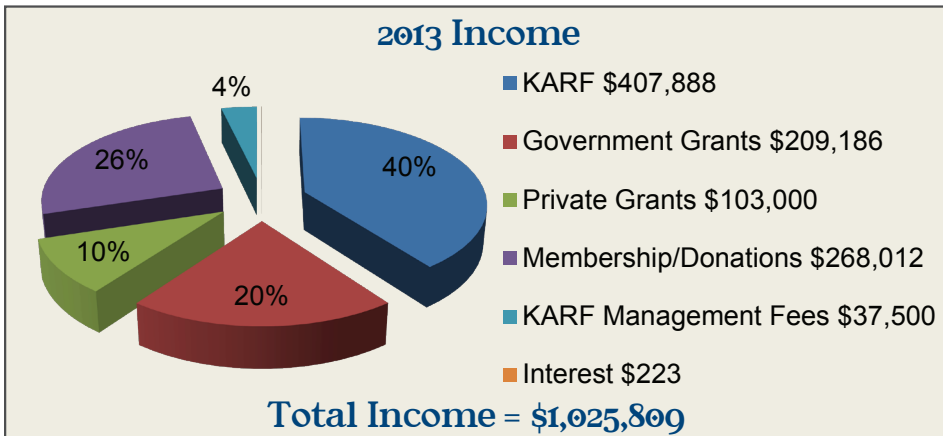
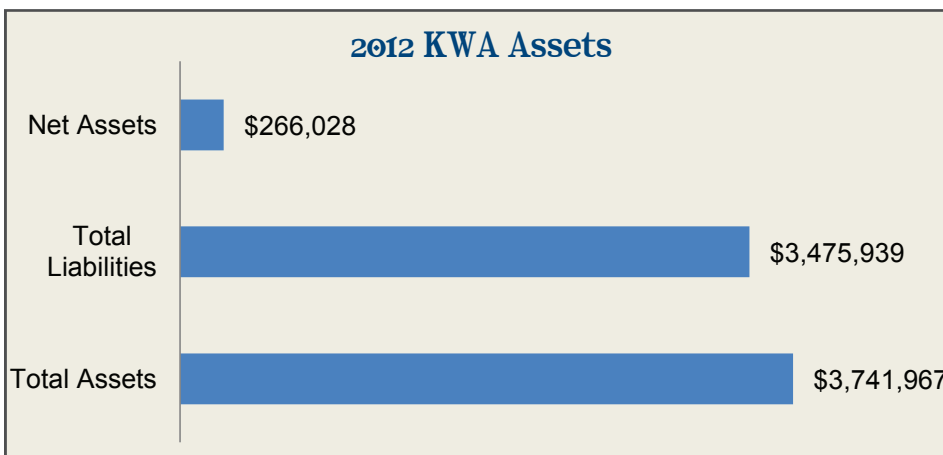
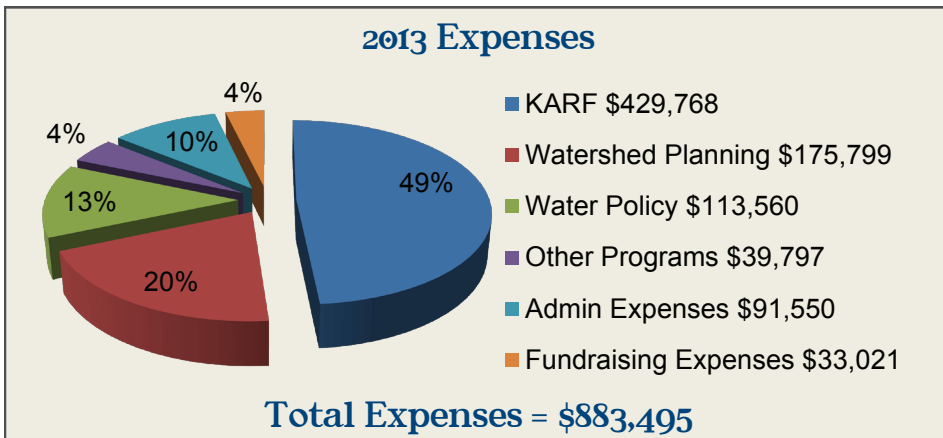




2013 KWA Budget Report



CELEBRATING



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



2013 Year in Review

All of this was made possible because of your support!

