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VAST Conference held in Williamsburg

In November 2022, DRBA's Education Manager Krista Hodges, presented at the Virginia Association of Science Teacher's Conference (VAST) in Williamsburg, VA. This annual conference is a part of the VAST Professional Development Institute for teachers in the Commonwealth. The conference celebrates over "70 years of advocating for quality science education."

DRBA co-presented with Albert Harris Elementary's STEM Teacher, Ms. Laurie Witt on two sessions for the conference. One of the sessions titled "Reach Out Locally, Form Connections, Make Contributions Now" focused on DRBA as a community partner for Albert Harris Elementary. Many of the projects that have been implemented or created at the school would not be possible without the partnership between DRBA and the school. The second session titled "Make the Most of Your Space by Creating a Green Schoolyard" focused on the highly successful Green Schoolyard project at Albert Harris. Information and resources on creating their own green schoolyard were provided to teachers.



Partnerships Making a Difference

DRBA was invited to speak at the Martinsville City Public Schools school board meeting. Krista Hodges, DRBA's Education Manager, discussed the many education programs Martinsville City students have been involved with over the last decade. Hodges, detailed programs including Trout in the Classroom, Green Schoolyard, Streamside Trees in the Classroom, water quality testing, and MHC After 3.

DRBA has partnered with Martinsville City elementary schools such as Albert Harris Elementary and Patrick Henry Elementary with Trout in the Classroom as the lead program. Streamside Trees in the Classroom (STIC)



was integrated into the elementary schools in 2015 after receiving a grant to expand the program. In 2018, DRBA received a grant to start the Green Schoolyard project at Albert Harris Elementary. The growth of these programs has created a strong partnership between the schools and DRBA and received recognition in 2017 at the Virginia STEM-H Summit, and more recently with the Virginia Naturally program (*see related article page 7*)

Thousands of students have been impacted by DRBA's environmental education programs in Martinsville City schools. This year, Hodges will incorporate two new projects -- a Sensory Garden to be installed at Albert Harris Elementary and a Monarch Waystation to be developed at Martinsville High School.

Basecamp Ag Conference

The Dan River Basin Association and the Harvest Foundation were invited by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) to present at the Basecamp Agritourism Conference held this past December. DCR representatives suggested a partnership presentation with The Friends of the Lower Appomattox River (FLOAR) and the Cameron Foundation recognizing that health foundations and river organizations had similar stories to share.



The presentation was focused on building healthy communities through community health foundations. DRBA staff members Tiffany Haworth and Brian Williams worked with Sheryl Agee from the Harvest Foundation to put together an outline and later came together with staff from DCR, Cameron, and FLOAR to finalize the presentation.

While many of the other workshop presentations focused specifically on how farmers can benefit from agritourism, DRBA and FLOAR showed how our missions aligned with the community health foundations that have become key partners in striving toward our goals for a healthy, resilient, and sustainable economy based on the protection and promotion of our natural resources.

We would like to thank DCR for the opportunity to present to participants from across the state and a special thank you to the Harvest Foundation for being a key partner in creating our own healthy community in Martinsville and Henry County.

Stewardship

P&HCC Beaver Creek Trail -- Another new trail is coming!

The Eco Ambassador Council has funded a project to develop trails on the Patrick and Henry Community College campus in Henry County. The trail system will connect to existing trails at P&HCC that DRBA constructed back in 2010. The new trails will begin at the Frith building and follow both new and existing paths below the Beaver Creek Reservoir and along Beaver Creek.

The trail has not been officially named yet but, for now, we are calling the project the P&HCC Beaver Creek Trail project. The trail has some significant points of interest including a view of the reservoir, some new growth pine forest, a stand of older pines, wetlands created by beavers, Beaver Creek, a scenic oak forest and some impressive single oaks along the route.

The current paths on site will be utilized for much of the trail's length and the route will be identified with directional trail markers. Intersections will be clearly marked with "you are here" and smaller maps of the system as needed.

A portion of new trail will be constructed (approximately 680') utilizing switchbacks to return to the parking area up the steep grade to the Frith building and the Maintenance building. Once the rough cut has been completed under DRBA's direction, we hope to see the trail hand finished by volunteers.

