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## Purina Donates to Development of Belews Park



Thanks to a generous donation from the Purina Trust Fund Program, phase one has begun at one of Rockingham County's newest assets, Belews Park. This 100-acre property lies just outside of Stokesdale in North Carolina and

was donated to the county by Duke Energy. Located near Belews Lake and Knight-Brown Nature Preserve, the park will be a passive park for outdoor recreation.

Wonderful progress has been made at Belews Park recently. A fantastic group of motivated volunteers from around Belews Lake, Eden, and Martinsville joined together to attend the first volunteer workday. With a mechanized 'rough' cut done by RoundRock Design, volunteers learned from professional trail builder and designer, Tony McGee, about properly finishing a natural surface trail. Activities included root cutting, bench mitigation, and trail corridor cleaning. During one workday, we were ecstatic to have employees from the Purina Plant in Eden join us for a second stretch of trail development.

The new park will allow for potential connections to the wildly popular state-wide Mountains-to-Sea Trail as it goes around Belews Lake. "Belews Park will quickly become a cherished outdoor amenity that enhances the quality of life for

*As we continue getting more acclimated with our new home in Rockingham County it's evident that outdoor activities are one of this region's best qualities, so it's an honor to help DRBA and the county further their efforts to bring a quality attraction to our community,"*

**Will Steiner**  
 Factory Manager  
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residents of Rockingham County and all those who visit from around the country," said Tiffany Haworth, Executive Director of DRBA. When phase 1 is completed, Belews Park will have a half-mile of multi-use trail, educational signage, and a sound garden that will allow users to immerse themselves in nature.

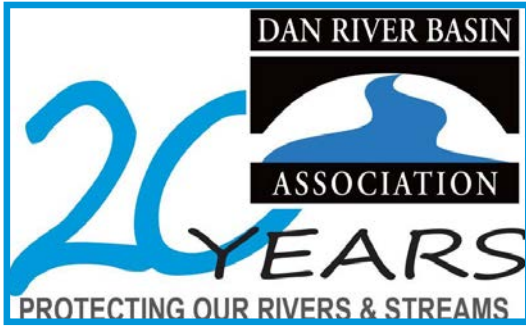
We are looking forward to the completion of the project, but this trail cannot be built without our volunteers. More volunteer workdays will be planned after each phase. If you would like to attend a workday, please sign up for our volunteer newsletter or contact the Dan River Basin Association's NC Program Coordinator Anna Wheeler at [awheeler@danriver.org](mailto:awheeler@danriver.org)

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*Volunteer trail building is a great way to bring people together and have fun out in nature while building something everyone can enjoy.*

Joseph Ward, Martinsville Resident



## Past, Present, and Future Our Annual Celebration

DRBA celebrated two decades of positive and meaningful impact in our region on Saturday, June 4th at the Eden City Hall in Eden, NC -- the same location where its very first organizational meeting was held 20 years ago. Guests arrived to discover a buffet of great food and beverages generously provided by DRBA’s board, staff and volunteers as they enjoyed the fellowship and learned about all DRBA had accomplished in 2021, and what amazing things were planned for 2022.

The event began with a Year in Review presentation by DRBA’s Executive Director, Tiffany Haworth, who talked about the 75+ educational, recreational, and stewardship projects that were completed in 2021. The highlights included reaching over 6000 students in the basin through a wide variety of programs; providing workshops and directing cleanups with a focus on water quality throughout the region; and developing parks, programs, and events for community recreation.

Following the Year in Review, guests headed outdoors for a bit to enjoy educational demonstrations on Enviroscope, water quality testing, and seed ball making.

