

**Haywood Waterways Association, Inc.**

**Annual Report for 1999**

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**History:** Haywood Waterways Association (HWA) began in 1994 as a small group of citizens concerned with water quality in Haywood County. The group was formed in response to the creation of the Pigeon River Fund (PRF). The Fund, also created in 1994, was part of the licensing agreement for the Carolina Power and Light (CP&L), Walters Hydroelectric Plant on the North Carolina/Tennessee line. CP&L has agreed to fund the program for a forty year period in the amount of \$10 million. The purpose of the fund is to provide program funding to improve water quality in the Pigeon River Basin. The Fund is administered by a Board of Directors and the Community Foundation of Western North Carolina.

Since its beginning in 1994, HWA has helped develop many projects to improve water quality in Haywood County. We have also helped other organizations develop their projects, locate sources of funding and write their grant applications. Many of these projects received PRF grant assistance. In an effort to increase public awareness and provide opportunities for individual involvement, HWA became a membership corporation in September 1998. HWA filed its articles of incorporation and became a non-profit, charitable corporation, registered in the state of North Carolina on September 23, 1998. In December of 1998, we filed our application for 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status with the Internal Revenue Service and received our tax-exempt ruling January 29, 1999.

**1999 Achievements:** HWA enjoyed a remarkable first year and exceeded all of its annual organizational goals in just 9 months; all but one were exceeded in 7 months. As of December 31, 1999, HWA had 62 individual and family members, and 24 business and organization members. Community support has been outstanding.

An unexpected surprise has been the awards and recognition we have received in our first year as a non-profit, member corporation. HWA was invited to address the SAMAB Conference which was attended by 3 states and 11 federal agencies. The theme of the conference was "Community Solutions". We were one of the three non-profit organizations cited as examples of a community solution.

In October 1999 at our annual member's meeting, TVA presented us with their "Partner of the Year" award for 1999. The third honor we received in 1999 was the "North Carolina Water Conservationist of the Year" award. This statewide Governor's Conservation Achievement Awards program is sponsored by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation and the National Wildlife Federation, and recognizes organizations and individuals that exemplify conservation excellence in North Carolina.

**Management:** Due to the membership growth and program expansion, the Executive Committee developed a comprehensive management plan that includes organizational goals, sets HWA's direction and clarifies areas of responsibility. Two personnel changes were made in 1999. Ron Moser will now serve as Director, and focus on the management of HWA. He will be responsible for most of the administrative duties and the financial management of the organization. Gordon Small will serve as Project Manager and be HWA's lead person for the EPA funded watershed demonstration project. This restructuring will best utilize the strengths of our contract staff, officers and volunteers.

The Board of Directors and Executive Committee both meet monthly at the office of the Southwestern NC Resource Conservation and Development Council (RC&D). The RC&D Council provides administrative, technical and financial support through the use of its office space and equipment. Prior to November 1999, the RC&D Council's Treasurer disbursed HWA

funds. As of November, the HWA Treasurer opened HWA bank accounts and assumed the responsibility for fund disbursements and HWA bookkeeping.

**1999 Board of Directors:**

Executive Committee:

Bill Eaker President  
Ron Moser Treasurer  
Joetta Rinehart

Dave Dudek Vice-president  
Charles Schaefer Secretary

Directors:

Richard Alexander  
Charles P. Francis  
Jennifer Pratt  
Leslie Smathers

David Ashe  
Dr. Mark Jaben  
Zora Rhodes  
Steve West

The Board of Directors wishes to send its sincerest thanks to the Pigeon River Fund, Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation and all our members for their generous financial support. We also wish to thank the individuals and organizations that serve the Volunteer Water Information Network (VWIN) program and serve on our Technical Advisory Committee. This support, including time, financial and technical support, has made our success and progress possible.

**Contract Staff:** Ron Moser, Director; Gordon Small, Project Manager

**Grants Received:** HWA received its operating support from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, the Pigeon River Fund and our members. These two grants and the membership dues and donations have resulted in a strong financial position at year end.

In addition to administrative funding, the Pigeon River Fund awarded a grant to expand our educational programs: it establishes a summer youth program offered with the Town of Waynesville's Recreation Department, supports Kids in the Creek, establishes an Internet web site and funds a one year mini-grant program for the Haywood County School System. Separate grants were also received to fund the 18 VWIN sampling sites for one year and the Non-point Source Pollution Inventory for Haywood County.

HWA partnered with the Haywood Soil & Water Conservation District, as co-applicants, and was awarded an EPA 319 Incremental Fund grant. This \$479,300 three year project will target two sub-watersheds in Haywood County, and serve as a demonstration project. We will work with willing landowners to address non-point sources of water pollution on their property. Funds are expected to be received in 2000.

**Programs and Projects:**

Kids in the Creek Water Quality Education Program  
Summer Youth Water Quality Education Program (Funded in 1999)  
Water Quality Mini-grant Program for Haywood County Schools  
Non-point Source Water Pollution Inventory for Haywood County  
Watershed Improvement Action Plan and Educational Publications  
Volunteer Water Information Network Water Sampling Program  
Development of an Internet web page

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**Income:**

Pigeon River Fund		
Education Grant		
Kids in the Creek Program		\$ 1,300.00
Summer Youth Program		\$ 1,650.00
School Mini-grants		\$ 4,500.00
Internet Web Page		<u>\$ 2,250.00</u>
	Subtotal:	\$ 9,700.00
Administrative Support		\$ 20,000.00
VWIN Program		<u>\$ 6,300.00</u>
	PRF Total:	\$ 36,000.00
Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation		\$ 25,000.00
Dues and Donations		<u>\$ 2,512.50</u>
	Total Income:	\$ 63,512.50

**Expenses:**

Contractors		\$ 32,162.73
Incorporation Fees		
NC Filing Fee		\$ 60.00
IRS Filing Fee		\$ 500.00
Accountant Review		<u>\$ 275.00</u>
	Subtotal:	\$ 835.00
PO Box Rental & Postage		\$ 542.36
Newsletter		\$ 600.49
Printing & Office Supplies		\$ 150.24
Membership Meetings & Awards		\$ 891.12
Membership Dues for Volunteer Center		\$ 25.00
Banking		<u>\$ 15.00</u>
	Total Expenses:	\$ 35,221.94

Note: The expenses reported include the HWA paid expenses and those expenses paid by the SWNC RC&D Council on behalf of HWA.