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DEQ Division of Water Resources Development Grant Program 2020 State and Local Awards

RALEIGH - North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality's Water Resources Development Grant Program awarded 12 State and Local program grants in 2020. The projects will help North Carolina municipalities restore streams, reduce flooding and erosion, aid in stormwater management and provide recreational opportunities to benefit the state's water resources. Awardees include:

1. **The Henderson County Board of Commissioners was awarded \$6,000 for the Bat Fork Stream Restoration Feasibility Study at Dodd Meadows.** This grant will provide financial assistance to evaluate restoration options as well as develop an implementation plan for restoration, stream corridor management, nature-based recreation and education within the Bat Fork watershed.
2. **Mecklenburg Soil and Water Conservation District received \$130,000 for the Cambridge Grove Stream Restoration.** The project will stabilize approximately 1,000 linear feet of degraded stream to protect exposed sanitary sewer laterals along an unnamed tributary to Caldwell Station Creek.
3. **High Country Council of Governments received \$89,000 for the Elk Shoals Streambank Stabilization** to restore and stabilize approximately 500 linear feet of degraded stream and 0.67 acres of riparian buffer along the South Fork New River within New River State Park.
4. **Avery County Soil and Water Conservation District received \$46,398 for the Holley Branch SR at Mayland CC Stream Restoration.** The grant will provide financial assistance to restore and enhance approximately 800 linear feet of degraded stream, plant 1.8 acres of riparian buffer and construct 2,000 linear feet of natural surface trail along Holley Branch within the Mayland Community College campus.
5. **Henderson County Soil and Water Conservation District received \$68,500 for the Lewis Creek Edneyville Community Center Stream Restoration.** The grant funded restoration of approximately 2,000 linear feet of degraded stream, 1.5 acres of riparian buffer and an educational access point along Lewis Creek at the Edneyville Community Center.
6. **Stokes Soil and Water Conservation District received \$70,400 for the Little Snow Creek Stream Restoration Renovation and Extension.** The grant was awarded to



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restore, stabilize and enhance approximately 1,000 linear feet of degraded stream and 0.4 acres of riparian buffer along Little Snow Creek.

7. **Catawba County Board of Commissioners was awarded \$46,398 for the Hickory YMCA Stream Restoration.** The grant will provide financial assistance to restore approximately 500 linear feet of degraded stream and 0.6 acres of riparian buffer along Cripple Creek at the Hickory Foundation YMCA.
8. **Haywood Soil and Water Conservation District was awarded \$5,000 for the Lower Jonathan Creek Feasibility Study.** The grant will provide financial assistance to identify solutions to address agricultural issues affecting surface water quality and creation of a Nine-Element watershed restoration plan for the Lower Jonathan Creek watershed.
9. **New River Soil and Water Conservation District was awarded \$48,500 for the Three Top Creek Streambank Stabilization.** This grant will provide financial assistance to restore and stabilize approximately 945 linear feet of degraded stream and one acre of riparian buffer along an unnamed tributary to Three Top Creek.
10. **Haywood Soil and Water Conservation District received \$25,000 for the Upper Jonathan Creek - Maggie Valley Feasibility Study.** The grant will provide financial assistance to evaluate the feasibility of mitigating several known eroding streambank and stormwater runoff issues, and identify other issues for future evaluation along approximately 13 miles (67,954 linear feet) of stream within the 37 square mile Upper Jonathan Creek watershed.
11. **Town of Woodfin was awarded \$200,000 for the Riverside Park Improvements & Expansion - Phase 1.** This grant will provide financial assistance to complete design and construction of several park amenities, stormwater control measures and water resource improvements at Riverside Park.
12. **City of Brevard was awarded \$95,000 for the Silversteen Park Norton Creek Streambank Restoration.** This grant will provide financial assistance to restore approximately 540 linear feet of degraded stream, one acre of riparian buffer and construction of 750 linear feet of paved trail along Norton Creek at Silversteen Park.