DRBA’s Annual Awards followed as several in attendance were recognized for their service to DRBA through a corporate partnership, volunteer service, or individual leadership. Winners included the “Service to DRBA Award” which is given to one or more individuals who stand out as a volunteer during the year with hours, and effort. Two volunteers, **Adam Layman** and **Shawn Gorman**, received the Service to DRBA Award. DRBA’s “Volunteer of the Year” award was presented to **Rebecca Adcock** who has grown the Apple Dumpling 5K race which supports trail development and enhancement in Patrick County, VA since 2013. The final award, DRBA’s highest award, which is bestowed to individuals who exhibit extraordinary service, and serves to recognize a dedication to and the embodiment of the mission of the Dan River Basin Association was presented to **Paul Johnson**. DRBA’s Partnership Award was presented to the **City of Eden** for their consistent and productive work with DRBA over the past twenty years. The DRBA Corporate Award was presented to **Nestle Purina** and three **Rotary Clubs in Martinsville and Henry County, VA**.



The celebration continued as Haworth provided the guests with a snapshot of the more than one hundred projects DRBA has planned in 2022, recognizing that, with six months into the year, several of the projects had already been completed.

The Annual Celebration concluded with the presentation of “20 Stories/20 Years,” a video showcasing stories about DRBA. These 20 stories included short clips about the beginning of DRBA, the organization’s major projects, the environmental issues DRBA has successfully overcome, and DRBA’s partners. The video came to a close with a standing ovation from the crowd.

For those who wished to participate, a 3-mile hike on the Smith River Greenway was led by Jessica Driver while Lucas Conkle led a 1.25-mile paddle on the Dan River between Leaksville Landing and the Wildlife Access.

We encourage you to learn more about DRBA’s annual report by visiting our website at [www.danriver.org](http://www.danriver.org).

### A Timely Message from our Director

My goodness, it’s hot out there! And that means many of us are heading to our lakes and rivers. Whether we travel far or enjoy our local recreational parks, everyone begins to appreciate the importance of clean and healthy water; not only for our recreation but for the critters that depend on it every day.

There are so many ways you can help . . .

- First and foremost, keep hydrated by filling a re-usable container from home. In the USA, humans are using a million water bottles a minute and 91% of them are never recycled. Oftentimes we find hundreds of water bottles during DRBA cleanups.
- Consider using sunscreen that is oxybenzone-free and shampoos and conditioners without parabens and dyes. These chemicals can have a serious negative impact on water quality.
- Take a garbage bag with you on your adventures and pick up anything that doesn’t belong in nature.
- Consider using disposable bags made from seaweed, edible single-use utensils, and paper plates made out of pressed corn husks. Or better yet, just bring dishes you can take back home to wash.

These little things add up to a big positive change. You can enjoy your summer adventures and take care of your natural resources at the same time!

Tiffany Haworth, Executive Director



*Pay attention. Be astonished. Tell about it.*

Jim Tobin lived by this motto, written by Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Mary Oliver. His life's work was his life's love -- family, friends, and community. Thank you, Jim, for sharing your life with the Dan River Basin Association. Your wisdom and your leadership will not be forgotten.

### **Jim Tobin**

1945 -- 2022

**My River Rally Experience** was my first ever and I was fortunate to represent the Dan River Basin Association. The annual River Network River Rally was held June 4th through

the 7th in Washington, DC. I applied to have a mentor during the conference and was paired with Trey Sherard, the Anacostia Riverkeeper. Having a mentor during the conference allowed me to meet

we can work with groups, such as SELC, to create better legislation and policy for a better world!

And, by the way -- my mentor was named one of the River Heroes during our banquet this year!

Anna Wheeler, NCPProgram Manager, DRBA



many people outside of my usual 'group' and to ask questions of fellow 'river people.'

During the conference, there are many vendors, workshops, and field trips to attend that are all about different aspects of rivers. I chose to participate in programs on native plant research, bank stability, new mapping tools for vulnerable waterways, and volunteer recruitment. Our field trip was paddling the Anacostia River. My mom laughed when she heard we paddled it because when she lived there it was trash-ridden and full of harmful pollutants. Now, 15 years later, there have been significant steps to create a cleaner and more resilient river. This includes many projects that have been in the works for years; including new wastewater infrastructure, native wetland restoration, and more.

Networking with individuals who are more established in the industry as well as with new young professionals was the most impactful part of these four incredible days. And, being at the Capitol reminded me of so many ways that



**Keith Elliott** is no newcomer to DRBA, but these past two years he has been an essential part of many project successes!

