



Stormwater Dollars At Work—The Harper Park Project

In May, 250 feet of 5 foot storm drain pipe was replaced on Harper Park.

The decision to replace this pipe came after crews had made five repairs in the area.



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BSB RECOGNIZED FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE

On May 28th, 2014 the Beckley Sanitary Board's (BSB) Piney Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant received an Environmental Excellence Award.

Each year the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection recognizes the accomplishments of state industries, municipalities, educators, and community leaders who strive to protect the environment.

Eligibility for the industrial awards includes exemplary environmental performance, a history that shows no outstanding violations and records of compliance with regulatory authorities.

Beckley Sanitary Board's Piney Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant receives and treats wastewater from 8,900 customers in the Greater Beckley area. Last year, the plant treated 1.9 billion gallons of flow before discharging it within permit limits to Piney Creek, a significant tributary of the New River.

Improvements in operations and facility upgrades over the last 2 years have allowed BSB to reduce its energy consumption (kilowatt hours) per millions gallons treated by 4%. Additional energy saving measures is being planned.

The BSB consistently produces a quality bio solid product that is recycled through our land application program on area hay fields.

While wastewater treatment to meet permit limits is the primary function of the facility, BSB and its employees have committed to become a leader in sustainability in southern WV.

This is the second Environmental Excellence Award for the BSB, the first being received last year for their stormwater program.



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Stormwater Education and Outreach Event Highlights

April 11th, The BSB attended the West Virginia Water Festival. Roughly 200 5th graders from all over southern West Virginia came out to enjoy a day of learning about water. At our booth kids got to see how a rain garden worked, they learned the difference between “pervious” and “impervious” surfaces.

April 16th, The BSB visited the YMCA Happy Kids Preschool where the kids got to meet Fred the fish and learn all about stormwater pollution.

April 17th, The BSB was at the Journey where 3-6 year olds learned about stormwater pollution with Fred the fish.

April 22nd, The BSB visited 3rd grade students at Sophia Soak Creek. Students learned about “impervious” and “pervious” surfaces as well as about stormwater pollution with Fred the fish.

May 29th, The BSB attended a field day hosted by the Southern Conservation District in Sophia. Students from the Beckley area got to act out the water cycle, meet a mud puppy, and learn about stormwater at the BSB booth.

June 2nd, The BSB traveled the Fayette County to New River Leaning Co-Op and taught kids about macro invertebrates and how they determine our water’s health.

June 13th, The BSB attended the Piney Creek Watershed Festival we offered information and education on general stormwater issues.

Interested in having the BSB come to your group or classroom? Call Jody Wilson 304-256-1760



Creek Week

April 26-May 4th kicked off our first Creek Week event.

Saturday April 26th we hosted Creek Day at the Beckley Fire Department. Free and open to the public, people were able to come out and learn about stormwater, see a kick net demonstration and learn how we use them to determine a stream’s health, and see fish from our local streams and rivers. On Wednesday, April 30th the BSB opened the wastewater treatment plant up to the public for tours and allowed people to see the complex process. On Saturday, May 3rd the BSB and Jason Walker from Green River Nurseries hosted a raingarden workshop at the BIG project in Beckley. Attendees were able to learn how raingardens work and tour 4 of the 19 raingardens located here in Beckley that the BSB has installed.

We look forward to Creek Week 2015 and seeing this event grow from year to year.

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