

Partners in the New River Watershed

With a mission to protect the waters, woodlands and wildlife of the New River Watershed, we see our job as an opportunity to protect the river while connecting our river community, and a strong sense of connection is important. That's why we're extending our hand, and as a result, our reach, to more people and organizations, helping bridge the conversations and opportunities that will increase awareness and the drive to help, no matter your role. We believe a rising tide lifts all ships. With that thinking, in addition to offering over 70 presentations over two days during the New River Symposium 2024, New River Conservancy has invited partner watershed organizations to join us and showcase their work in the New River Watershed.



Friends of Claytor Lake: The [Friends of Claytor Lake](#), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, was formed in 1992 in response to woody debris build-up in Claytor Lake. Since then, FOCL (pronounced “foh-cal”) has grown and has a full crew to support the demands of high flow events each season. FOCL’s crew of 4 works seasonally to keep public ramps, launch areas, shorelines, docks, main channels and other navigation areas free of floating woody debris. More information is available on our Debris Clean Up page. With your support, we’re able to continue these efforts, along with so much more!

Friends of the New River: [Friends of the New River](#) is a small nonprofit river advocacy organization. Our mission: to promote the conservation, protection, and enjoyment of the natural, cultural, recreational, scenic, and historical values of the New River from Claytor Dam downstream to the West Virginia state line.

Friends of Peak Creek: [Friends of Peak Creek](#) (FOPC) is a community-based, all volunteer non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to improving and protecting the environs of the Peak Creek Watershed. Our mission is to enhance and preserve a valuable headwater of the New River, improve water quality and ecological habitat in the creek, foster environmental awareness, and help develop sustainable recreational and economic resources for all to enjoy. The upkeep of the entirety of Peak Creek and its surroundings is important for the health of the overall ecosystem. Creek cleanups are usually held annually or bi-annually, depending on the need and the interest generated by the public.

Greenbrier River Watershed Association: The [Greenbrier River Watershed Association](#) is a nonprofit organization that partners with other environmental nonprofits, government organizations, and like-minded groups to educate the public. Our goal is for citizens to appreciate the watershed's unique resources. The association also works with local schools and civic groups to teach classes, organize field trips, and support similar organizations that protect the watershed. Our purpose is to promote the maintenance, preservation, protection and restoration of the ecological integrity of the Greenbrier River and its watershed.

New River Wildlife and Conservation Club: The [New River Wildlife and Conservation Club](#) was organized to conserve, restore and manage game, fish and other wildlife and its habitat in the area. Its 32-acre property is open to the public for river cleanups in August and fly-fishing clinics, hunter education courses, field-to-table workshops, mountain crafts workshops, nature walks, kayaking lessons, and floats throughout the year.

The Moss Arts: On Wednesday, April 17 at 7:30 PM, the Moss Arts Center at Virginia Tech will present [Small Island, Big Song](#): a music, film, and performing arts project that unites the islands of the Pacific and Indian oceans through artistic collaboration. The musicians in Small Island, Big Song would tell you that the ocean does not divide their island homes. It connects them. The project is a contemporary and relevant musical statement from a region that shares an ancient seafaring heritage and the impact of our changing sea. Drawing on a roster of renowned first nation artists, the concert features musicians performing irresistible oceanic grooves to soulful island ballads. Learn more about this musical journey across the breadth and into the soul of the island nations, which addresses the impacts of climate crisis head on.

Preserve Grayson: [Preserve Grayson Inc.](#) was founded to preserve the water, air, native habitat, health, and traditional peaceful way of life of residents in and surrounding Grayson County, Virginia. We are a grassroots organization, formed to respond to the massive and rapid expansion of industrial scale agriculture, particularly of large corporate Christmas tree plantations. We seek to elevate the voices of those members of the community affected by this industry and other forms of industrial agriculture.

Renew the New: Thirty Seven miles of the New River flow through Giles County. Since 2007 our focus has been to keep it clean and healthy for generations to come. The [ReNew the New](#) sponsors two annual river clean-ups. In the spring is “Ramps ‘n’ Roads” and in the fall, “Fall Into the New”. Anyone interested in protecting and renewing the beautiful New River is welcome to join in. Serious about protecting the New River, the group has already spearheaded a push for making penalties for littering more enforceable, supported the County in erecting boat ramp kiosks for use by DGIF, and installed trash-pick-up bag dispensers at boat ramps.

WV Rivers: Our mission is to conserve and restore West Virginia’s exceptional rivers and streams. At [WV Rivers](#), we value clean water as the foundation of life. We believe that all people should respect and be able to enjoy clean West Virginia rivers and streams. We operate under the premise that inclusive and diverse civic engagement is the key to building political power to affect change.