Keith resides near Eden and has been all over the basin -- both Virginia and North Carolina -- assisting in our projects.

He was one of the first volunteers to show up at the Belews Park trail day and has assisted with mowing and maintaining the future Clearwater Park in Eden. He was an integral part of opening Paw Park and Woodland Trail in Henry County and since that time has gone back to ensure tidiness and safety at the Paw Park!

You might have recently seen him on our social media at a Virginia Save Our Streams training, taking part to become a CWQM monitor!



Keith- thank you! It is volunteers like you who keep our organization running.

**Three Parks Celebrated in the Basin** make for an exciting spring, April 11 brought the vision, the passion, and the reality together as the ribbon was cut to open the new parking area and trails at the future **Mayo River State Park** in Virginia. The park connects Virginia with the well-established park along the scenic Mayo River in North Carolina. The celebration included speakers from the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, the Dan River Basin Association, and Martinsville's Eco Ambassador Council.

*Today's celebration is just the beginning of the role that this property will play in terms of outdoor recreational access, tourism, and economic development that will be so important to Henry County, the region, the Commonwealth, and beyond.*

Adam Layman  
Manager

Fairy Stone State Park/Mayo River Property

Carter, EAC chair and community reinvestment administrator at Carter Bank & Trust. "Today's trail opening is a significant step toward having this property included in the Virginia State Parks master planning – a process that takes extensive time and resources. Our hope is for this site to one day become Henry County's first state park and for it to have a positive economic impact locally," he continued.

The enhancements at **Jacobs Creek Batteau Landing Park** in Rockingham County were recently celebrated and include a handicap-accessible river overlook, interpretive signage, and river access steps at the batteau landing. This project was made possible by a Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) matching county funds as well as additional funding from Rockingham County

Friends group, Rockingham County Tourism, and a partnership with the Dan River Basin Association. This section of the Dan River was once home to the "father of North Carolina" Alexander Martin and has a historic batteau landing along the river and is located at 558 Planters Road, in Madison, NC



And, a new trail at **Jack Dalton Park** is now open to the public. This natural surface trail is designed to inspire people to immerse themselves in nature and learn more about native plants. The park is used widely by residents for walking, biking, picnicking, and sporting events. This trail gives walkers and runners opportunity to step into a wooded area and learn something new about their local environment.

The trail was funded by the Martinsville Uptown Rotary Club, the Rotary Club of Martinsville, and the Henry County Rotary Club in partnership with DRBA and with additional support from David Jones, of Jones & DeShon Orthodontics in Martinsville, and his son, David Jones, of Roanoke Valley Orthodontics.



"The Rotary Clubs worked together to make this new trail a reality for the people who live

in our community," stated Jim Woods of the Rotary Clubs of Martinsville and Henry County, "We hope everyone gets the chance to walk this short trail and get inspired to enjoy other trails in the region."

The Dan River Basin Association is pleased to have so many opportunities to enhance communities within

*The Nature Detour Trail adds an exciting recreational opportunity for the thousands of people who visit Jack Dalton Park every year.*

Roger Adams  
Director, Parks & Recreation at Henry County.

the basin. As with all DRBA projects, partnerships make it all possible -- from state and county staff to volunteers from all walks of life working together for a common good.



*You know how important DRBA is to our region -- Share these stories with your friends and family*

**Dedication of Uptown Storm Drains with Permanent Markers** signified the third and final event of the Inspire Clean Water project supported by local Rotary Clubs.

Funded by the Martinsville Uptown Rotary Club, the Rotary Club of Martinsville, and the Henry County Rotary Club and in partnership with the Dan River Basin Association (DRBA), the project was initiated to bring awareness of the need to protect the water in our local streams and creeks in Uptown Martinsville. Stormwater is one



of the biggest pollutants to our rivers and streams in our watershed as they all drain into our nearby rivers and streams. The first event, held in October 2021 inspired people to understand how storm drains work. The Rotary Club members along with teens from the Boys & Girls Club painted twelve drains in Uptown Martinsville with the inscription “No Dumping, Drains to River.” The second event was completed in Spring, 2022, when three winners from the Rotary-sponsored elementary, middle, and high school art contests painted their creations on three storm drains in Uptown (see related story page 9) This final event completes the project with more than a dozen permanent medallions in Uptown reminding people that the storm drains empty in the Smith River.

