

2021

SPEAKER SERIES

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*Investing in Water Supply Protection in NWA
It's good for business, agriculture, recreation, nature, and you!*



February 18

Thursday

12:00 - 1:00 pm

Zoom Webinar

Live Q & A

Registration required

RSVP by phone or email

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TOPIC:

**Innovative Funding Mechanisms for
Conservation and Restoration Projects**

Investing in watershed protection offers a promising and potentially cost-effective approach to securing long-term, safe drinking water and reducing nonpoint sources such as sediment and excess nutrients to waterways. The Drinking Water and Clean Water State Revolving Fund are two programs in Arkansas that can be leveraged for not only water infrastructure upgrades, but also watershed conservation projects, including source water protection, land conservation and river restoration. Join this program to hear more on the non-traditional use of these programs and how communities can build funding strategies to meet their environmental and public health protection goals.

PRESENTED BY:

Jeff Lerner, *Senior Advisor/Consultant*

The US Endowment for Forestry and Communities &
Healthy Watersheds Consortium

Alison Souders

US EPA Clean Water State Revolving Fund

Debby Dickson, *Program Fiscal Manager*

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Fast Facts:

- Beaver Watershed Alliance Quarterly Speaker Webinar Series to highlight Innovative Funding Mechanisms for Conservation and Restoration Projects, February 18, 2021.
- Seeking water utility managers, city and county officials, environmental consultants, conservation organizations, science and engineering professionals and landowners who want to learn more.

Investing in Water Supply Protection Quarterly Speaker Webinar Series “Innovative Funding Mechanisms for Conservation and Restoration Projects” (389 Words)

Beaver Watershed Alliance will be hosting its Quarterly Speaker Series on Thursday, February 18th from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm in webinar format. Investing in watershed protection offers a promising and potentially cost-effective approach to securing long-term, safe drinking water and reducing nonpoint sources such as sediment and excess nutrients to waterways. The topic, "Innovative Funding Mechanisms for Conservation and Restoration Projects," will be presented by experts in the field of funding mechanisms on a state and national level. Guest speakers will include Alison Souders, US EPA Clean Water State Revolving Fund, Jeff Lerner, with US Endowment and Healthy Watershed Consortium, and Debby Dickson, Arkansas Dept. of Natural Resources Division. This event aims to open a dialogue on leveraging state and federal programs to fund large-scale conservation and restoration projects, including land conservation and river restoration while protecting the natural resources that sustain source water drinking supplies.

A variety of programs and potential financing partnerships can be used to provide funding to protect sources of drinking water, such as Beaver Lake. These useful resources and financial assistance can help communities build funding strategies to meet their environmental and public health protection goals.

The Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) and the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) are two programs in Arkansas that can be leveraged for not only water infrastructure upgrades but also watershed conservation projects, including source water protection and best management practice implementation strategies. Join this program to hear more on the non-traditional use of these programs.

MISSION STATEMENT:

*To proactively protect, enhance and sustain water quality in Beaver Lake and the integrity of its watershed.
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We encourage utility managers, water quality professionals, municipal and county staff, environmental consultants, design and landscape professionals, science and engineering communities, property managers, and landowners to attend. The program is free, but registration is required. Please RSVP by clicking this registration link: <https://tinyurl.com/y4rsej53> or contacting the Alliance directly at info@beaverwatershedalliance.org.

The Beaver Watershed Alliance is a non-profit organization focused on maintaining high-quality drinking water in Beaver Lake and improving water quality within the Beaver Lake watershed by working with a diverse stakeholder group representing agricultural, recreation, conservation, water utility, business, and private landowner perspectives who all work together for the benefit of Beaver Lake and its watershed. To learn more about the Alliance, best management practices for water quality, or how you can become involved in voluntary watershed protection go to www.beaverwatershedalliance.org or contact the Alliance at 479-750-8007.

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