



The Shed

The Piney Creek Watershed is located in Raleigh County, WV and encompasses Piney, Batoff, Cranberry, Little Whitestick, Whitestick, Beaver, Little Beaver, Crab Orchard, and Soak Creeks with their tributaries. The watershed includes the cities of Beckley, Mabscott, and Sophia as well as the surrounding communities including Crab Orchard, Beaver, Daniels, and Shady Spring.

From The Director

Now that 2016 has come to a close, it is time to start 2017 with a bang! I spent most of last year getting my feet wet (figuratively and literally) and I am ready to head full on into the new year.

We have a lot of activities planned for the year and I hope we can count on your support. There are a lot of areas in the watershed that could benefit from trash removal so I am trying to organize monthly stream cleanups to target these areas. In addition, I have applied for an Adopt-a-Highway area that if approved will prevent trash from entering our waters and increase the visibility of the association in the community.

In addition to cleanups, we have a full slate of projects and outreach activities. We received quite a bit of media coverage this past year and I plan to keep it up in 2017!

- David

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<https://www.gofundme.com/pcwa-water-rescue-2017>

2016 Year in Review

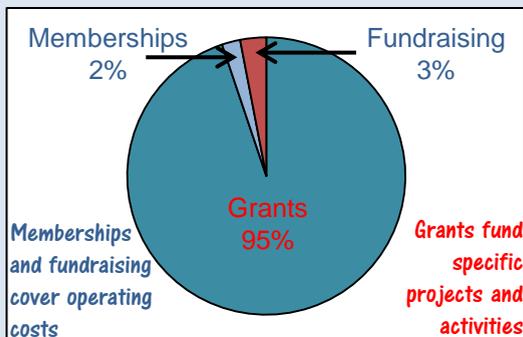
Membership

2016 (24) was a better year for membership than 2015 (20). We ended the year with 11 individual members, 9 families, and 4 businesses. Of the memberships, 16 were renewals from 2015 and 8 were new members. **We are ready to recruit for 2017 - our goal next year is 50 members and we can do it!** A challenge to all our members - recruit just one other individual, family, or business to join our association. If each member renews and recruits just one new member to the association we will double in size before you know it!

Financial

PCWA had a decent financial year with our membership dues and fundraising activities able to cover most of our operating expenses. Grants for specific projects accounted for a majority of our budget as we received over \$20,000 for the land remediation project at the YMCA Soccer Fields and \$5,000 from the WVDEP Stream Partners program. The majority of funds were spent right here in the watershed, benefiting the community as well as the watershed.

2017 is looking better as we expect membership and fundraising to exceed this years activity and that we will receive grants for our project at the convention center, a 2017 Stream Partners Grant, and grants to assist with education and outreach efforts.



Outreach and Projects

- Water testing kit for Shady Spring Elementary (March)
- WV Make-It-Shine cleanup at Fitzpatrick Park (April)
- Earth Day Media Interview (April)
- Migration Celebration booth (May)
- Friends of Coal booth (July)
- NPS Outdoor Adventure Fest booth (July)
- Mountainheart Super Saturday (July)
- PCWA profile in Register-Herald (August)
- Taste of Beckley booth (August)
- Kids Classic booth (September)
- WV Water Festival (September)
- Chili Night booth (October)
- Household hazardous waste collection support (October)
- Soccer Field project Groundbreaking (October)
- Pet Waste Station installation and maintenance (ongoing)
- Soccer Field Project (ongoing)

2017 At A Glance [Note: Some dates are tentative (t)]

<p>January</p> <p>9 Board of Directors 28 Monthly Stream Cleanup (t)</p>	<p>February</p> <p>2 PCWA General Meeting (t) 6 Board of Directors 25 Monthly Steam Cleanup (t)</p>	<p>March</p> <p>6 Board of Directors 11 Adopt a Highway Cleanup (t) 25 Monthly Steam Cleanup (t)</p> 
<p>April</p> <p>3 Board of Directors 20 PCWA General Meeting 22 EARTH DAY!</p> <p>Earth Day</p> 	<p>May</p> <p>1 Board of Directors 13 TRAC Migration Celebration (t) 27 Monthly Steam Cleanup (t)</p> 	<p>June</p> <p>3 National Trails Day 5 Board of Directors Meeting 10 Adopt a Highway (t) 24 Monthly Steam Cleanup (t)</p>
<p>July</p> <p>7 PCWA Water Festival (t) 10 Board of Directors 14-15 Friends of Coal (t) 22 Monthly Steam Cleanup (t) 29 NPS Outdoor Adventure (t)</p> 	<p>August</p> <p>7 Board of Directors 25 Monthly Steam Cleanup (t) 26 Taste of Beckley</p> 	<p>September</p> <p>9 Beckley Kids Classic 11 Board of Directors 16 Adopt a Highway Cleanup (t) 23 Monthly Steam Cleanup (t) 28-29 WV Water Festival</p> 
<p>October</p> <p>2 Board of Directors 7 Chili Night 14 PCWA General Meeting 22 Monthly Steam Cleanup (t)</p> 	<p>November</p> <p>6 Board of Directors 28 Monthly Steam Cleanup (t)</p>	<p>December</p> <p>2 Beckley Christmas Parade 4 Board of Directors 9 Adopt a Highway Cleanup (t) 16 Monthly Steam Cleanup (t)</p>

How you can help in 2017

Renew or Join

The association exists to protect and improve the watershed and your membership is the start of how we accomplish our mission. Membership rates are unchanged for 2017 so I hope you chose to join or renew your membership.

Student: \$5 Going Green: \$200
Individual: \$20 Guardian: \$500
Family: \$30 Habitat Helper: \$1000
Business: \$100 Partner: \$2500

Kroger Rewards

FREE TO YOU! Please consider shopping at Kroger and linking your reward card to PCWA. You keep your rewards and it greatly benefits the association. To sign up:

1. Visit www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com
2. Sign in to your online account, or create an account
3. Find and select Piney Creek Watershed Association (#88812)
4. Click "Save"

Volunteer

As important as membership dues and fundraising are to the association, the best way to help the watershed is through your time as a **volunteer**. The Great Wall of China was not built through grants, it was built by the hands of people dedicated to a mission.

Please consider volunteering your time at our cleanup events or other activities. It is a great way to meet people and give back to the community.