

**Pigeon River Fund
Spring 2019 Awards**

Eight Grant Awards totaling \$217,833

Since 1996, the Pigeon River Fund has invested \$7,355,095 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 \$25,000 to expand its successful Trash Boom Project with the installation of three Trash Trout Juniors on local waterways in Asheville: Smith Mill Creek, Sweeten Creek and Gashes Creek.

Haywood Waterways Association was awarded \$20,000 to repair failing septic systems for low-income homeowners identified by the Haywood County Environmental Health Department.

Maggie Valley Sanitary District was awarded \$30,000 to help protect the 70-acre Mary Campbell property in Haywood County, which will in turn protect the watershed from Campbell Lick to Campbell Creek.

MountainTrue was awarded \$28,400 to expand E. coli monitoring and pollution tracking in Haywood, Madison, and Buncombe counties as part of its Swim Guide Program.

Mountain Valleys Resource Conservation & Development Council was awarded \$26,433 to support three water quality improvement projects, provide funds for septic tank repair, and provide electronics amnesty funding at the landfill.

RiverLink was awarded \$28,000 to conduct a study of the River Arts District watershed.

RiverLink was awarded \$35,000 to restore 1600 linear feet of Smith Mill Creek, a 303(d) impaired stream in West Asheville.

Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy was awarded \$25,000 to cover transaction costs for the purchase of a 140-acre tract in Haywood County that will protect portions of Beaverdam Creek and its tributaries.