**DEQ Division of Water Resources Development Grant Program
Spring 2023 State and Local Grant Awards**

**RALEIGH** - North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality’s Water Resources Development Grant Program awarded 12 State and Local grants in the spring of 2023. Awardees included:

1. **Watauga County on received $200,000 for the Boone Creek at High Country Temple** **Stream Restoration Project**. This grant will provide financial assistance to daylight and restore approximately 670 linear feet of stream and plant 1.5 acres of riparian buffer vegetation at the High Country Temple.
2. **Mitchell Soil & Water Conservation District received $57,500 for the Rockhouse Creek Restoration Project** This grant will provide financial assistance to restore approximately 400 linear feet of degraded stream and plant 0.4 acres of riparian buffer vegetation situated between two retail businesses at the confluence with Grassy Creek.
3. **Watauga Soil & Water Conservation District received $61,550 for the South Fork New River Green Valley Park Restoration Project**. This grant will provide financial assistance to stabilize and enhance approximately 1,130 linear feet of an unnamed tributary and South Fork New River riverbank. Additionally 1.3 acres of riparian buffer vegetation will be planted and 0.15 acres of wetlands will be enhanced within Green Valley Park.