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## Annual Celebration

Saturday, March 3, 2018

Welcome

Business Meeting

Board Election

What a Year!- Staff Presentations

Presentation of Awards

"Stokes County Mineral Springs Resorts: Reclaiming a Lost History"  
Jason Anthony, Hanging Rock State Park Ranger

The Year Ahead



# 2017

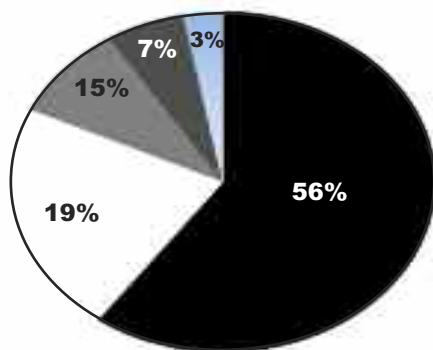
year in review

## EDUCATION

- Provided over 6,500 students with environmental education
- Planted over 200 Black Willow trees with 1,500 students from Patrick County, Franklin County, and Martinsville City Schools through Streamside Trees in the Classroom program.
- Awarded Elite STEM-H Education and Industry Partnership Award with Martinsville City Schools and US Army Corps of Engineers
- Served on the Board of the Virginia Association for Environmental Education (VAEE)
- Launched basin-wide Kids4Rivers
- Published Dan River basin Environmental Education Report
- Presentation at the Virginia Military Institute STEM Conference
- Developed an official CWQM Training site in Danville for student focused water monitoring programs with the Danville Science Center
- Provided EE for over 200 students through MHC After 3
- Partnered with Piedmont Land Conservancy to deliver Water Quality Monitoring presentations to Rockingham County schools at the Knight Brown Nature Preserve
- Provided DRBA research and Coal Ash response data for RCS Student Capstone Experience
- Partnered with the VMNH for Reptile Day. Provided presentations for 150 students.
- Presentations provided to Rotary Clubs, Garden Clubs, & Master Naturalists.
- Guest lecture for the VMNH Second Thursday Science Talks
- Partnered with RoundRock Design and RCC to host 2 Eco-tourism workshops for small businesses
- Provided 3 summer internships in Rockingham County
- Collected information on historic African American pathways during segregation

### 2017 DRBA Support

- Grants
- Individual & Corporate Donations
- Memberships
- Project Services
- Shop DRBA & Other



## STEWARDSHIP

- Hosted Rain barrel workshops in Martinsville and Eden
- Released over 2,000 trout in the Smith River and Ararat River
- Using Litterati, picked up over 1,000 pieces of litter with MHC After 3 students in Henry County
- Cleaned up almost 100 miles of trails and waterways
- Managed riparian buffer planting and cleanup with Averett baseball players on Day to Engage
- Hosted 8 Citizen Water Quality Monitoring trainings
- Partnered on Vision 2035 Middle Boarder Forward plan
- Attended national River Network River Rally in Grand Rapids, MI
- Added over 20 new water quality monitoring sites in the basin
- Worked with partners on Smith River Water Flow
- Served on planning team for Stoneville Pocket Park
- Worked with landowners and local African American church to initiate a trail planning project in Eden
- City of Eden Rivers & Trails Group

## RECREATION

- Provided new restroom facility at the Great Road River Access sponsored by Boxley
- Nearing completion of the MHC Master Plan for Rivers and Trails
- Partnered with Henry County on the Smith River Blueway Water Trail & RC Tourism on Dan River Blueway
- Completed signage for Philpott Blueway
- Partnered with Greater Bassett Community to offer Saturday Family Fun Floats.
- Co-hosted 10th Anniversary Smith River Fest in Henry County
- Provided maintenance for Settles Bridge river access
- Assisted Mayodan with 3 mountain bike races at Farris Memorial Park, bringing more than 500 adult and youth mountain bike competitors to Rockingham County
- High Rock Ford trail and river access planning
- Environmental review for both Mayodan Mountain Bike Trail and Lake Reidsville.
- Partnered with Roundrock to complete Mayodan's environment review
- Served on Dan River Boat Race and Piedmont Trails Summit planning teams
- Blueway Guide for RC
- Planters Road project planning to increase park from 3.4 to 19 acres
- Partnered with Bicycling in Greensboro, RoundRock, Mayodan Arts Council for a bike-to-art project
- "Try a Bike" event for Madison Mayodan Recreation Center
- Acquired funding for a new trail in Rockingham County
- Re-route planning for Mayodan Bike Trail
- Planning started for river access improvement at 770 Bridge