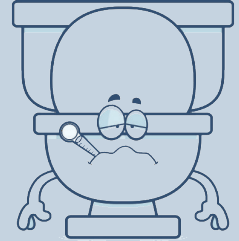
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Feet of fencing
built to keep
livestock out of
streams



12

Septic Systems
Installed or
Improved in Bacon
Creek Watershed



6

Agricultural Best
Management
Practices installed
in Bacon Creek
Watershed



520

People who
volunteered their
time to keep their
waterways clean



12

Comments on
USACE permit
applications

8

Comments on
KDOW water quality
certifications



1

World Record set
by Aveda Salons for
Earth Month (Most
money raised for
charity by haircuts
in a 24 hour period!)



725

New people
reached at KWA
events!



20

Years celebrated at
the Make a Splash
Gala!

8

River Cleanups
Organized



5

Environmental Film
Festivals Held as of
2013



Volunteer of the Year

Thanks so much to all of our 520 volunteers - you are the ones who make our events possible and help us accomplish our goals! Our 2013 Volunteer of the Year was Ruth Billings. Ruth spent time in our office almost every Thursday morning in 2013, helping us plan the gala, making phone calls, or even just helping us stuff envelopes.

Volunteering for KWA is an easy way to show your support for clean water! We've got lots of opportunities throughout the year - from cleanups to stuffing envelopes, directing people to the theater at the Wild & Scenic Film Festival, even serving beer at the Forecastle Festival!



Judy presents Ruth with her Volunteer of the Year Award.

Nationwide Permit 21



Valley fills like this are no longer allowed under NWP 21.

In 2013, KWA celebrated a long fought and well deserved landmark victory in the protection of rivers and streams. This case, which spent 8 years in a court battle, examined the legitimacy of Nationwide Permit (NWP) 21, issued by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for projects involving valley fills associated with coal mining. The Sixth Circuit ruling questioned the USACE lack of data on the cumulative impacts of these permits and the extension of 70 permits under old rules. The Court also questioned the USACE assumption that buried headwater streams can be re-created successfully elsewhere.

This particular NWP was the only one with no limits on how many miles of streams could be filled under the permit. Once obtained, the coal mining company was granted federal permission to fill streams and valleys identified in the permit application with mining waste.

The most important outcomes from this win:

1. The USACE must review 70 permits that were granted an extension in 2012.
2. Precedent was set that the USACE must assess cumulative impacts of ALL nationwide permits.
3. **NWP valley fills are now illegal!**

KWA Makes a Splash at 20 Years

2013 marked the 20th anniversary of the founding of Kentucky Waterways Alliance. We commemorated the occasion with our Make a Splash gala, the most successful event in KWA history! Held at the home of Christy Brown overlooking the Ohio River, it was certainly a night to remember! The event was made that much better with great food, wonderful music, and the appearance of a few local celebrities.

In our 20 years, the EPA estimates that we have been responsible for better protections of approximately 90% of Kentucky's waterways. Now THAT'S something to celebrate!



Know your Town Branch?

KWA's 2013 annual meeting was held in November at the beautiful Bell House in Lexington. Charlie Martin, Director of Lexington's Division of Water Quality, gave some perspective on Lexington's trend-setting Stormwater Incentive Grant Program.

Our featured guest, author Jason Howard, read an excerpt from his book "A Few Honest Words." The piece, which describes how water connects our lives, both spiritually and physically, brought tears to the eyes of some of our members as it reminded us that "what we do to the water, we do to the people."



The most fun EVER!



At KWA, we know that the best way to connect people directly to the health of their water is to get them in contact with it. Once you see a beautiful river filled with wildlife you never knew existed, it's something you never forget.

In 2013, we conducted 8 cleanups across the state. In the process, we met lots of new people, helped developed a sense of community around the waterways we helped care for, and most of all, got hundreds of tires and tons of trash out of our rivers and streams. One of our youngest participants proclaimed the Clean the Green "The most fun cleanup EVER!"

Bringing a creek back to life!

We received a phone call one morning in 2013 from an excited resident in the Bacon Creek Watershed. He found fish in his stretch of Bacon Creek - the first fish he'd seen there in 20 years! We like to think that it is thanks in part to our watershed planning efforts there!

KWA efforts in Bacon Creek have included developing a full watershed plan, and implementation of direct on-the-ground projects such as installation of septic tanks and farm fencing to keep cattle (and their waste!) out off the creek.

The watershed group looks forward to celebrating many more successes in the future.



A happily fenced in cow and a proud couple showing off their new septic system.