A connector trail between the current P&HCC Loop and the new trail will be reworked behind the Frith building. A boardwalk with an extended dock is proposed in the wetlands area to allow access for water quality testing and wildlife observation. An existing connection to the P&HCC Loop Trail was constructed by students in 2013 and this trail will be reworked and marked with directional signs.

Look for the new trail to be completed in 2023.

PHCC Beaver Creek Trail



Director's Message

Nature offers us a special kind of fleeting magic that inspires us year after year to test ourselves in some of our most beautiful and sensitive landscapes. For me, the most memorable experiences often involve venturing out into the unknown with an uncertain outcome, in a stunning and remote location. Those magical moments of joy stay with us and inspire us to become environmental advocates and stand up to protect the places we love. These are the moments that have inspired me every day at DRBA. I am so honored to have the opportunity to be a part of this organization that protects and promotes our local natural and cultural resources.

This moment in time is critical for DRBA as we endeavor to develop more projects and continue to support past programs in our region with an evergrowing need for funding. We have more threats to stop, more outdoor spaces to open to the public, and more youth to inspire to become advocates for a clean and healthy environment.

The dedication and expertise of our staff, board, volunteers, members and donors is unparalleled—all are unsung heroes working in the public interest day in and day out. We are ready to work with you in 2023 -- to take a few risks, and to make a huge difference for those that live, work, and play in the Dan River Basin. I hope you will take some time to go outdoors and discover what DRBA has done and continue to support our work as we kick off a new year.

Tiffany Haworth

Grant Helps Grow Snow Creek Elementary

DRBA received a grant from the Roanoke Women's Foundation (RWF) to implement a two-year project at Snow Creek Elementary in Franklin County, VA. The project titled "Educating Stewards of the Next Generation" is to provide hands-on environmental education programming for all students 2nd through 5th grade at the elementary school. DRBA has provided education programs to Snow Creek Elementary for more than ten years. It began with Trout in the Classroom (TIC) and Streamside Trees in the Classroom (STIC); through this grant DRBA plans to implement many additional programs at the school including a Green Schoolyard, the outdoor classroom, a monarch waystation, a rain barrel workshop, a water quality testing program, and a girls' science club. DRBA's Education Manager, Krista Hodges, is working closely with school administration and the fifth grade teacher to design and plan the programs. This project will be used as a model for other schools throughout the basin.



RWF's mission is to connect the power of women and their pooled financial resources to enhance the quality of life in our communities. Roanoke Women's Foundation is a philanthropic organization that supports arts and culture, education, the environment, and health and human services through a competitive grants process. RWF is funded by member donations (www.https://roanokewomensfoundation.org/).

Apple Dumpling 5K

A chilly October morning welcomed 86 participants and supporters to the annual Apple Dumpling 5K at the downtown Stuart Depot in Patrick County. Runners young and old took chase on the Mayo River Rail Trail as they followed the river's edge and the historic path of the long-ago Dick and Willie railroad.

The Apple Dumpling 5K (AD5K) is an annual DRBA hosted event held in Patrick County. Proceeds are tracked by DRBA and allocated to Patrick County for trail enhancement. Funds from past events have provided signage at the Mayo River Rail Trail, as well as at each of the five Trail HANDS located around the county, a kiosk at the Hidden Roads Trail in Meadows of Dan, and for the existing walking trail in DeHart Park. AD5K proceeds also contributed to the trail mapping and signage at the I.C. DeHart Park in Woolwine.



Annual Business Meeting & Celebration

This year, DRBA's Annual Business Meeting will be held virtually on

Saturday, March 4

10:00 AM

Look for more information in our e-newsletter to register for this event.

Later in the day, join us for a hike!

1:30 PM -- 3:30 PM

Rockingham Community College in Wentworth, NC

***The Annual Celebration will be hosted June 3, 2023 at
Patrick & Henry Community College Martinsville, VA***

Education

Monarch Waystation dedicated at Anglers Park

Monarchs and other pollinators can add a new stop to their route with the nationally certified Monarch Waystation recently dedicated at Anglers Park in Danville.