Dennis Reeves of the Rotary Clubs of Martinsville and Henry County stated, “Storm Drain Marking is a tangible way to actively engage and motivate citizens to learn more about the connection between stormwater and the quality of our rivers; we hope this dedication of permanent markers will make people think twice about littering.” DRBA welcomes any city and town in the watershed to contact us and we’ll help to bring awareness to your community. Visit [www.danriver.org](http://www.danriver.org) to learn more about storm drain marking and how you can support and protect waterways in your community.

*This project will leave a lasting legacy to inspire clean water and environmental protection in Uptown.*  
Kathy Lawson, Mayor  
City of Martinsville

The DRBA Club of Patrick County High School (PCHS) helped spruce up their campus in preparation

for this year’s Graduation Ceremony. Five students, two faculty mentors, and a DRBA volunteer removed 350 pounds of litter from the grounds. Former DRBA Board member, Rebecca Gibson, serves as the faculty advisor to the club.

Litter clean-ups across the basin are ongoing through several groups and many individuals. There is a spreadsheet to track the amount of litter removed from roads and streams. The spreadsheet was developed by the Stuart Rotary Club in 2018 with a “Love it! Don’t Trash It!” campaign. To date, almost 72,000 pounds of trash, including 449 tires, has been removed from the basin. DRBA, the Smith River Trout Unlimited Chapter, VDOT, Rotary and many individuals have contributed to the totals on the spreadsheet. To submit results of a clean-up, contact Wayne Kirkpatrick (540-570-3511; [wynbtyk@embarqmail.com](mailto:wynbtyk@embarqmail.com)) with a total pounds of the effort, number of participants, pick-up location, distance covered and a photo of the collected pile of litter. The data will be added to the spreadsheet.

**When it Rains, it Pours -- But Only Sometimes** and dry weather is always a concern when trying to manage a vegetable garden in the yard or flower beds around the house. Incorporating rain barrels in your gardening plans will help conserve water when it rains and provide water when it doesn’t.

In April, Pickle & Ash Restaurant in Patrick County helped to celebrate Earth Day by sponsoring a second rain barrel workshop with the Dan River Basin Association. This popular workshop filled up in three days with guests from all over the basin. Twenty-four participants attended the workshop to learn about water conservation and how to convert a syrup drum into a rain barrel using conversion kits. The kits were provided through a partnership with River Network and The Rain Barrel Depot. DRBA plans to hold more rain barrel workshops in 2023 -- check our Facebook page or visit our website at [www.danriver.org](http://www.danriver.org)



## Education

**New Monarch Waystation** near the soccer field at Angler's Park in Danville, Virginia allows easy access for visitors to enjoy and learn about the importance of Monarchs and pollinators. Over 70 plants -- including common milkweed, butterfly weed, coreopsis, coral honeysuckle, cat mint, verbena, bee balm, and goldenrod -- were planted and an interpretive sign installed. The project was funded through the Great Outdoors John Collins fund with the Community Foundation of the Dan River Region.

Monarch Waystations provide resources necessary for monarchs to produce the next generation, sustain them and provide food for their migration. Monarchs need milkweed as a host for their young to feed on, but they also need nectar sources to sustain their long migration from Mexico.



The use of herbicides, frequent mowing, and urban development is destroying habitats for monarchs at an exponential rate. Monarchs need our help! By creating Monarch Waystations, we provide a safe and nourishing space for the monarchs while contributing to monarch conservation.

This is the third Monarch Waystation DRBA has installed in the basin. The other two are at Albert Harris Elementary and the Virginia Museum of Natural History. The waystation has been certified by Monarch Watch.

