

**Pigeon River Fund  
Spring 2023 Awards**

**11 Grant Awards Totaling \$246,430**

*Since 1996, the Pigeon River Fund has invested \$9,211,751 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.*

**\$30,000 to Asheville GreenWorks** to develop training materials for GreenWorks' volunteer StreamKeepers, as well as support the Watershed Outreach Coordinator.

**\$21,900 to Haywood Waterways Association** to repair three failing septic systems in the Pigeon River Watershed.

**\$8,750 to Haywood Waterways Association** to address stormwater and streambank erosion issues on Shelton Branch, a tributary to Richland Creek, as well as improve community access to the stream and greenspace.

**\$9,000 to Laurel Community Center Organization** for continued streambank restoration, as well as a new project, the Laurel STREAM Team.

**\$10,000 to Maggie Valley Sanitary District** to help acquire and permanently protect the Pine Tree Cove property in Haywood County.

**\$35,000 to Mountain Housing Opportunities** to enhance the stormwater design at its "Balsam Edge" affordable housing development in the Town of Waynesville.

**\$16,780 to MountainTrue** to continue Swim Guide, a weekly, water-quality monitoring program that samples for E.coli bacteria at popular river accesses.

**\$20,000 to RiverLink** to provide a water-quality science program to students in 3rd to 8th grade.

**\$30,000 to The Conservation Fund** to conserve the Plott Creek Headwaters property in Haywood County.

**\$30,000 to Town of Waynesville** to assist in the establishment of two river access points along Richland Creek as part of an on-going park and greenway expansion project.

**\$35,000 to Town of Woodfin** to prevent erosion and sedimentation of the French Broad River, restore native flora, and develop and install bilingual educational signage at an expanded and improved Riverside Park.