Constructed by the Dan River Basin Association (DRBA) and generously funded by the Collins Great Outdoors Fund of the Community Foundation of the Dan River Region, the waystation provides a sustainable habitat for butterflies and other pollinators that are critical to all living things.

“This Waystation is both educational and beautiful,” said John Collins of the Collins Great Outdoors fund. “I hope that it serves as a reminder to everyone who visits Anglers Park about the importance of conservation and protection of our natural resources.”

A certified Monarch Waystation is an intentional garden that has met the criteria for providing food, shelter, and breeding grounds for Monarch butterflies as well as other pollinators. Criteria such as size, type of plants and location must be met for the garden to be certified.

“Monarch Waystations are places that provide resources necessary for monarchs to produce successive generations and sustain their migration,” said Krista Hodges, DRBA’s Education Outreach Manager. “Without milkweeds throughout their spring and summer breeding areas in North America, monarchs would not be able to produce the successive generations that culminate in the migration each fall.

Milkweeds and nectar sources are declining due to development of land and the widespread use of herbicides at a rate of over 9 square miles a day - that’s 2.2 million acres each year – and equivalent to losing an area of habitat the size of the state of Illinois every sixteen years!”

Not only is this garden beautiful to look at, it’s already doing its job in helping to sustain the Monarch Butterfly population as evidenced by the hundreds of caterpillars and butterflies that are here. We are so grateful to be able to work with DRBA to bring this to our City.

*Stephanie Lovely,
Danville City Parks
and Recreation*

As pollinators, the monarch butterfly migration across the continent provides an invaluable service, essential for many ecosystems to thrive. It is because of pollinators, such as butterflies, bees, and other insects, that flowers, fruits and vegetables can grow.

“Having this visual reminder about the importance of pollination and the value of environmental conservation is a wonderful addition to the assets at Angler’s Park,” said Stephanie Lovely, Facilities and Services Manager at the Danville City Parks & Recreation.

Visit www.danriver.org to learn more about protecting and conserving our local natural resources and how you can get involved in your community.

Teaming up with STIC

Recently, students from Franklin County, Martinsville City and Patrick County elementary schools planted native trees as a part of DRBA’s Streamside Trees in the Classroom (STIC) program. Over 450 fourth grade students participated in the program planting more than 140 trees along waterways in the Dan River Basin. The program is provided to students through a partnership with the Army Corps of Engineers at Philpott Lake.

Students received trees in September that were delivered by Philpott Lake park rangers. DRBA provided resource materials to the twelve schools and coordinated the four Planting Days in October. The Planting Days were held at Fairy Stone State Park, Jamison Mill Park, Salt House Branch Park, and the Reynolds Homestead. Natural resources partners included Blue Ridge Soil and Water Conservation District, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Forestry, Patrick County Master Gardeners, Master Naturalists, Philpott Rangers, Reynolds Homestead, and Martinsville High School AP Biology students provided hands-on learning activities and presentations during the Planting Days.

Students arrived at their planting locations around 10:00 AM for an all-day field trip that included activities, planting trees, and lunch at the parks. Students also received Every Kid Outdoors (EKO) passes through the Army Corps of Engineers. The EKO passes provide all fourth grade students and their families free entry into all federal parks for a full year.



Lunch and Learn -- Team Growth

The Dan River Basin Association provided hands-on Citizen Water Quality Monitoring (CWQM) training for employees at Intertape Polymer Group in Danville, VA. Nine employees were trained on how to test rivers and streams for the presence of E.coli. The two-hour training included an informational PowerPoint presentation detailing the program and the importance of protecting our water quality as well as hands-on instruction covering how to follow VA DEQ's standards for testing water quality for bacteria. Two employees, Dennis Kalz and Michael Jones, signed up to commit to one year of monitoring for 2023. Kits and monitoring supplies were provided to the employees in January. The kits will be used to monitor the water at their selected sites each month for a full year.



Thank you to Intertape Polymer Group for allowing DRBA to do a Lunch and Learn session with your employees!

Albert Harris School Designated Virginia Naturally School



Administered by the Department of Wildlife Resources, Virginia Naturally (VAN) Schools has been recognized by the Virginia Board of Education as the official environmental education school recognition program of the Commonwealth. This program recognizes the wonderful efforts of many Virginia schools to increase the environmental literacy of our youngest citizens.

