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A Quarter Ton of Litter

On Earth Day, 2025, BSB partnered with the WVU Tech Biology Club to provide opportunity for students and faculty from the WVU Tech Biology Department to participate in outreach efforts to clean up litter along Cranberry Creek in a high traffic area of Beckley.

The clean up included 15 participants including volunteers from Piney Creek Watershed Association and Beckley Outdoors. We had the honor of working with the Raleigh County Solid Waste Authority, who outfitted the crew with vests, trash grabbers, and trash bags. The Solid Waste Authority also helped coordinate a truck to come by and collect the bags of litter after the event.

The team cleaned up litter along a quarter mile stretch of Cranberry Creek (from Cook Out to Taco Bell) and removed litter and debris from two Trash Trouts as well. Volunteers collected and removed 560 pounds of litter from Cranberry Creek during this event!

Litter cleanups like this have impacts that ripple throughout time. Getting this much litter out of Beckley's waterways improves water quality and aquatic life by removing pollutants, microplastics, and debris. It also creates a more beautiful landscape and sends a positive message. In addition to the support mentioned above, this event was made possible through support from The City of Beckley and the Beckley Chick-fil-A. We are incredibly thankful for and proud of each person who came out to devote some time to keeping our little piece of the earth clean and healthy.



Scoop the Poop!

Whenever you and your furry friend are out and about, remember to do your “doody” and pick up after your pet! Pet waste left on the ground is not fertilizer — in fact, it can actually kill vegetation, track fecal bacteria into our waterways, homes and businesses, and is just unsightly. Be sure to utilize the pet waste stations around town and scoop the poop!

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Clean Water, Clean Record

Here at BSB, we have an amazing team of individuals that work at our wastewater treatment plant who are committed to making sure that the wastewater that is collected by our system is cleaned and treated properly. The process of ensuring that our organization follows environmental laws, regulations, and standards to minimize any harmful impacts to the environment is called environmental compliance. In our case, this compliance protects water quality which ultimately impacts aquatic life and defends public health. We strive for compliance excellence to ensure that we are meeting all the required permit limits given to us by the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) and take great pride in knowing that we are doing our part in protecting the environment as wastewater



professionals. Our record reflects this by having zero compliance violations for the past 22 months consecutively. We are very proud of this accomplishment and will continue to do our best to protect our natural resources 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.



New Smart Stormwater Technology

Beckley's newest smart pond is now fully operational near the Convention Center, thanks to partnership with the Piney Creek Watershed Association! For decades, Beckley Little League fields and nearby properties have experienced frequent high water levels. Stormwater runoff in the area is a large contributor to this high water. The "iPond" is able to collect, store, and release stormwater using a computer controlled valve that utilizes field sensors and real-time weather data to actively manage the stormwater. Detaining and slowly releasing the stormwater with this pond reduces the peak flow of runoff to reduce flooding, capture sediment and pollutants, and improve stream quality. Check out the informational sign near the Convention Center to learn more!

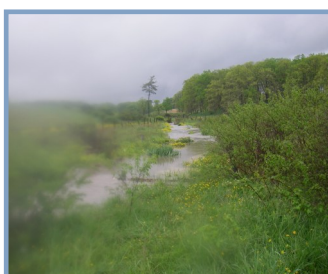


Photo from 2010 of flooding near Beckley Little League fields.



Construction and installation of the new pond.



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