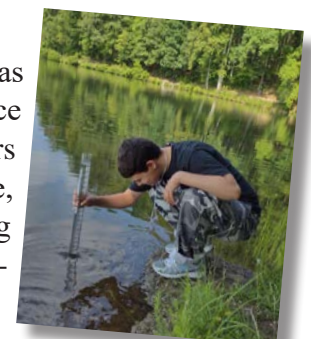
**Water Monitoring** with Kira Carney, Mid-Atlantic Save Our Streams Coordinator for the Isaac Walton League of America (IWLA), was scheduled by DRBA's Environmental Education Coordinator, Krista Hodges, to help several individuals start work toward certification as macroinvertebrate stream monitors. Kira led eight volunteers through the monitoring protocol to evaluate the health of the Smith River just upstream of the Lower Martinsville Access. Collecting, sorting, identifying, and counting the macroinvertebrates resulted in an ecological score of seven out of a possible twelve for this session. One sampling of a site gives an indication of how much pollution from sediment, toxins and/or nutrients is affecting the stream. Over time, sampling twice a year per the protocol, a data set of scores is recorded to give a more accurate assessment of a stream's health. A data set on a stream site can detect changes, if any should occur, in the amount of pollution entering the water.



Monitoring for the macroinvertebrates in a stream is an easy, low-tech way to assess stream health. The IWLA oversees the Virginia Save Our Streams program. Kira travels the state and teaches monitoring to develop a network of certified monitors who become the eyes and ears of watersheds across the state. The data collected is shared with the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) which then uses the data to supplement the agency's monitoring efforts. DEQ staffing and budget restrictions make volunteer monitors and the data they generate valuable assets for knowing the health of Virginia's streams.

Anyone interested in learning the monitoring protocol can visit the IWLA website ([iwla.org](http://iwla.org)) or visit the DRBA website at <https://www.danriver.org/programs/stewardship/citizen-monitoring> to get started as a volunteer water monitor. All are welcome!

**Talent search Summer Camp** for Middle school students in Martinsville/Henry County was held at Patrick & Henry Community College in June. DRBA staff led an Outdoor Science class where students learned about the importance of water quality and protecting our rivers and streams through hands-on water quality testing. Students tested pH, water temperature, dissolved oxygen, and turbidity of the Beaver Creek Reservoir in Martinsville. After testing the water quality, students learned about macroinvertebrates that can be found in our waterways and later conducted a water filtration experiment.







**Trout in the Classroom** at Williamsburg Elementary School provided a wide range of experiences for Ruth Robertson's fourth grade students. Readin', writin', and 'rithmetic were a bit more exciting when applied to the work of raising baby trout.

The fourth grade has participated in the program for over 5 years and Robertson provides a wide range of curriculum-centered activities for the children as they study the trout for six months and prepare to release the trout in a local river.

As the class watches the trout hatch and grow into fingerlings, they not only learn about science but other subjects as well. "Students that don't like to write love to write about their baby trout," Robertson said.

Students also worked on math problems that involved their trout, and the TIC project aligns with the North Carolina Curriculum as students learn about clean watersheds, trout as an indicator species, the life cycle of a trout, anatomy and data collection, as well as checking temperature, pH and ammonia levels, ecosystems, food chains, and animal behavior. "I liked seeing the trout when they were in the tank," said student Sebastian Reyes Castro, "It was funny how they would hide in the first days but learned to come out when they saw someone passing by because they were thinking they were going to get fed."



**Inspire Clean Water Art Contest** included elementary and high school students from all around the Dan River Basin. Nine finalists were recognized, and three overall winners were selected to showcase their work at three storm drains in Martinsville.

Aria Lewis, a student at Albert Harris Elementary, completed her design near the Farmer's Market. It included an otter and the phrase "Be a Part of the Solution, Stop the Pollution." Irene Jewell, a homeschool instruction student, completed her design -- including a native brook trout and the phrase "Think of the Trout Before You Dump it Out" -- behind the Virginia Museum of Natural History. A third drain will complete this fall.

Students from Mr. Christopher Manns' summer school math camp at Martinsville Middle School worked on a storm drain in uptown Martinsville. Their design includes a fish with the phrase "I drink only H2O." Mr. Manns worked with his students to discuss the importance of protecting our rivers and streams, and how all drains in Martinsville lead to the Smith River.