DRBA has worked closely with Albert Harris Elementary for eight years as students participated in many of the programs including Trout in the Classroom and Streamside Trees in the Classroom. Congratulations to Albert Harris Elementary!

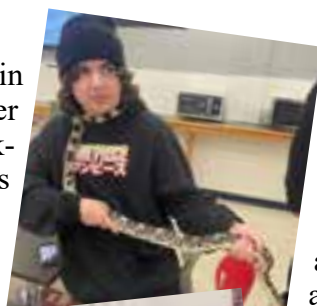
Snakes Alive!

Over 75 middle and high school students in the Martinsville-Henry County MHC After 3 program participated in a hands-on workshop presented by DRBA staff members Krista Hodges and Brian Williams.

The first session focused on "Nature Art." where students created holiday ornaments from items that can be found in nature. Later in the program "An Introduction to Snakes" gave students the opportunity to learn about venomous and non-venomous snakes found in the basin. Students were taught how to handle snakes properly and safely.

"I knew immediately that the Dan River Basin Association (DRBA) was the organization for me because of its commitment to environmental conservation, sustainable community development, and offering programs to teach people young and old how to protect our beautiful natural resources. Especially important, DRBA provides a variety of environmental education opportunities meeting Standards of Learning (SOLs) in our schools. I was thrilled recently to volunteer with DRBA's Education Outreach Manager, Krista Hodges, at a "Day in the Woods" event to teach over 300 third graders about the importance of macroinvertebrates as indicators of the health of our rivers and streams. Their enthusiasm to be outdoors and learn about the environment was a joy to watch."

*Ellen Jessee
DRBA Member, Board of Directors*



Students Discover Water Quality

Monitoring

Last fall, as part of Martinsville City Public School's sixth grade MWEE (Meaningful Watershed Educational Experience), DRBA provided instruction on water quality testing and an introduction to macro invertebrates to all of the middle school students. Over two days, more than 170 students rotated through three stations, two of which were provided by DRBA staff.

The focus of the MWEE was to provide environmental education programming, cultural history, and a student-driven hands-on activity. Students tested the water quality of Marrowbone Creek, a tributary to the Smith River near Martinsville, while discussing different environmental factors that can impact water quality.

Parameters tested included turbidity, pH, dissolved oxygen, nitrate and phosphorus. Students also learned about macro invertebrates, including crayfish, mayflies, crane fly larva and stoneflies that can indicate the health of our rivers and streams. DRBA plans to partner with Martinsville Middle School again this fall with the new sixth grade students.

Making a Difference

Ready for North Carolina's Year of the Trail? We are!

Join Dan River Basin Association in celebrating Year of the Trail! Yes, you heard that right. It was proclaimed by Governor Cooper that 2023 will be the Year of the Trail in North Carolina. Groups, cities, and parks will highlight area trails and blueways to call attention to the importance of trails in North Carolina. Events will be held in each of the North Carolina counties located in the Dan River Basin, and everyone is welcome to join in!



The NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources selected the City of Eden as a Trails Town. As part of the celebrations, the city will have a weekend full of activities beginning with a guided night hike Friday, April 22; themed hikes and paddles Saturday morning; and an evening bash in Uptown Leaksville. To wrap up the weekend, Sunday the 24th will include a Hike Your Own Hike event where you can explore any trail in the county on your own or in a small group!

Year of the Trail is an important landmark for advocating future funding of trails -- including education on trail building, safety, and maintenance. Trail design and construction takes skill, resources, and engineering.

We look forward to celebrating the hard work of all of our volunteers and members who help make trails a possibility. Keep in the loop by checking our social media and newsletters as we celebrate #YearoftheTrail with our friends and family!

Wreaths for a Cause

For a second year in a row DRBA participated in the Institute for Advanced Learning and Research's annual Wreaths for a Cause. This event goes on a few weeks of November and December, where wreaths are displayed in the IALR's lobby to pique interest and encourage people to 'vote' on their favorite wreaths with their dollar!



