



Please see below the corrected date for the upcoming Quarterly Speaker Series, scheduled for Thursday, May 16, we hope to have you attend!

2019

TOPIC:

Funding Mechanisms for Water Infrastructure and Source Water Protection

Thursday, May 16 from 11:30 am to 1 pm

11:30 am - 12 pm Free Lunch & Networking

12 pm - 1 pm Speaker Series Program

Program Location: AT&T Conference Room Engineering Research Center

535 W. Research Center Blvd. Fayetteville, AR

Beaver Watershed Alliance will be hosting the Quarterly Speaker Series on Thursday, May 16 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm at the Engineering Research Center, AT&T Conference Room, 535 W. Research Center Blvd., in Fayetteville. Guest speakers will include Darcia Routh, Geologist Supervisor in Source Water Protection in the Engineering Section of the Arkansas Department of Health, and Jerry Kopke, Senior Environmental Management Consultant with the nonprofit organization Communities Unlimited.

This program will focus on how to address the twin problems of paying for water infrastructure repairs or upgrades to meet new challenges and growing populations and how to protect the source of the water they are providing to their customers. This funding problem is particularly acute for utilities in small towns and rural areas where the population is spread over a wide area. Service interruptions due to infrastructure failure can result in not only unhappy customers, but unexpected costs, and even fines from regulators. Source water protection is a highly important aspect of the Alliance's work and can be any activity that protects our drinking water supplies:

- · restoring stream banks to reduce erosion flowing to Beaver Lake,
- · implementing low impact development projects, such as pervious pavers in parking lots or rain
- gardens that collect surface runoff and put rainwater back in the ground,
- · planting native plants with extensive root systems, and
- education programs on water conservation and protection.

Elected officials, utility managers, decision makers, and design professionals with medium and small cities who are looking for options to solve their infrastructure and/or environmental degradation problems are encouraged to attend the Speaker Series on May 16.

This is a free program, and lunch is included. Please RSVP by calling BWA at (479) 750-8007 or email at info@beaverwatershedalliance.org.

Beaver Watershed Alliance is working with local governments and other nonprofits to reduce the amount of sediment entering streams, improve fish habitat, and reduce flooding – an essential service to local communities. Beaver Lake supplies 1 in 6 Arkansans (nearly a half million people) with clean drinking water and provides over forty million tourism and recreation dollars for the local economy. The Alliance developed this quarterly speaker series to share the rationale behind investing in watershed protection that will benefit the future of our entire region. The Alliance is a nonprofit organization focused on maintaining high-quality drinking water in Beaver Lake and improving water quality within the Beaver Lake Watershed. For more information about the Alliance, the speaker series, or how you can help protect water quality, visit www.beaverwatershedalliance.org.

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Investing in Water Supply Protection in NWA

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PRESENTED BY:

Darcia Routh, Geologist Supervisor Source Water Protection, Engineering Section, AR Dept. of Health

Jerry Kopke, Sr. Environmental Management Consultant **Communities Unlimited**

Please RSVP to Beaver Watershed Alliance at 479-750-8007 or info@bcaverwatershedalliance.org.



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About Beaver Watershed Alliance

Beaver Watershed Alliance was formed in 2011 to proactively protect, maintain, and enhance the water

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Free lunch provided with RSVP.

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Engineering **Research Center**

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quality of Beaver Lake and the integrity of its watershed through outreach and education, voluntary best management practice implementation, and scientific investigation. The Alliance represents a diverse stakeholder group from conservation, education, water utilities, technical and science, agriculture, recreation, business, and local government groups working together for the goal of clean water.





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