



NEWSLETTER OCTOBER - 2024

“We look forward regularly sending our Board members this new newsletter each month. Our Transition plans continue to be implemented and so much is happening daily. I hope everyone will plan to visit the center regularly to see how we are changing and growing our community of supporters. We are now open 7 days a week between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm. Questions? Please contact Bill or Rob any time!

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Recent News:

- September hosted Leadership Kanawha Valley Future Leaders’ group. 25 future leaders attended the 7-hour session.
- September 30th Bill Currey made CRG information speeches to the Members of the Regional Garden Club of America at the Charleston Capitol Market
- On October 1st Bill Currey attended a dinner with 150 members of the regional Garden Club of America at the Clay Center. The Coal River Group was presented an award in recognition of their Environmental

Update Report on the Hatfield-McCoy programs activities at the Coal River Center:

- As of October 14th, we have sold 173 residential permits and 217 non-residential permits! The staff has welcomed so many new out-of-state visitors seeking permits and information about the CRG Water Trail. The staff has provided information about the locations of camping, lodging, restaurants and area attractions.
- Visitors have arrived from KY, OH, VA, NC, UT, NY, FL, MD and CA.

CRG Business:

- Completed the \$105,000 Cy-Pres Grant from WVDEP. Securing the sustainability of the riverbank for future generations.
- The annual CRG Fundraising effort will begin by the end of October. The Chairman is seeking help from friends and board members.
- Merchandising efforts for CRG and Hatfield’s items are very robust. Visit The CRG center and pick up a gift for your family and friends.
- Please let our staff know what other information you’d like to receive and what others might want to see and learn from our new Newsletter.
- Grants applied for are the WVDOH Recreational Trails Grant and the 2025 Stream Partners Grant





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Present Grants:

- GKVF Grant progress has been made implementing the regional promotional billboards and service facilities.
- Benedum Foundation Grant the Lincoln County promotional brochures are in development and the newly formed Lincoln County branch meeting is to take place this month.
- Stream Partners Grant is coming to completion with most funds spent on annual Project Wet student educational event.
- 319 Federal and WVDEP Environmental Grant is for restoration of the Coal River tributaries, Brown’s Creek and Angel Fork. Outcome of fecal coliform reduction and continuing of 7-year testing.

Please Visit the Coal River Center:

- Building tour is informative
- 2 miles of hiking trails are in great shape.
- Views of the river great year-round and bird watching entertaining.
- The shop and tool area will amaze and inform.
- Test out the rocking chairs!
- Explore the history and library on second floor.

Social Media:

Please visit and LIKE our social media pages on FB, Instagram and LinkedIn updated daily:

FB pages:

- Coal River Group
- West Virginia Flatwater Trails
- Coal River Rising
- Tour De Coal
- Coal River “Walhonde” Water Trail
- Meadowood Park
- Coal River Kayak & Canoe Rentals
- Coal River Group Barnette Conservation