DRBA Staff, Melissa and Anna, along with Board Members, Sonya and Jessica, designed a beautiful handmade wreath using natural materials. The theme -- imagining a natural riverscape -- included tiled pieces designed to look like water, a frog, fish, macroinvertebrates, and other insects that live in our rivers and creeks. In the design, pieces of river glass were included to share the importance of a clean river.

At the end of the voting period, a silent and live auction allowed for people to bid on the wreaths to take home to display or to share as a gift for friends and family.

Many people joined this year for the food and fellowship. DRBA's participation allowed for a great opportunity to share our cause and enjoy our community! Thanks to Carter Bank and Trust for being our sponsor for this event!

Wild & Scenic Film Festival

DRBA partnered with the Dan Riverkeeper/Good Stewards to host the Wild & Scenic Film Festival. Ticket holders could choose to view the films on-demand and/or in person on December 3, 2022 at the Mad Bean in Madison, NC. About 25 people attended the in-person event and over 200 people watched the festival on-demand.

The feature films included:

Finding Salmon - Experience the spirit of Salmon Watch, a program that connects Oregon youth to their backyard river ecosystems.



Bodies of Water - Many Bahamians depend on the ocean for sustenance, opportunity, and identity. But this relationship is also complex and paradoxical.

Community: Not On Our Soil - A Climate Justice Reality - Marginalized and excluded communities of Cape Town fight for their right to clean water, and work together for community-led alternatives to sustainability.

Guardians of the River - Klamath River Indigenous leaders and youth fight to free their river from life-killing dams, restoring salmon, economy, and culture.

Land of the Yakamas -- Discusses the importance of the ancestral lands surrounding the general Nch'i-Wana (Columbia River) area, as well as some of the environmental challenges the communities of the region face.

The Voice of a River -- Mark Dubious' act of sacrifice for the Stanislaus River is the simplest, most effective form of activism; one rooted in love.

Blue Ridge Outdoors Nomination

DRBA was nominated for the 2023 Best of the Blue Ridge Contest hosted by Blue Ridge Outdoors Magazine. The contest highlights people's favorite outdoor businesses, events, food/drinks, and destinations in the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic. Thank you to everyone who voted for DRBA as the best outdoor nonprofit! Check back when the winners are announced in February!





*In fond memory of
Robin Underwood Light
September 20, 1958 - November 26, 2022*

For over a decade, Robin's smile was the first to greet visitors at the door and on the phone in our Eden office. She was much more than just our Finance and Administration Manager, she was the glue that held the staff together -- on task and meeting deadlines. A family member to both staff and board, Robin was greatly missed when she retired from DRBA in September of 2020.

It was with deep sadness and heavy hearts that we said goodbye to our friend in November, 2022. We will all miss her more than words can express.

DRBA Receives Grant and Guidance

Chosen as one of ten nonprofits across the United States to participate in the Skills for Cities event, DRBA was the only regional nonprofit to be awarded a grant sponsored by Common Impact Fund. The other nine organizations were nationally focused.

With this grant, DRBA was able to work with a team of international corporate volunteers with expertise in website design and social media to assist with analyzing and recommending future strategies for the organization. The team of experts reviewed DRBA's website and provided recommendations to improve our presence on social media. The study focused on determining information to include and exclude, optimizing the user experience, and modernizing the site's appearance. The team also shared strategic guidance related to prioritizing investments in the website and in other media platforms.

With this guidance, DRBA will work in 2023 to update and revitalize its website and social media outreach.



Preventive Medicine on Matrimony Creek

DRBA partnered with the Dan River Keeper and the City of Eden to install a "Trash Trout" in Matrimony Creek. The litter collection system was purchased by Water Keepers Alliance for the Dan River Keeper, Steven Pulliam, who contacted DRBA for assistance in installation and partnering with the City.

What is a Trash Trout you asked? The Trash Trout is a passive stormwater debris collection device. This one was manufactured by Asheville Greenworks. The floating device uses water-flow to capture man-made trash before it reaches main waterways. Using flotation and a mesh gate, the floating garbage is contained until ready to be cleaned out. The device doesn't contain a top or bottom which allows creatures to pass through without harm. The 3/4 inch openings in the mesh gate keep smaller benthic critters from becoming entangled in the trash

In 2022, the WaterKeepers Alliance purchased a number of Trash Trout devices to be installed in waterways across the nation. The Dan River Keeper was able to secure one for installation on Matrimony Creek in October, 2022. DRBA recently developed and installed an informational sign explaining the purpose of the device. Periodically, the debris has to be removed from the device; DRBA staff cleaned the trap once already in January.



