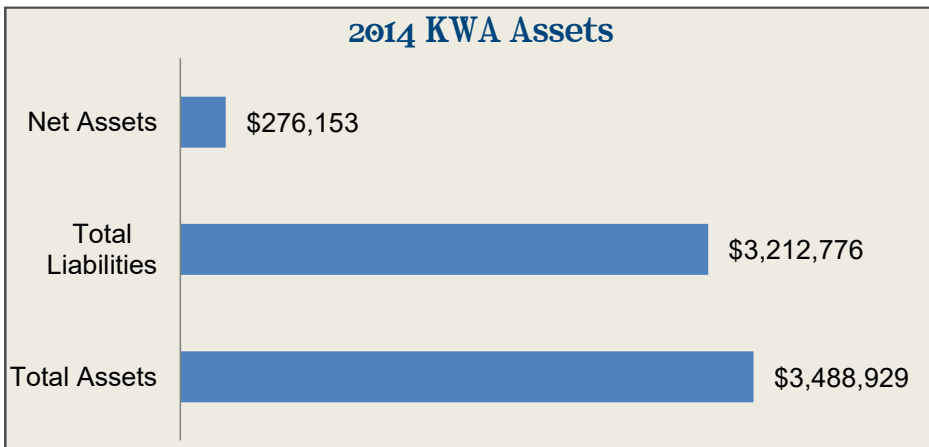
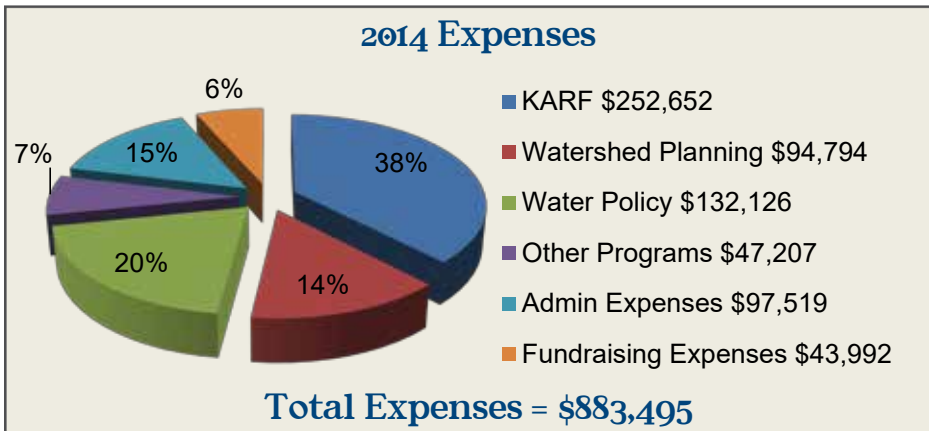
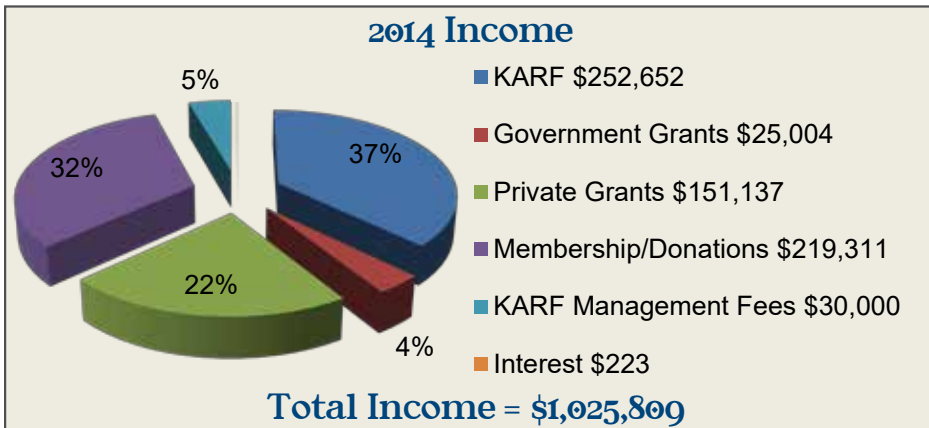


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From all of our staff at Kentucky Waterways Alliance, we'd like to offer a heartfelt "Thank you!" to YOU - our members, our volunteers, and our supporters, for your help in making KWA's first 20 years a huge success! We couldn't have done it without you!

Judy Lisa Will Jessica Tim Angela



2014 By the Numbers

All of this was made possible because of your support!

