

**Pigeon River Fund  
Fall 2020 Awards**

**Eight Grant Awards Totaling \$248,295**

*Since 1996, the Pigeon River Fund has invested \$7,977,623 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 was awarded \$22,390** for environmental clean-ups, environmental education, installing trash-capturing devices on waterways, community involvement and riparian zone restoration.

**The Environmental Quality Institute was awarded \$44,500** for water quality monitoring programs and its AmeriCorps Project Conserve position.

**Haywood Waterways Association was awarded \$26,255** to repair failing septic systems for low-income homeowners identified by the Haywood County Environmental Health Department.

**Haywood Waterways Association was awarded \$50,000** for 2021 program and administrative support.

**Maggie Valley Sanitary District was awarded \$30,000** to protect the 45-acre Setzer Mountain property in Haywood County.

**Mountain Valleys Resource Conservation & Development Council was awarded \$45,150** for operating costs associated with addressing water quality of the Ivy River Watershed in Buncombe and Madison counties.

**RiverLink was awarded \$10,000** for an Adopt-A-Storm Drain program in the Central Asheville Watershed that pairs volunteers with a storm drain that they will monitor and clean for one year.

**Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy was awarded \$20,000** to survey a conservation easement on the 240-acre Mark Rogers Farm in the Crabtree community of Haywood County that includes significant headwaters of the Pigeon River.