River basin and water advocacy groups like the Dan River Keeper and The Dan River Basin Association are using Trash Trout devices to track pollution and advocate for policies that reduce plastic pollution.

Recreation

The **October FSO**, an early fall paddle on the beautiful Mayo River, was canceled due to inclement weather. The 4.5 miles float from the Mayo Beach at Anglin Mill to NC 770 near Stoneville, NC was to serve as the final paddling event for 2022. DRBA makes every effort to provide outings in a safe and comfortable venue; be sure to watch our newsletter for this event to be re-scheduled in 2023.

November FSO at the future Virginia Mayo River State Park

A cool, clear morning greeted nineteen participants for the November 5th DRBA FSO at the future Virginia Mayo River State Park in Henry County. The group hiked the Redbud Trail, a natural surface loop trail. The property was first acquired by Virginia in 2009 and earlier this year DCR gained the final parcel, bringing the total acreage under Virginia state ownership to 637 acres.



“The incredible economic and recreational value that the future Virginia Mayo River State Park will bring to this region is immeasurable,” said Tiffany Haworth, DRBA’s executive director. “Our founders imagined this opportunity more than a decade ago, and DRBA staff, board, and volunteers have been working hard ever since to keep the development moving forward. The generosity and foresight of the Eco Ambassador Council has finally made it a reality. We look forward to working with DCR to advance this amazing asset to its full potential.”

The EAC, a coalition of business leaders from the local region, provided \$18,000 to develop the newly opened trails. Since forming in 2020, the organization has brought together resources and shared actions for the benefit of communities, stakeholders, environment, and the economy throughout the Dan River Basin.

December FSO at the Gravely Nature Preserve

No wildflowers, no colorful leaves, but Turkey Tails, Turkey Tails, Turkey Tails galore! What better way to wake the body and mind from that Turkey Day lethargy than a hike with friends on the 2-mile Jones Trail loop at Gravely Nature Preserve near Ridgeway, Virginia.

I live downriver from Danville, but it’s always worth the drive to hike in Gravely. Any time of year nature’s surprises await you there, whether the delight of spring wildflowers, the cool shady summer trail by the river, or the brilliance of fall leaf color.

Today it was the camaraderie of friends, old and new, and the pleasure of stretching our legs. The soft trail led us past the family graveyard, so full of history, down to the river to walk past the transplanted walking fern, then to stroll through rhododendron thickets, all accompanied by the sound of the clear Smith rushing past.

Then there was the log. Long since a mighty, towering tree, now every inch covered in the most colorful Turkey Tail fungi I’ve ever seen! Even the beginnings of Lion’s Mane fungus and a yet to be identified jelly fungus adorned this log, life from death, nature’s recycling.



Too sad that people don’t always engage in the same recycling, evidenced by the one cluster of plastic trash caught in fallen branches at the river’s edge, a reminder of the need for vigilance in river cleanup, as well as litter collection in general. It IS our responsibility.

How wonderful that Gravely and others had the foresight and generosity to ensure that this treasure would be here for others to enjoy for many years to come. And thanks to DRBA for introducing it to us. Thanks to Linda Park for leading a great hike and to Wayne Kirkpatrick for “running sweep.”

Susan Lassiter

Want to know more about First Saturday Outings? Check out this and other programs at www.danriver.org

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Wayne Kirkpatrick, Member

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A tradition since 2002!

WELCOME 2023!

- January 1: First Day Hike at Fairy Stone State Park*
*February 4: FSO A mid-winter hike at Mayo Lake Park
on the 2.5-mile Red Hawk Trail (starts at 10:00)*
*March 4: FSO Rockingham Community College
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*April 1: FSO Paddle Snowcreek to Hemlock on the
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All events are subject to change due to inclement weather or government guidelines. Please check with the Dan River Basin Association website or the trip coordinator before leaving home for any event.

*For additional information
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