

Kentucky Waterways Alliance

Annual Report

FY 2018



Protecting, restoring & celebrating Kentucky's waterways



As a statewide organization, KWA works to engage community members from across Kentucky in a variety of outreach, volunteer, water policy and advocacy opportunities.

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Revenue and Support

Contributions and grants	\$142,451
Program revenue	\$253,672
Interest income	\$751
KARF program revenue	\$3,282,729
Other income	\$1,953
Total Revenue	\$3,681,822

Expenses

Program services	\$3,496,470
Management and general	\$142,423
Fund raising	\$39,929
Total Expenses	\$3,678,822

Ending net assets **\$39,492**

KWA 2018 IMPACT REPORT

2194 VOLUNTEER HOURS

KWA relies on our network of dedicated volunteers to help coordinate cleanup events and other community outreach



17,800 POUNDS OF TRASH

Cleanup efforts to combat illegal dumping and littering result in the removal of trash including: tires, scrap metal, plastic bottles and bags, etc.



97 TIRES

In 2018, KWA removed 97 tires from across the state, helping to restore habitat for native fish and wildlife



47 MILES OF WATERWAYS

KWA partners with local organizations to clean up waterways around the state.



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WATERSHED PROGRAM

- Used KY Arts Council funding to bring an artist in residence to Wolfe County schools to teach about aquatic life and to plan and complete a wall mural in the Campton City Park next to Swift Camp Creek
- Celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Wild & Scenic Rivers Act and the 25th anniversary of protection of Red River at the Red Riverfest with partners from the US Forest Service and Sierra Club to raise funds for the Friends of Red River
- Planned a creek cleanup and invasives removal work day with several Catholic parishes in Louisville as part of their Season of Creation
- Hosted Elkhorn Creek cleanups in May and September
- Awarded a grant from the KY Division of Water to continue our work in the Red River Gorge, implementing the watershed management plan we helped to develop with the US Forest Service
- Planned an 8,100-foot stream mitigation program in the Big Sandy watershed in coordination with the US Fish & Wildlife Service and KY Transportation Cabinet
- Celebrated the Kentucky River with a float from Fort Boonesborough, partnering with Pivot Brewing
- Formed an alliance with the Friends of Red River to provide fiscal sponsorship and capacity to the all-volunteer group that cleans up the river and works for better access
- Partnered with Trout Unlimited to bring the Trout in the Classroom program to Wolfe County schools
- Bioblitz in the Red River with Morehead State University, Red Oaks Forest School, and the Dessie Scott Home, bringing science to students and introducing some to the river for the first time

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Joined a group of artists celebrating the art and writing of Harlan Hubbard in a program called Afloat: An Ohio River Way of Life. Harlan Hubbard lived and made art on the river in a shantyboat with wife Anna in the mid-1900s
- Celebrated our 25th "birthday" with communications throughout the year and celebrations that included birthday cake!
- Hosted 10th Wild & Scenic Film Festival
- Proposed a legacy project on Beargrass Creek for the Congress for New Urbanism. Our project was selected and we assembled a team to focus on a little-known section in an underserved neighborhood to improve the stream and build community
- Helped to plan and participated in Earth Walk celebration with other environmental groups in Louisville
- Signed up our first distillery partner for Clean Water Better Bourbon engagement program - Jefferson's Reserve bourbon
- Partnership with West Sixth Brewing to promote healthy waterways: Clean Water Better Beer - Odeon event 6/27/19 "meet the neighbors"
- Featured nonprofit of the Kentucky River Jam by Canoe Kentucky combining music and waterways celebration
- Began an adopt-a-stream program with several Scout troops on Goose Creek in Jefferson County
- Trained volunteers in techniques to review Kentucky wastewater discharge permits in partnership with Sierra Club

WATER POLICY

- Prepared detailed technical comments on the Kentucky water quality standards as part of the triennial review
- Presented at the KY Watershed Forum convened by the Kentucky Water Resources Research Institute
- Won a split decision in the Sixth Circuit of the federal Court of Appeals in our case to stop coal ash pond releases of heavy metal pollution to Herrington Lake
- Spoke out on the proposed Dirty Water Rule and helped our members and supporters express their concerns about weakening the Clean Water Act
- KWA represented Kentucky in the National Wildlife Federation's 82nd annual meeting and voted to adopt policy resolutions on Nature-Based Carbon Sequestration, Sustainable Fisheries, and Establishment of a National Wildlife Corridors System