



**NEW RIVER WATERSHED ROUNDTABLE  
QUARTERLY MEETING**

**January 27, 2021 | 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM**

**Zoom**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85135271628?pwd=UFRzMmxnSzFwdkVJODd5N0RJMkpuUT09>

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**Agenda**

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Stroubles Creek Coalition..... Tom Saxton  

Tom Saxton started Stroubles Creek Coalition (SSC) in 2014. Since then he has collaborated with 100s of individuals, students, faculty, community members and professionals to plant approximately 20,000 trees across 110 acres of the Stroubles Creek watershed. Saxton has received extensive support from Katelyn Kast and the Virginia Tech MS4 program, as well as Cully Hession with the BioSystems Engineering (BSE) Department. Currently Saxton is working with the campus GIS team to catalog waterways in an effort to protect them from future development impacts. Since 2014, the restoration approach that SSC has taken has evolved. Currently they use livestakes when working with volunteers, because of there ease of installation. Contractors plant a more diverse variety of bareroot and container stock trees. All trees are protected with 4' tree tubes and weed mats, which protect the plantings against deer, other wildlife and agricultural weeds which are pervasive in this area. An important component of this project was removing livestock from the creek. This was done in support of the Dept of Ag at Tech and with the help of BSE. \

Tree tubes packages run about \$11 including the tree and labor to install everything. Tubes alone are about \$3. Remember to remove the tube when the trees main growing tip is out of deers' reach, about 6' to 7' tall.
3. ReNew the New Updates + Planning ..... All  

Last year's staggered cleanup had some success, but it was really difficult to get solid numbers of participants and amount of trash collected

<https://fbschedules.com/virginia-tech-football-schedule/>
4. DWR Boat Launch Fee.....Rick Roth??

5. NRWT Expansion Planning 2021 ..... Nicole
6. New River Water Watchers Report..... Suzanne Joyner
7. Interactive Map..... Nicole
8. Report Out ..... All
  - New River Symposium ..... Nicole
9. Upcoming Events
  - **Virginia Department of Forestry Seedling Sale Opens**, trees still available:  
[www.BuyVATrees.com](http://www.BuyVATrees.com)
  - **New River Symposium Fall 2021 Details Coming**..... Nicole
  - **Salt/Water Quality Legislation** ..... Nicole

### Meeting Dates

September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020 (online)

January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 (online)

April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 (location tbd) \*Please note, changed from April 28<sup>th</sup> due to a scheduling conflict.

July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 (location tbd)

Oct 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 (location tbd)