

**Pigeon River Fund
2018 Spring Awards**

Nine Grant Awards totaling \$217,010

Since 1996, the Pigeon River Fund has invested \$6,852,552 in projects addressing water quality in Haywood, Buncombe, and Madison counties. Members of the PRF Advisory Committee are appointed by the Secretary of the NC Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ). CFWNC administers the grant program under a contract with NCDEQ as required by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission license that established the Fund in 1995 as settlement for the utility's continued diversion of water from the Pigeon River to power the Walters Power Plant in Haywood County.

Asheville GreenWorks - \$22,200 to expand its successful Trash Trout project with a new installation on Hominy Creek.

Haywood Waterways Association, Inc. - \$44,970 for the Elevated Park Stream Improvement Project on Jonathan Creek, a major tributary in the Pigeon River watershed in Maggie Valley.

Maggie Valley Sanitary District - \$30,000 toward the protection of the 163-acre Sirkin property in Haywood County. Acquisition of the Sirkin tract will protect drinking water supply and headwater streams of Jonathans Creek. The grant is contingent on other necessary funds being secured.

Mountain Valleys Resource Conservation & Development Council - \$15,840 to replace a straight pipe with a septic system in the Spring Creek community outside of Hot Springs.

North Carolina Arboretum Society - \$20,000 to help transform a sediment catch basin into an innovative stormwater wetland complex by increasing the pond's storage capacity, improving filtering and management of stormwater and increasing habitat for the rare mole salamander and other aquatic species.

RiverLink - \$26,000 to purchase education equipment, including a portable stream table, dissecting microscopes and backpack electrofisher. Supplies will facilitate hands-on, inquiry-based field for schools, summer camps and the public.

Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy - \$15,000 to survey a conservation easement on the Terry Rogers Farm in the Crabtree community of Haywood County. The 160-acre farm includes significant headwaters of the Pigeon River that will be protected from real estate development.

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Town of Black Mountain - \$28,000 for planning services to create professional engineering plans for approximately 1,600 linear feet of the Swannanoa River in Veteran's Park in Black Mountain.