



**NEW RIVER WATERSHED ROUNDTABLE Q2 MEETING**  
 New River Valley Business Center | New River Room  
 May 31st, 2017 | 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM

**ATTENDING**

Ann Goette-ReNew the New	Laura Walters-New River Conservancy
Anthony Akers-Pulaski County	Laurie Buchwald-Pathways for Radford
Bill Long-Montgomery County	Megan Scott-VDOT
Cheri Strenz-Friends of Claytor Lake	Melissa Skelton-City of Radford
Chris McKlarney-Giles County	Michael Gottfredson-NRVRC
David Ridpath-City of Radford	Montana Eck-New River Conservancy
George Santucci-New River Conservancy	Patricia Colatosti-Town of Christiansburg
James Moneymaker-DEQ	Pete Jackson-NRV Trout Unlimited
Jason Williams-NRV Trout Unlimited	Steve Knowles-Appalachian Power
Kevin Byrd-NRVRC	

**Notes**

1. Welcome
  - a. Kevin Byrd welcomed the group, and recognized the networking occurring prior to the meeting was one of the purposes of the New River Watershed Roundtable.
2. Spring Clean-up Results and Press Release
  - a. Michael Gottfredson discussed the regional clean-up efforts going on in the New River Valley.

	<u>People</u>	<u>Bags</u>	<u>Tires</u>	<u>Tonnage</u>	<u>Road Miles</u>
Ramps'n'Roads	251	494	90	18	n/a
Diamond Hills Park	14	10	0	n/a	n/a
Broomin'n'Bloomin'	118	0	0	0.86	41
Friends of Peak Creek	19	33	0	n/a	n/a
<b>Total</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>537</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>18.86</b>	<b>41</b>

- b. Cheri Strenz reviewed the Friends of Claytor Lake (FOCL) spring clean-up. Through the joint efforts of a work crew from Pulaski County and FOCL, 525 tons of woody debris were removed from Claytor Lake over 10 days.
- c. Mr. Ridpath said there was a clean-up along the Radford Riverway to address debris from flooding this past spring.
- d. Both Ms. Stenz and David Ridpath discussed how flooding this year had produced more debris than normal.
- e. Mr. Gottfredson told the group he would provide a press release highlighting the region's clean-ups this past spring.

### 3. Fall ReNew the New Regional Clean-up Event

- a. Mr. Byrd emphasized the date for the Fall ReNew the New Regional Clean-up Event: August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
- b. He previewed a Save the Date flyer to be pushed out to the group on June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017. He reviewed the different localities who committed to hosting events this year. These include:
  - i. Floyd County-Little River
  - ii. Giles County-Pembroke
  - iii. Montgomery County-Slate Branch
  - iv. Town of Christiansburg
    1. Patricia Colatosti suggested they would do a clean-up in the late fall due to foliage coverage on Crab Creek.
  - v. Pulaski County and the City of Radford
    1. Mr. Ridpath and Anthony Akers suggested they would discuss holding a joint clean-up on the New River.
    2. Mr. Ridpath said they anticipated have a focused bank clean-up with local watercraft at specific spots.
    3. Mr. Akers suggested a clean-up near property recently purchased by Pulaski County on the New River.

Mr. Byrd asked the group to confirm their intentions to have a clean-up to Mr. Gottfredson by June 14<sup>th</sup>.

- c. Mr. Byrd said the New River Valley Regional Commission will support the fall clean-up event through:
  - i. T-shirts
  - ii. Event promotion
  - iii. Volunteer/resource allocation
  - iv. Coordinate with the New River Resource Authority to provide rolloff containers and for waste disposal
- d. Mr. Byrd said registration will open in mid-July on the ReNew the New website. He said a regional disclaimer would be adapted that can be used for all clean-up locations.
- e. The group discussed the possibility of cost-sharing on specific items. It was determined there would be little advantage to cost share common items outside of t-shirts at this time.
- f. Transportation, water craft, and lunches would be provided by each locality for their own clean-ups.
- g. Steve Knowles asked the group to have a backup contact for water control at Appalachian Power. Mr. Gottfredson will coordinate this one month prior to event.

### 4. New River Water Trail Expansion

- a. Mr. Gottfredson presented a review of the different elements of the New River Water Trail sign, and what items were unique for each float section. A survey was sent to the Montgomery County, Pulaski County, and the City of Radford regarding unique content for possible day trip locations, and would follow up with each locality.
- b. The group suggested NRVRC to contact local outfitters regarding possible float sections. George Santucci said American Whitewater and the New River Conservancy had

information to use as support. Mr. Santucci said he would send the NRVRC information regarding known float sections within the New River Valley.

- c. Chris McKlarney said the Governor sent out [a press release](#) regarding expanding public access to state waters. NRVRC to send out press release with this meetings notes.
- d. Ms. Strenz suggested Claytor Lake be part of the New River Water Trail. The group agreed to support the suggestion.

5. Report Out

- a. Mr. Santucci discussed the New River Symposium held on May 16<sup>th</sup>, and announced preliminary plans to hold the event next year in West Virginia.
- b. The group discussed an emergency response network on the New River. This would include a directory of contacts for nearest response persons or teams at different sections along the New River. The group agreed to revisit this idea this winter, possibly to host the information on the New River Watershed Roundtable website. The group also agreed to review this information every winter to best determine the most current contacts.
- c. The group discussed the recent PCB TMDL study from DEQ. Mr. Santucci said PCB and other pollutants were often in the surrounding banks and soil, and erosion continued to play a role in shifting these pollutants from the soil into the river. For more information, please visit the New River PCB TMDL webpage [here](#).
- d. Mr. Santucci reported on a plan the New River Conservancy is doing for Peak Creek.
- e. Megan Scott reported that DEQ was issuing VDOT a special MS4 permit, and was seeking public comment. More information regarding this special permit can be found [here](#).
- f. City of Radford is currently assessing non-motorized river access points in Bisset Park and the Dedmon Center area.

6. Next Steps

- a. Upcoming Events
  - i. Friends of Claytor Lake Clean-up .....July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017
  - ii. ReNew the New Fall Clean-up Event ..... August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017
  - iii. NR Watershed Roundtable Quarterly Meeting #3 ..... August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017
- b. Next Meeting: August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the New River Valley Business Center from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM.

END OF MEETING