

# The Shed

Autumn 2017

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

Spring and Summer were very busy for the association and we got a lot of things accomplished. The association hosted four cleanups and coordinated with WVU Tech for three more cleanups that overall resulted in over a ton of trash removed from our watershed.

We also made great progress on our projects in the community. The land remediation project at the soccer field is almost complete: it is green where it was brown and the site is finally stabilized. We also installed a butterfly garden and a small American Chestnut orchard at the site. Our rain garden at the convention center is complete thanks to our sponsors and the Boy Scouts of America.

We have a lot more to do and with your support we will make it happen!

- David

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The land at the YMCA Soccer Complex is abandoned mine land. Although the soccer fields themselves reused most of the land, this remaining patch was causing severe sedimentation in Piney Creek.



On July 21, PCWA in conjunction with the Beckley Sanitary Board, the Water Environment Federation (WEF), Green River Garden Center, and many others hosted 40 boy scouts from the 2017 National Scout Jamboree for a service project at the Beckley-Raleigh County Convention Center. The project is designed to reduce the runoff from the convention center that affects the Beckley Little League fields. The combined group completed the construction of the drainage, planted 300 plants, and spread mulch around the site. In addition to work, WEF conducted a class on careers in water and wastewater management.



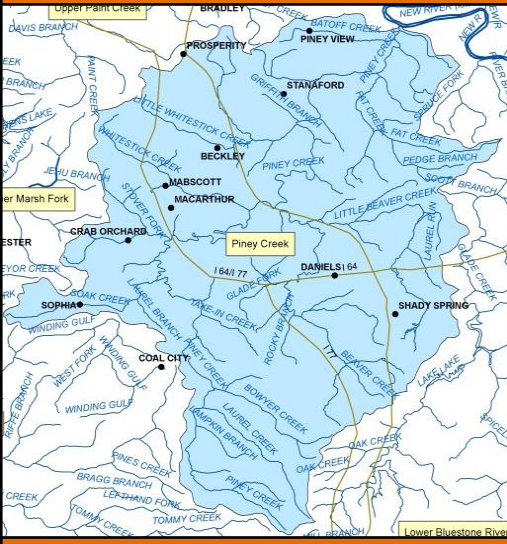
With grants from WVDEP and the Southern Conservation District, the land is stabilized and supporting vegetation, including our butterfly garden and an American Chestnut Tree orchard.



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If you live, travel, or work in the blue area of the map, you are in the Piney Creek Watershed. We hope you will consider joining, renewing, or volunteering with our association as we seek to protect and improve the Piney Creek Watershed.

I want to say a special **THANK YOU** to the members of the Woodrow Wilson High School Earth Club, the Southern West Virginia Fellowship Home, and all of our volunteers for your support of the association! Your help is invaluable to improving our community!



Environmental education and community outreach are two areas of focus for the association. In addition to the community events we supported this Summer, we also hosted WVDEP Project WET (Water Education for Teachers) training for Raleigh County. The 18 teachers from Raleigh County and two trainers from Mountainheart Community Services that attended the training are better able to teach environmental concepts in their classrooms!

**The Future**

The future continues to look bright for the association and the community. We have one major construction project approved and ready to start (New River Drive Land Reclamation) and one construction project proposal awaiting approval (WWHS Stream Restoration). We are also looking at several other grants targeting acid mine drainage in Cranberry Creek and a litter awareness campaign.

In addition to our construction projects, we are looking ahead to Earth Day 2018. Last year we had 30 projects and over 300 volunteers; this year we want 50 projects and 500 volunteers!

While we do good things, none of these things are possible without your support. Please consider renewing or joining the association and helping us improve the communities where we live. Membership is as low as \$20 for an individual and \$30 for a family. Business memberships start at \$100 and includes special advertising at our events.



Upcoming Events	
Nov 3	General Meeting
Nov 6	Board Meeting
Nov 18	Monthly Cleanup
Nov 23	Thanksgiving
Dec 4	Board Meeting
Dec 14	Earth Day Meeting
Dec 16	Monthly Cleanup
Jan 8	Board Meeting
Jan 8	Earth Day Meeting
Jan 20	Monthly Cleanup