*And then there is this . . .*



Huge thanks to Bob & Carla Norris for donating a picnic table to the new Riverside Family Area at the South Martinsville Access on the Smith River!!!



Paul May, DRBA volunteer, works on trails in Belews Park.



"I had Jim on my heart Friday; I usually look for flowers when I walk and I thought of the museum! What better place for Friday's blooms!"  
Caroline Pilson

## Recreation ←

**Reidsville Lake Trail** was the site for 29 DRBA enthusiastic hikers who joined together for the April 2nd FSO.

In 2021, DRBA expanded the Lake Reidsville trail by over two miles through a grant received by the City of Reidsville through the North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources' Recreational Trails Program. The new trail segment meanders through fields, forest, and along the lake shoreline. It traverses



several wooden structures over wetlands and small streams and is suitable for most abilities and ages with walking, jogging, and mountain biking opportunities. The trail now has several loops as well as a linear component, totaling 2.5-miles.

Lake Reidsville offers many opportunities for outdoor recreation including trails, kayaking, fishing, skiing, boating, disc golf, and paddleboats. With over 750 acres and a pristine lake, the Park also provides facilities for events, basketball courts, a playground, soccer fields, and several picnic shelters to hold both small and large crowds.

DRBA looks forward to more partnership projects with the City of Reidsville to expand outdoor recreation opportunities for residents and visitors of the region. w. Kirkpatrick

**The 20th Year Celebration** was a special time for DRBA and offered up two afternoon activities following the morning presentations on June 4, 2022. One was a hike along the Eden Greenway, the other, a leisurely paddle from Leaksville Landing to the Eden Wildlife Access.

Those who chose the hike were introduced to the recently completed Eden Greenway. A dozen participants enjoyed a shaded stroll along the Smith River and through the woods. The trail is the first leg of the City of Eden's Smith River greenway system and sports decorations of wooden butterflies, a variety of flowers and plants, and a series of kid-friendly activity stations.

Folks enjoyed the 3-mile hike on a level, natural surface trail developed through a cooperative effort with landowners as well as the tireless effort of Mike Covey, one of DRBA's founders.

Four people chose to paddle from Leaksville Landing to the Eden Wildlife Access just over a mile downstream. While



this section of the river has no rapids it's still an interesting section of the river with several sights of historical significance. The first was right at Leaksville Landing which served as a dock for the batteau when the rivers were still major thoroughfares for transportation of people and goods. Unfortunately, the water was a little too high to see where the landing was but to know it's



been there so long is still impressive. A few short paddle strokes past the put-in, the smokestack of the Karastan Rugs factory made for quite the sight when viewed from the river. While the famous rugs are no longer made at the factory the legacy of the Karastan Rugs is strongly woven into the fabric of Eden. As we made our way downstream, the next thing we saw was a stone pylon from a covered bridge dating back to the 1800s. While the bridge itself is gone the fact that the stone pier still stands strong in the river is a testament to the skill and craftsmanship put into the bridge all those years ago. The last landmark of note was the confluence between the Smith and Dan Rivers. As the

Smith flowed in from the left it brought much colder and clearer water into the Dan with the temperature and color difference noticeable the last few hundred yards to the takeout. It was a great time on the river and it's great to know DRBA is going to be there to help ensure the health and safety of this river so we can come back and enjoy this paddle again and again.

Wayne Kirkpatrick Lucas Conkle

*Editor's Note:* Due to inclement weather, the May FSO, a float on the Dan River in Rockingham County was canceled. DRBA hopes to schedule it in the near future.

We would love to have  
you join us!

Look for more

First Saturday Outings

on our website:

[www.danriver.org](http://www.danriver.org)

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**PADDLE ON PHILPOTT LAKE**  
RYAN'S BRANCH ACCESS TO CALICO WALL

**AUGUST 7**

**PADDLE ON THE DAN RIVER**  
HANGING ROCK TO MORATOCK

**SEPTEMBER 3**

**PADDLE ON THE SMITH RIVER**  
BASSETT ACCESS TO GREAT ROAD