

Upper Tennessee River Roundtable

2020 REFLECTIONS

Education & Outreach

- Started outdoor classroom at Abingdon Community Center with design completed and construction started.
- Presented to 400 5th graders at Water Wizard Week.
- Began developing online outreach; created 6 videos on our own and with others.
- Showed film, "Hidden Rivers," in Marion with 85 vehicles, and about 165 people.
- Conducted 8 Trash Treasures workshops with Norton.
- Trained stream monitors and recruited volunteers for Adopt-A-Stream.
- Created newsletters (12 email and two print), and three infographics.



Litter Prevention & Recycling

The Roundtable and Keep Southwest Virginia Beautiful completed:

- Six stream cleanups with 77 volunteers filling 2 1/2 trucks.
- Tazewell Household Hazardous Waste Collection with 94 families participating. Funded by a TVA grant to the Roundtable. Tazewell Soil & Water Conservation District collected tires, medicines, cardboard at the event.
- America Recycles Day with Sustain Abingdon. Assisted people in 144 vehicles dropping off five tons of paper, 800 cubic yards of electronics, 101 pairs of shoes for reuse, canned food, and pet supplies.



Pollution Prevention & Conservation

- Purchased barrels and hardware to make 115 rain barrels.
- Conducted two rain barrel workshops in Tazewell and one in Norton. For Abingdon and Washington County, met individually with 60 residents to show them how to install and use their barrels.
- Purchased eight pet waste stations for the Greenbelt in Big Stone Gap to keep waste from washing into the Powell River for project with Scout Evelyn Rutherford.



Stream Restoration & Streambank Stabilization

With Partners for Fish & Wildlife and Canaan Valley Institute:

- Planted warm season grass and wildflower meadow along the Middle Fork of the Holston River at Chilhowie Town Park.
- Began planning new projects for streambank stabilization in Clinch watershed in Tazewell.
- Planted riparian buffer along the South Fork of the Clinch River at Dunford Park in the Town of Tazewell.
- Partnered with Tazewell Soil & Water Conservation District on planning for agricultural riparian buffer plantings.



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- Town of Chilhowie
- Town of Abingdon and Sustain Abingdon
- Friends of Southwest Virginia
- Washington County
- The CARES Act
- The City of Norton
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