



NEW RIVER WATERSHED ROUNDTABLE QUARTERLY MEETING

New River Valley Business Center | New River Room

May 30, 2018 | 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM

ATTENDING

Anthony Akers	Pulaski County	Katelyn Kast.....	Virginia Tech SID
Bill Long.....	Montgomery County	Laura Walters	New River Conservancy
Brad Buchanan.....	Montgomery County	Laurie Buchwald	Pathways for Radford
Cathy Hanks	Friends of Peak Creek	Michael Gottfredson	NRVRC
Charlie Mullins	Giles County	Mike McLeod.....	New River Conservancy
Cheri Strenz.....	Friends of Claytor Lake	Patricia Colatosti	Town of Christiansburg
Denise Hendon	Pulaski Clean Community Council	Patrick O'Brien	NRVRC
Hailee Goolsby	Virginia Tech	Paul Moody	ReNew the New
Jeremy Flint.....	Alliant Tech Systems	Ralph Robertson.....	ReNew the New
John Burke	Montgomery County	Steve Knowles	Appalachian Power
Josh Nease	Radford University	Thomas James.....	Pulaski Clean Community Council

Welcome

- Michael Gottfredson welcomed the group.

Updates

- Spring Clean-up Impact and Data Dashboard
 - Mr. Gottfredson reported out the impact of the various spring clean-ups in the area. Spring clean-up data will be noted on nrvdata.org by end of June 2018.

	<u>People</u>	<u>Bags</u>	<u>Tires</u>	<u>Tonnage</u>	<u>Road Miles</u>
Ramps'n'Roads*	5	18	13	n/a	n/a
Diamond Hills Park	20	14	0	n/a	n/a
Broomin'n'Bloomin'	111	n/a	n/a	.83	37
Stroubles Creek	58	25	n/a	n/a	n/a
Friends of Peak Creek	21	97	13	n/a	n/a
Total	215	154	26	.83	37

*Ramps'n'Roads was cancelled this year due to weather

Follow-Up Items

- New River Water Watchers Report
 - Mike McCleod from the New River Conservancy reported on the 13 sites currently monitored in the New River Valley. Group looking to add additional sites and train more monitors going forward. Data collected is under review, and will be hosted at the [New River Conservancy's](#) website.
- New River Water Trail Expansion
 - Mr. Gottfredson reported on recent New River Water Trail Expansion activities.
 - Localities have included monies in their budgets to go towards expanded New River Water Trail signage.
 - The NRVRC is partnering with NRV localities on a POWER Grant to expand the New River Water Trail from Pulaski County to Hinton, West Virginia. This would include monies going to boat access construction and improvements, signage, improved website, and marketing materials. For more information, please contact Kevin Byrd at kbyrd@nrvc.org.

Fall Clean-up Discussion

- The group discussed the Fall ReNew the New Clean-up event, to be held **August 25th, 2018**.
- Majority of sites are confirmed. Pulaski County is open to hosting both Radford and Pulaski clean-up events on the River.
- NR Watershed Roundtable received sponsorships from Backcountry and ATK.
- Regional Commission will provide t-shirts, event promotion, and regional registration.
 - Registration should include choice of water and land clean-up.
- Group discussed equipment, such as canoes. They suggested outreach should be extended to a new outfitter in Radford, Mountain 2 Island Paddleboard.
 - Will have subcommittee meetings in mid to late June to discuss logistic details.
- The group discussed outreach efforts should extend to big brewery companies and distributors for support/sponsorship of clean-up events.
 - Suggested future outreach efforts to include Carroll and Grayson Counties, City of Galax, and the New River Trail State Park.

Participating Localities	
Locality	Location
Floyd County	Little River
Giles County	Narrows and Rich Creek
Montgomery County	Whitethorne
Pulaski County	New Launch Site
City of Radford	TBD

Report Out

- John Burke suggested the different MS4 permittees coordinate promotional material.
- June 30: Friends of Claytor Lake Clean-up

Next Steps

- Upcoming Meetings:
 - Local ReNew the New meetings mid/late June
 - ReNew the New Clean-up Event August 25th, 2018
 - NR Watershed Roundtable Quarterly Meeting August 29th, 2018