



## NEW RIVER WATERSHED ROUNDTABLE QUARTERLY MEETING

New River Valley Business Center | New River Room

February 28, 2018 | 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM

### ATTENDING

Andrew Borak .....	Radford University	Laura Walters .....	New River Conservancy
Ann Goette .....	ReNew the New	Lucy Baker .....	VA Department of Environmental Quality
Bill Long.....	Montgomery County	Mike McLeod.....	New River Conservancy
Cathy Hanks .....	Friends of Peak Creek	Patricia Colatosti .....	Town of Christiansburg
Cheri Strenz.....	Friends of Claytor Lake	Shannon Ainsley .....	Pulaski County Chamber
Chris McKlarney .....	Giles County	Stephanie Breig .....	Radford University Outdoor Programs
George Santucci .....	New River Conservancy	Steve Knowles .....	Appalachian Power
James Moneymaker .....	VA Department of Environmental Quality	Terri Morris .....	Floyd County
John Burke .....	Montgomery County	Thomas James .....	Clean Community Council
Katelyn Kast .....	Virginia Tech SID	Michael Gottfredson .....	NRVRC
Kevin Byrd.....	NRVRC		

### Welcome

- Kevin Byrd welcomes the group.

### Updates

- New River PCB TMDL
  - Lucy Baker explained about the next steps for the New River PCB TMDL
    - TMDL came from fish advisory
    - Wrapped up in January/February
    - Many measures put in place
    - Next Steps: water control board, June/Dec, then EPA
    - Why it matters: TMDL's have policy implications
- Citizen Water Quality Monitoring
  - George Santucci from New River Conservancy reported out on status of citizen water quality monitoring
    - Will schedule out trainings over next few months
    - Groups are willing to sponsor own equipment
    - These volunteers may act as an alert any erosion sediment control
    - Monitoring by Summer

- Training to begin in April

#### Follow-up Items

- New River Water Trail Expansion
  - Michael Gottfredson reported on progress of New River Water Trail Expansion
    - Signs in Giles County were at DGIF ramps, and few other public launches
    - Pulaski County residents expressed desire to have a sign at Allisonia
- River Response List
  - Mr. Gottfredson also reported out on a river response list
  - Group had idea of text sent out to response people
  - Next steps would be to get this group together with swift water rescue to see who else needs to work on the river
  - Group recommended contacts from emergency response officers, such as Josh Tolbert and Neal Turner
    - Pulaski County is working on rescue boat
    - FOCL has alert system, can add emergency alerts
    - There Air patrol in Bluefield
    - Celanese has emergency services and drone
- Spring Clean-up
  - Ramps N Roads
    - March 24<sup>th</sup>
    - Meet at Eastern Elementary; will feed lunch; meet at 8:30
  - Virginia Tech
    - April 21<sup>st</sup>
    - Student Government Association; more info to come

#### Fall Clean-up Discussion

- Regional Commission
  - Mr. Byrd discussed fall clean-up
  - Regional Commission to follow up on donations and website, promotional and educational Aspects
  - Need to identify people from each locality to work on planning for event
  - Regional Supplies Identified
    - T-shirt
      - Have the year
      - Community preferences
  - Canoe resources

#### Report Out

- MS4 Permits to be underway
- Grant to fund Watershed Roundtable to move forward this year
- Ann Goette: carcass collector
  - Pick it up elsewhere, dumpster/fliers
  - "The Buck Stops Here"

- Montgomery County May
  - Provide containers or provide info