

Thank you to all of our members, donors, volunteers and supporters. None of DRBA's successes would be possible without you. These are a few of the regional successes your generosity accomplished this year!

2015

DRBA YEAR IN REVIEW

EDUCATION

- In-classroom environmental education programs for thousands of students in Franklin, Henry, Martinsville, Patrick, Danville and Pittsylvania in Virginia and Guildford, Caswell and Rockingham in North Carolina.
- Educational workshops and presentations for dozens of community partners reaching thousands of youth.
- Environmental education training for teachers.
- Citizen Water Quality Training for almost 50 participants.
- Online water trail training for government personnel.
- Environmental jobs spotlight for 4,000 students.
- Participated in over a dozen festivals providing information and education to thousands of people.
- Launched the Environmental Education Catalog.
- DRBA staff accepted into UVA's Virginia Natural Resource Leadership Program.
- Invited to participate in video production class to improve DRBA's ability to promote through the media.

RECREATION

- 12 free, first Saturday outings reaching 221 people from 13 counties in NC and VA.
- Dozens of underserved youth on the river and on our trails for the first time.
- Constructed 5 miles of new trails.
- Enhanced and improved 6 river accesses.
- Designed river front community promotional signs to increase economic development.
- DRBA Race Series inspired over a hundred runners and walkers to get outside.
- Identified multi-county urban trails to help those with medical issues enjoy the outdoors.
- Partnered with Go Healthy Initiative to inspire doctors to "prescribe" outdoor recreation to patients.
- Worked with partners to start and enhance several new water trails in the region.
- Received funding to identify outdoor master planning in the region.
- Explored regional planning to connect with state-wide trail systems in NC and VA.

STEWARDSHIP

- Volunteers monitored 30 sites on our local rivers and streams.
- Partnered with universities to monitor the impact of coal ash in the Dan River.
- Successfully worked with partners to have coal ash permanently moved away from the Dan River.
- Worked to organize and inspire community groups to advocate against fracking, coal ash waste and litter in our watershed.
- Organized volunteers to clean up 40 miles of river removing tons of garbage.
- Organized volunteers to clean up miles of trails.
- Completed riparian buffer assessment of our watershed.
- Successfully worked with partners to keep the ban on uranium mining in Virginia.



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Thank you for your support!

These are just a few things your generous support accomplished in 2015!

Danville, VA

- Galileo School launched DRBA Club
- 3 CWQM trainings
- 12 volunteers monitoring monthly
- First storm drain marking program
- Provided a booth at River District Festival

Halifax, VA

- Worked with partners to enhance SoVA Wild Blue trail
- Provided assistance with first boat race
- Booth at the Wild Blue Festival

Stokes, NC

- Booth at Stokes Stomp
- Assistance to local no fracking community groups

Pittsylvania, VA

- Delivered 64 student presentations to the STEM Academy
- Worked to help local government develop river access
- 1 Trout in the Classroom tank
- Partnered with Advanced Institute of Learning and Research and Old Dominion Agriculture Center

Patrick, VA

- DRBA Club launched at Patrick County High School
- 16 CWQM monitoring sites
- 2.5 miles of riparian buffer planted along Mayo River

Franklin, VA

- One Trout in the Classroom tank
- Provided assistance with Jamison Mill Park bridge construction project
- Design assistance for blue trail project
- Day in the Woods event with 5 elementary schools

Rockingham, NC

- 3.5 miles of new trail
- Trout in the Classroom tanks in 13 elementary classrooms
- Worked with local government to pass no fracking resolution
- Booth at Eden Riverfest
- Acquired funding for new river access on the Dan River.
- 100% municipal memberships

Guilford, NC

- 7 Trout in the Classroom tanks
- Participated in BANFF film festival sponsored by REI
- Assisted with spill cleanup

Martinsville & Henry County, VA

- Managed miles of cleanup on Smith River
- Booth at Smith Riverfest
- Opened Paw Path and Lauren Mountain Trails
- 2 CWQM monitoring sites on tributaries of the Smith River
- Environmental education provided to several nonprofit partners that serve at-risk youth
- Successful weekend water releases

Caswell, NC

- Produced an oral history mini-documentary, "Voices of the Dan River"
- Bartlett Yancey High School students did water quality testing and saw firsthand how coal ash can negatively impact our waterways
- Participated in County health assessment

2015 DRBA Support

- Grants
- Other Sources of Income (donations, memberships, events, merchandise sales, contracted services, donated services)

