Subwatershed: Tyler Creek
Contact: Betty Tinsley
603 Melody Lane
Charleston, WV 25313
ph: 304-744-7023

Upper Mud River Water Association

Watershed: Lower Guyandotte;
Subwatershed: Upper Mud River
Contact: C.E. Monday
8114 Dingess Avenue
Hamlin, WV 25523
ph: 304-824-5404

Upper Paint Creek Watershed Association

Watershed: Upper Kanawha;
Subwatershed: Upper Paint Creek
Contact: Rusty Ellis
P.O. Box 268
Pax, WV 25904

Upper South Branch Watershed Association

Watershed: S. Potomac;
Subwatershed: South Branch
Contact: Donna Reckart
P.O. Box 867
Petersburg, WV 26847
ph: 304-257-1082

Wheeling Creek Watershed Project

Watershed: Upper Ohio 2;
Subwatershed: Wheeling Creek
Contact: Ben Stout, III
Wheeling Jesuit College
Wheeling, WV 26003
ph: 304-243-2316

White Day Creek Watershed Association

Watershed: Monogahela;
Subwatershed: White Day Creek
Contact: Mark Moran
Rt. 5, Box 553-e
Morgantown, WV 26505

White Sulphur Streams

Watershed: Greenbrier;
Subwatershed: Howard's Creek
Contact: Katie Ickes
520 Greenbreir Avenue
White Sulphur Springs, WV 24986

WV Trails Coalititon

Contact: Lois Ludwig
P.O. Box 487
Nitro, WV 25143

**Upcoming events
for watershed groups**

July 8 WV Watershed Network Meeting —
Elkins, WV

For more information contact Gary Berti, Watershed Circuit Rider, at 800-922-3601

Sept. 10 -12 A Joint Conference on Reclamation —
Knoxville, TN

Fourth Annual Acid Mine Drainage Conference/National Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation Annual Meeting. For more information contact Kelley Wolfe at kwolfe@wvu.edu

Sept. 15 -16 AMD — Resource Recovery Workshop —
Johnstown, PA

For more information contact the Southern Alleghenies Conservancy at 814-623-7900

October 1-3 Non-point source workshop —
Charleston, WV

For more information, call 1-800-682-7866

October 16-18 Tentative date "Tools for Watershed Organizations" Training — TBA

For more information, contact Pam Moe-Merritt, West Virginia Rivers Coalition, at 304-637-7201

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will occur. The Basin Coordinator uses the WVWN to learn about watershed management activities and to serve as a resource. Contact: Chris Daugherty at 304-558-2108.

DEP -- Office of the Environmental Advocate (OEA). The OEA helps groups navigate the DEP system and disseminate information. OEA can help identify the right support people for you to contact within DEP, help set up meetings with them, and provide access to materials and resources. Contact: Angie Smith at 304-759-0570 or 800-654-5227.

DEP -- Office of Abandoned Mines Lands and Reclamation -- Stream Restoration Group. The Stream Restoration group offers watershed associations financial, technical, and human resources assistance. This support is offered through two areas: acid mine drainage clean-up initiatives and a watershed association initiative. The acid mine drainage clean-up initiatives include the WV Stream Restoration Program which provides for the environmental restoration and enhancement of streams and water resources adversely affected by coal mining or acid mine drainage and the Acid Mine Drainage Treatment and Abatement Program 10% Set-Aside provision to the Abandoned Mine Lands Fund. The watershed association initiative is a joint endeavor achieved through the Stream Partners Program described below. The Stream Restoration Group is involved in WVWN because of the Group's close ties to the WVWN's mission statement. Contact: Greg Adolfson at 800-556-8181.

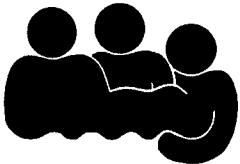
WV Stream Partners Program. The Stream Partners Program works with groups on watershed improvement projects to restore and enhance streams. The Coordinator helps groups organize, form partnerships, decide on projects, and find the technical and financial resources they need. The Stream Partners Program is involved in the WVWN to be a link between the service people and the people involved in the watershed movement. Contact: Jennifer Pauer at 800-556-8181.

Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The DNR can provide information on permits for in stream work; fish & wildlife habitat consultations; nongame wildlife assistance; help with building and/or using stream tables; help developing stream access; and planning assistance. Contact: Steve Brown at 304-637-0245.

River Network. The River Network furnishes information on all areas of river and watershed conservation. They also provide training and information on issues like fundraising and organizational capacity building. Contact: Pat Munoz at: 202-364-2550.

West Virginia Rivers Coalition (WVRC). WVRC seeks to protect and restore the exceptional rivers and streams of West Virginia. WVRC does this both through direct issues work and working with local watershed groups. WVRC publishes *WaterNet*; assists with meeting facilitation; hosts trainings; and administers a small grants program. Contact: Pam Moe-Merritt at 304-637-7201.

Canaan Valley Institute (CVI). CVI was created to foster local decision making in support of sustainable watersheds in the Mid-Atlantic Highlands. CVI, when invited by stakeholders, provides monetary and technical assistance. This assistance includes local capacity building, organizational development, problem identification, solution development, and project implementation. CVI believes there must be coordination between all entities providing services to local stakeholders interested in improving their environment and managing their natural resources. Contact: 800-922-3601.



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