



**NEW RIVER WATERSHED ROUNDTABLE QUARTERLY MEETING**

**New River Valley Business Center | New River Room  
 May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019 | 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM**

**Agenda**

1. Welcome and Introductions
  - Kevin Byrd welcomed the group
2. Spring Clean-up Activities-Report out..... All

Ramps and Roads	300 volunteers
Friends of Peak Creek	65 bags of trash
Blooming and Brooming	1 ton of litter
VT the Big Plant	2000 live stakes planted
Town of Christiansburg	13 bags of trash
Green + Clean	Successful event

3. Pet Waste Station Bags- Distribute
  - All were distributed, two boxes were saved for the Town of Christiansburg
4. New River Water Watchers Report.....New River Conservancy
  - Mike McLeod passed away recently. The Water Quality Monitoring program will be supported by other staff in the NC office for the interim.
  - New River Conservancy is hosting a water quality monitoring recertification event on 6/1.
  - Data collection site: <http://newriverconservancy.org/nrwq/waterquality.php>
5. New River Water Trail Mileage Markers.....Giles County ReNew Committee
  - National Geographic Trails illustrated maps for the New River Blueway, available here: <https://shop.nationalgeographic.com/products/new-river-blueway-trail-map-773> or <https://www.amazon.com/Blueway-National-Geographic-Trails-Illustrated/dp/1566952638>
  - We have decided to adopt the Nat Geo method for mile markings, values will follow flow.
  - NRVRC will create a generic mile marker sign that can be adopted by all locations within the NRV. Our immediate priority is first tier locations, public access points and bridges. NRVRC will send a marker map out shortly.

-Steve Knowles said he might have a contact at the Arsenal for mile marker signs locations for the river section in their area.

-Simple sign, maybe a logo, reflective—for a first round, cost effective approach. Interested in utilizing a sign style where logos can be added in the future as funds allow.

6. 2019 ReNew the New Planning ..... Kevin Byrd

-Coordinator Email Group will go out shortly.

Giles	McCoy to Pembroke, utilizing Cadets and Scouts, Charlie is the contact for sharing boats
Floyd	Previous Sat, Aug 24 <sup>th</sup> event
Pulaski	Doesn't have capacity for Aug 31 <sup>st</sup> , will see if they can host Aug 24 as well
City of Radford	ReNew the New/ Earth Day event. Doesn't have capacity to participate on Aug 31 <sup>st</sup> , Mark Gordon w/ NR Adventure is supporting the event. HQ: Bisset Park, shelter 3. They will have speakers at 2 pm and music at 4 pm. Partnership with Pathways for Radford and Radford Univ.
Montgomery County	Plans to clean Whitethorn to McCoy
NRVRC	Put together a timeline, ID cleanup areas, count and order T-shirts, put together registration
Eagle Dist. (Mark Bennett)	Putting signage on drink coolers, "Renew the New, It's Your River Too", perhaps interested in supplying drinks for the whole event. We are interested in utilizing water bottle refilling stations as plastic is a significant pollutant in the river.

7. VA DEQ Stormwater Assistance Program Survey + Grant ..... Kevin Byrd

DEQ to survey local governments to identify stormwater management needs, for MS4 and non-MS4. Results of the survey will be utilized in a Stormwater Local Assistance Funds (SWLAF) Program. NRVRC will forward out the survey.

8. Report Out ..... All

-MS4 five-year programs are coming out June 1.

~~Claytor Lake Drawdown will be 5' this year and occur roughly from Nov 4 to Nov 18. They will host a Muscle Salvage Event on Nov 9.~~

-Emergency Services Coordinator mtg will happen this summer, hosted by NRVRC, to understand concerns and resource needs related to public river safety.

-NRC, annual picnic, July 28<sup>th</sup>

-FCL, annual picnic, June 29<sup>th</sup>

**2019 Upcoming Meeting Dates**

NR Watershed Roundtable Quarterly Meeting

July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019

October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019