450

Volunteers who helped keep Kentucky's waterways clean in 2014



1,500

Storm drain markers applied in the Beargrass Creek watershed



5

Cleanups held on Beargrass Creek



40

Miles of the Green River cleaned in 2014



6

Annual film festivals held as of 2014



26

Red River erosion reduction projects

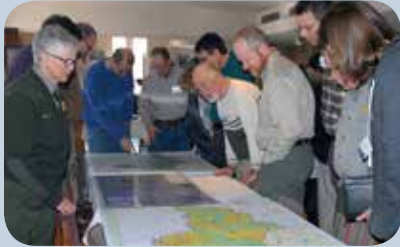


Memorable Events

Green River Summit

Over 150 people from across the region came together to reinforce the fact that people LOVE the Green River and want to do whatever it takes to preserve this incredible resource for generations to come!

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers began the public dialogue of decommissioning multiple locks and dams on the Green and Barren Rivers. This would restore over 100 miles of river back to its' natural state.



Teaming up with community groups and other stakeholders in Oldham county, KWA began the Harrods Creek Watershed Planning project to protect the water quality and habitat of Harrods Creek. As KWA Board President and Harrods Creek resident Gordon Garner says, "It's a project whose time has really come."

NWF Affiliation

On July 14, 2014, KWA became the Kentucky state affiliate for the National Wildlife Federation. While we remain an independent nonprofit organization, we will now have access to more resources and an expanded reach to wildlife conservationists, sportsmen, and recreational water enthusiasts. While at the NWF Annual Meeting in West Virginia KWA Executive Director, Judy etersen, took her first ever "selfie" with NWF CEO, Collin O'Mara.



2014 begins...

Stream Buffer Zone

The Bush era Stream Buffer Zone Rule was struck down, requiring the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement to propose a new rule, which they are now doing in 2015.

Farm Bill Passed

After two years (or more) of failed efforts and partisan politics, the House and Senate were able to come together and pass the Agriculture Act of 2014! While it wasn't a total "win," it did include re-linking conservation compliance requirements to crop insurance, Swampbuster and Sodbuster provisions, and a provision forbidding farmers from plowing up any native grasslands if they receive federal payments through Farm Bill programs!



For the 5th straight year, Aveda salons and stores across the Commonwealth held events ranging from fashion shows to cut-a-thons to help raise awareness for clean water efforts and funds for KWA throughout April.

Bluegrass Pipeline Suspended Indefinitely

Kentucky citizens won a huge fight on April 29, when the companies in charge of the 500 mile pipeline withdrew their plans.

Gordon Garner - Lifetime Achievement Award

On behalf of the Environmental Quality Commission, KWA's board president was presented with this prestigious award.



From 2014

Banklick Creek Cleanup

On June 7, using resources from the Northern KY University Mayerson Student Philanthropy Award and Aveda salons, KWA partnered with the Licking River Watershed Watch to host a cleanup at Pioneer Park in Covington, KY.

Living Lands & Water

Enthusiastic 2013 CNN Hero of the Year, Chad Pregracke, brought his crew and trash hauling barge to Louisville for the Festival of Riverboats event. KWA recruited volunteers and helped clean up the banks of the Ohio River.



Green River Fest was held on June 14 in Munfordville, KY and Clean The Green was in Greensburg on August 9. 2 tons of trash was removed!



KWA's second annual gala was a sold out event at the Gheens Foundation Lodge in Beckley Creek Park sponsored by Brown-Forman. Guests were treated to a unique auction experience, food by Wiltshire Pantry, and music entertainment by the Kelly Richey Band.

KWA Annual Meeting

Equus Run Vineyards hosted KWA, our guests and guest speaker, KY Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources Deputy Commissioner, Dr. Karen Waldrop on November 15.

2015

Forecastle

The Forecastle Festival was kind enough to have us back again to manage a beer booth. Our volunteers had a great time, raised lots of money for KWA, and got to share our story with thousands of attendees.



On September 27, two-person teams competed for valuable prizes by testing their knowledge about Oldham County's creeks and wildlife.

Tour de Beargrass

KWA board of directors vice-president, Ward Wilson, led a biking tour of the Beargrass Creek Watershed on October 18.



Bacon Creek Watershed Council Awarded

On December 4, the Hart County Chamber of Commerce presented the 2014 Forward Award to the Bacon Creek Watershed Council for their continued work implementing farming BMPs and septic improvements in the community.

Last Red Bird Meeting

After three years of collaboration and hard work from many partners, the Red Bird River Watershed team gathered on July 31 for the final time to celebrate their accomplishments and completion of the watershed plan.

Thank you for a memorable 2014!

With your support, we will continue to achieve more every year!