



Coming Together for Water Quality



Lovers of the New River,

The New River lives in the heart of communities up and down the watershed. We work to ensure clean water because clean water ensures a healthy economy, a healthy community, and most importantly that future generations will have the same opportunities to enjoy the New River.

Ensuring clean water ensures a healthy economy

Ten years ago, NRC and stakeholders from Oak Hill and the larger New River Gorge community came together, concerned about the health of Arbuckle Creek as nearly half of Arbuckle Creek is impaired. This impaired water threatened the health of the New River and the \$70 million tourism industry it supports in the New River Gorge.

“NRC has been a strong advocate for clean water in the New River and the City of Oak Hill, WV endeavors to participate in these efforts. The support of the NRC for our recent Sewer Improvement Project is an example of mutual aid our organizations practice. This support is fundamental in our efforts to strive for better water quality in the New River.” – William C. Hannabass, Town of Oak Hill City Manager



Ensuring clean water ensures a healthy community

Since 2016, NRC, Town of Pulaski, and Friends of Peak Creek have been working to address water quality issues in Peak Creek, including a contaminant known as Doodle Dust and carrying out restoration of the riverbank.

“The work NRC does has been instrumental in partnering with the Town and the Friends of Peak Creek to improve the water quality and fish habitat. The expertise they bring to the table along with the will to do the right thing is a welcome addition.” – Shawn Utt, Pulaski Town Manager



Ensuring clean water ensures sustainable growth

NRC, Town of Boone, Appalachian State, and Watauga County have a history of working together to protect the headwaters of the New River. Boone is one of the fastest growing communities in NC. Protecting water quality from the impacts of rapid development is critical.

“Partnerships make it much easier to accomplish lofty goals. NRC has been instrumental in bringing county-wide organizations and citizens together to improve our environmental gem in Boone, the Boone Greenway. Thousands of linear feet of stream have been carefully restored and these successful projects have only unlocked the full potential of what we can accomplish when working together.” – John Ward, Boone Town Manager



Your donation means now more than ever as we have had to cancel opportunities for the community to come together to restore, protect, and celebrate the New River. **It's up to us to ensure clean water for the river you live, work, and play in! So donate today and become an advocate for the New.**

George Santucci, President

Working Together for Arbuckle Creek

In order to further advocate for clean water, NRC trained water monitors to help pinpoint the sources of the pollution-leaky pipes and a failing wastewater treatment plant. Along with Oak Hill, NRC lobbied the state for the needed resources to fix the problem.



Arbuckle Creek flooded after a recent storm.

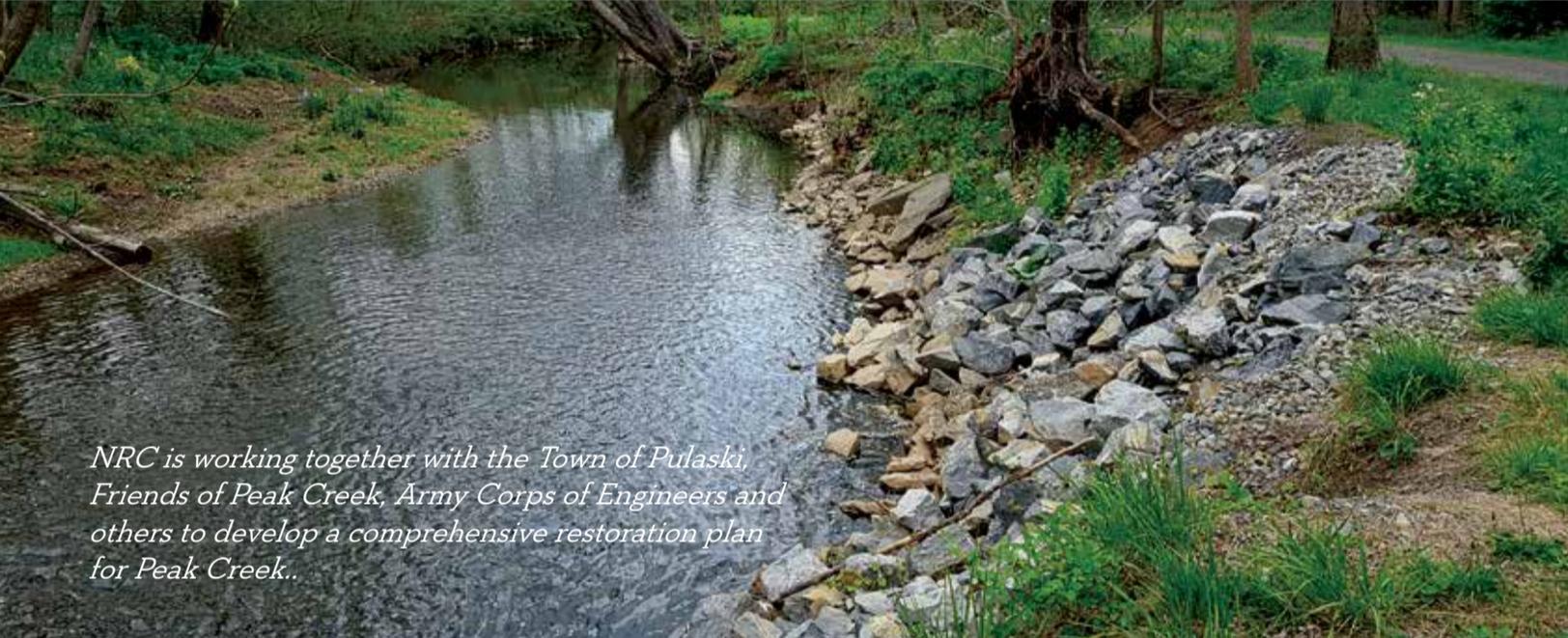


Working Together for Peak Creek

Together we've organized a riparian buffer planting attended by local volunteers and town staff. In addition to eroding stream banks, Peak Creek has substantial toxic waste buried in its floodplain. NRC has harnessed resources from US Army Corps of Engineers, VA DEQ, and Virginia Tech. We are daylighting streams and restoring riparian stream buffers to improve water quality, wildlife habitat, and alleviate flooding.



Volunteers from Friends of Peak Creek gathered to plant native shrubs along a tributary in Dora Trail Park in Pulaski.



NRC is working together with the Town of Pulaski, Friends of Peak Creek, Army Corps of Engineers and others to develop a comprehensive restoration plan for Peak Creek..

Working Together for the Boone Greenway

In Boone, North Carolina we are currently partnering with Town of Boone, Appalachian State, and Watauga County to restore 1700 feet of riverbank on the South Fork New River. Combined with a previous project, this restoration project will permanently ensure the stability of Boone's greenway, in addition to protecting water quality. In Boone, North Carolina we are currently partnering with Town of



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