



NEW RIVER WATERSHED ROUNDTABLE QUARTERLY MEETING

New River Valley Business Center | New River Room

November 29, 2017 | 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM

ATTENDING

Ann Goette..... ReNew the New	Laura Walters New River Conservancy/ Friends of Claytor Lake
Anthony Akers Pulaski County	
Bill Long..... Montgomery County	Lauren Keim Virginia Tech
Brad Buchanan..... Montgomery County	Laurie Buchwald Pathways for Radford
Cathy Hanks Friends of Peak Creek	Linda Slade New River Conservancy
Cheri Strenz..... Friends of Claytor Lake	Lucy Baker VA Department of Environmental Quality
Danny Wilson Pulaski County	Megan Scott VA Department of Transportation
Deb Cooney..... City of Radford	Mike Harvey NRVRC Board Member/ Friends of the New River
James Moneymaker VA Department of Environmental Quality	Patricia Colatosti Town of Christiansburg
John Burke Montgomery County	Peggy White Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce
Kafi Howard Town of Blacksburg	
Katelyn Kast Virginia Tech	Pete Jackson Trout Unlimited-NRV Chapter
Kevin Byrd NRVRC	Steve Knowles Appalachian Power
	Michael Gottfredson NRVRC

NOTES

1. Welcome
 - a. Kevin Byrd welcomed the group.
2. Fall ReNew the New Regional Clean-up Follow-up and Video
 - a. Michael Gottfredson reported on following up with localities on next steps for the Fall ReNew the New Clean-up Event in 2018. Areas of focus will be on central registration, promotion, and regional resource coordination (such as water equipment).
 - b. Mr. Gottfredson played a highlight [video](#) of the 2017 event created by the NRVRC.
3. Spring Clean-up Discussion
 - a. The following spring clean-ups were discussed by the group:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Locality/Group</u>	<u>Date</u>
Ramps n' Roads	Giles County	March 24 th , 2017
Crab Creek	Christiansburg	March 24 th , 2017
Peak Creek	Friends of Peak Creek	TBD
Broomin' n Bloomin' (35 Years)	Montgomery County	April TBD

- b. Other opportunities identified by the group for regional promotion could include a carcass collector program, as is put on in Giles County.
 - c. The group decided to have the Regional Commission promote this years events, and review the possibility of a regional spring clean-up in 2019.
4. Citizen Water Quality Monitoring Update
- a. George Santucci updated the group on the New River Conservancy's efforts to recruit and train water quality monitors within Virginia under their [New River Water Watchers program](#). Mr. Santucci requested 10 volunteers to participate in the program.
 - b. The group agreed to help the NRC find and train 10 volunteers. The group requested the NRC create a flyer to "train the trainer," in order for more people to have the opportunity to be trained.
 - c. The group discussed how to help direct volunteers to streams in need of monitoring. Examples could include the following:

i. Back Creek	vii. Big Stony/Little Stony
ii. Crab Creek	viii. Plum Creek
iii. Peak Creek	ix. Little River
iv. Big Reed/ Little Reed	x. Wilson Creek
v. Toms Creek	xi. Connelly's Run
vi. Stroubles Creek	
 - d. The group asked the NRVRC to ask partners about streams they would like monitored.
 - e. The group asked Mr. Santucci to match volunteers to streams identified by partners for monitoring.
 - f. The group asked the NRVRC to host a list of impaired streams on the Watershed Roundtable website
5. New River Water Trail Expansion
- a. Mr. Gottfredson presented to the group regarding the [New River Water Trail](#). Mr. Gottfredson had identified 10 boat launches in Montgomery and Pulaski Counties, and the City of Radford, that could be part of the expansion. Other launches to note include private locations, such as the New River Junction, and the marinas at the mouth of Peak Creek. Each launch would host signage with New River Water Trail design elements.
 - b. The group discussed other potential stops, including one in the Belspring/Parrott area, one across from Bisset Park on Pulaski County property, and one off of Lowman's Ferry Road on Claytor Lake, in Pulaski County.
 - c. The group discussed the sign and its components. Each sign cost Giles County approximately \$1,750.00.
 - d. Funding for each sign would come from localities, sponsors, and non-profits. State sponsors may include DGIF or DCR.
 - e. The NRVRC agreed to put together a list for each locality of each of their boat launches. The group set a goal to pursue at least two signs for each locality for the 2019 fiscal year.

6. 2018 Program

- a. Mr. Byrd requested ideas from the group regarding work program elements for 2018. Some ideas from the group include:
 - i. Education outreach to the public regarding littering and the general benefits of clean water.
 - ii. Return a tire program, as part of a Spring or Fall clean-up, or promotion.

7. Report Out

- a. Friends of Claytor Lake
 - i. This past year removed 3,500 tons of debris, 28 tires.
- b. New River Conservancy
 - i. Riparian stream restoration/buffer program in place at the New River Conservancy, called the River Builder program. NRC working with the Town of Pulaski on Peak Creek, in tandem with the Friends of Peak Creek.
- c. Railroad Contact
 - i. Steve Knowles said he would reach out and invite some colleagues from Norfolk Southern to the next Watershed Roundtable meeting.
- d. Town of Christiansburg
 - i. Work continues on the Town Branch, around Depot Park, in Christiansburg. The Park will be closed through the winters as the stream is improved.

8. Next Steps

- a. DEQ Section 319(h) Funding and TMDL Implementation Webinar December 12, 2017
- b. Proposed 2018 Watershed Roundtable Meeting Dates February 28th, 2018
May 30th, 2018
August 29th, 2018
November 28th, 2018
- c. *Next meeting*: February 28th, 2018, at the New River Valley Business Center, 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM.

END OF MEETING