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From The Director

Summer was a great time to be in the Association! It seemed we were everywhere this Summer promoting our great watershed in the community and participating in events to make Piney Creek and its tributaries a better place.

Even though we participated in numerous events, there is so much more we want and need to do to improve our watershed. The major issue holding us back is volunteers. I encourage you to contact the association and volunteer to participate in our events and activities.

Some of the events I am specifically looking at in the future:

- Monthly stream cleanups (a different area each month)
- Adopt-a-Highway program along Beaver Creek in Beaver (Quarterly)
- Household Hazardous Waste Collection (October 8)

I hope you will be willing to give of your time to improve our watershed and thank you as always for your support!

- David

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Volunteers Heather Stewart (L) and Ashlynn Zaferatos (R) help run activities at our Taste of Beckley booth.

Educational outreach is an important part of the association's mission. Over the Summer we conducted a training session for 70 childcare providers associated with Mountain Heart Community Services demonstrating activities on watersheds and aquifers.

Members of Trout Unlimited carry trout in backpacks to stock in Cranberry Creek.



The association supported numerous community events this Summer and we plan to continue our outreach this Fall. This Summer we supported the Friends of Coal Auto Fair, Taste of Beckley, and the Beckley Kids Classic. Each event was unique and helped us meet new people and understand the issues in the community that affect our watershed.

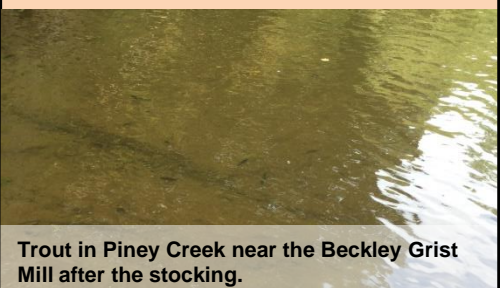
The association booth at Beckley Kid's Fair



Executive Director, Dave Stewart, teaches environmental education activities to local childcare providers at the Mountain Heart Super Saturday Event in July.

In addition, the association supported the National Park Service's Outdoor Adventure Fest where we demonstrated to over 100 participants in the event how pollution spreads throughout the watershed and how everyone down stream is affected by pollution.

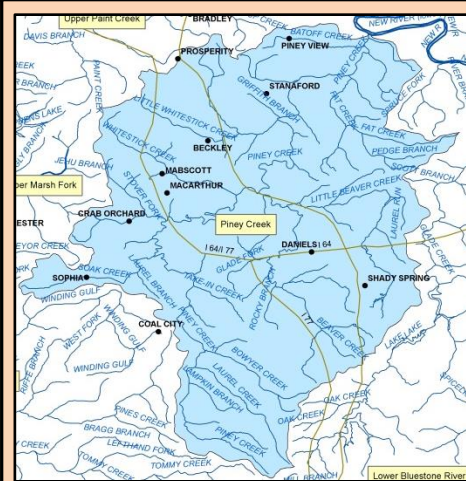
On September 17, 2016, PCWA and members of the Southern West Virginia Chapter of Trout Unlimited stocked over 8,000 fingerling Brown Trout into Piney Creek and Cranberry Creek. This effort not only shows how the water conditions have improved over the years, but also enhances the recreational activities available on Piney Creek.



Trout in Piney Creek near the Beckley Grist Mill after the stocking.

Project Update

- Our project at the YMCA Soccer Field did not start this Summer as we had initially hoped but everything is ready to start in October. We have the design now and all permits are in hand. The Southern Conservation District will handle all the construction and estimates the project will be complete 3 weeks from when they start.
- WVDEP notified us in July that our project at the Beckley-Raleigh County Convention Center was approved and funded! This project will address long standing drainage issues at the Armory by installing a rain garden and other drainage features.
- WVDEP also approved funding for additional pet waste stations in the area. The funding will allow us to purchase and install 10 pet waste stations in Mabscott, Sophia, Beaver, and Fitzpatrick Park. We will also provide individual, leash mounted pet waste dispensers to members of the community.
- We continue to seek funding for additional educational materials to support our local schools and educational outreach activities.



Membership is the lifeblood of every nonprofit and we need your support! I hope you will consider joining the association or renewing your membership to help us protect and improve the Piney Creek watershed and the community as a whole.

Memberships start at \$20 for individuals and \$30 for families while business memberships start at \$100.

I want to thank the following businesses for joining or renewing their memberships this Summer:

Servpro of Beckley
 Eppy's Drug
 Daniel Vineyards
 Cornerstone Financial

THANK YOU!

Upcoming Events

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| Oct 1 | Chili Night |
| Oct 3 | Board of Directors Meeting |
| Oct 8 | Household Hazardous Waste Collection |
| Oct 21-22 | WVDEP Watershed Celebration |
| Oct 27 | General Members Meeting |
| Oct 29 | Tailgate Halloween |
| Nov 7 | Board of Directors Meeting |
| Dec 3 | Beckley Christmas Parade |
| Dec 5 | Board of Directors Meeting |

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK FOR MORE INFORMATION ON UPCOMING EVENTS!



Cory Beswick of Miami, FL kayaking on Piney Creek in March, 2016

Piney Creek offers a unique, close to home outdoor experience. From kayaking and fishing to hiking and biking, the Piney Creek gorge and surrounding areas offer excellent opportunities to escape into the great outdoors. If you would like more information about outdoor activities on Piney Creek, give us a call and we will point you in the right direction!