

Pigeon River Fund

Fall 2025 Awards

Twelve Grant Awards Totaling \$350,365

\$50,000 to **Asheville GreenWorks** to expand its cleanup operations, train and recruit new Streamkeeper volunteers, and replace two Trash Trout litter collection devices.

\$7,700 to **Buncombe County Soil and Water Conservation District** to support environmental education programming in Buncombe County, such as Camp RIO and the In Real Life afterschool program.

\$30,000 to **Conserving Carolina** to cover transaction costs on two adjacent conservation easements along the Cane Creek floodplain.

\$45,000 to **Environmental Quality Institute** to provide ongoing support for the Stream Monitoring Information Exchange and Volunteer Water Information Network programs that support volunteer stream monitoring in Haywood, Buncombe, and Madison counties.

\$35,000 to **Haywood Waterways Association** for program and administrative support.

\$11,415 to **Haywood Waterways Association** for repairs to two failing septic systems and outreach to Haywood County community members regarding septic tank maintenance and water quality protection.

\$15,750 to **Haywood Waterways Association** for planning costs associated with the removal of a small dam in Maggie Valley.

\$50,000 to **Mountain Valleys RC&D Council** for the Ivy River Partners program, which improves water quality and increases citizen awareness in the Ivy River Watershed and Madison County waterways.

\$7,000 to **North Carolina Wildlife Federation** for restoration and conservation work at Fox Creek Park in Buncombe County.

\$33,500 to **RiverLink** for staff support to implement a restoration project in Hurricane Helene-affected areas of Swannanoa.

\$30,000 to **Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy** to permanently protect 201 acres of productive farm and forest land that contain unnamed headwater tributaries and portions of Crabtree Creek.

\$35,000 to **Town of Weaverville** to retrofit and expand two stormwater detention basins and to stabilize and restore eroded streambanks in the Town's Nature Park.