

**Pigeon River Fund
Spring 2020 Awards**

Six Grant Awards Totaling \$143,125

Since 1996, the Pigeon River Fund has invested \$7,756,940 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.

American Rivers was awarded \$26,000 to support the post-construction permit requirements of the Beaverdam Creek dam removal project in the Pigeon River confluence.

Asheville GreenWorks was awarded \$20,000 to expand the use of its Trash Trout and Trash Trout Junior litter capturing devices on waterways in Buncombe, Madison and Haywood counties and build a sustainable business model for its French Broad River Pollution Prevention Program.

Maggie Valley Sanitary District was awarded \$30,000 to help acquire and permanently protect the 74-acre Farmer property in Haywood County.

MountainTrue was awarded \$28,600 to continue its E. coli monitoring and pollution tracking work, as well as enhance its bacteria monitoring program by incorporating new technologies.

Mountain Valleys Resource Conservation & Development Council was awarded \$4,400 for conceptual design plans and detailed cost estimates regarding bank stabilization and land loss reduction on Blannahasset Island in downtown Marshall.

Mountain Valleys Resource Conservation & Development Council was awarded \$34,125 for stormwater improvements at Brush Creek Elementary and Madison Middle School.