



Alabama

Mountains, Rivers, and Valleys
Resource Conservation and Development

2017
Annual Report



Mission:

*To improve the quality of life of residents by
the reasonable and responsible protection of
natural and human resources of the Tennessee
Valley*

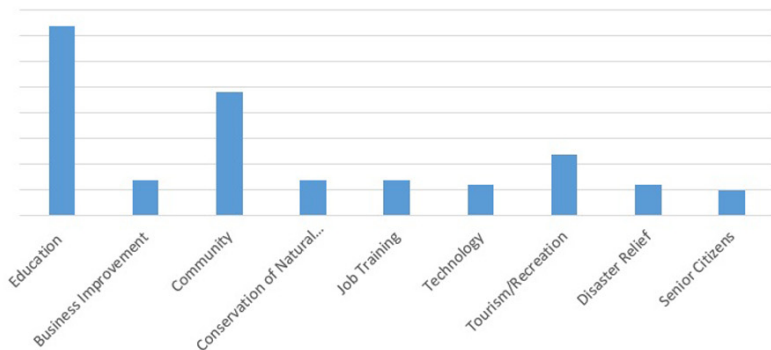


What Have We Been Doing in 2017?



This year the AMRV RC&D funded **58** projects in **eight** counties. We provided **\$435,135** to projects, with the recipients adding **\$826,651** for a total of **\$1,243,781** to the region.

Where We Invested by Project Category



With the help of our amazing partners and volunteers, we have accomplished incredible things. Over 1,304 volunteers donated their 17,874 hours to make these projects happen in their communities.

Some projects included:

Environmental Education for Youth, Farm Trainings and Workshops, Tourism Signage and Support, Professional Development, Community Gardens, Disaster Relief, Tax Preparation Assistance, Historic Landmark Restoration, Senior Programs





Educational Impact

The AMRV RC&D supported 37 educational projects, reaching over 66,886 students!

The AMRV RC&D knows that our children are our future. We need to invest in our future, and we have!

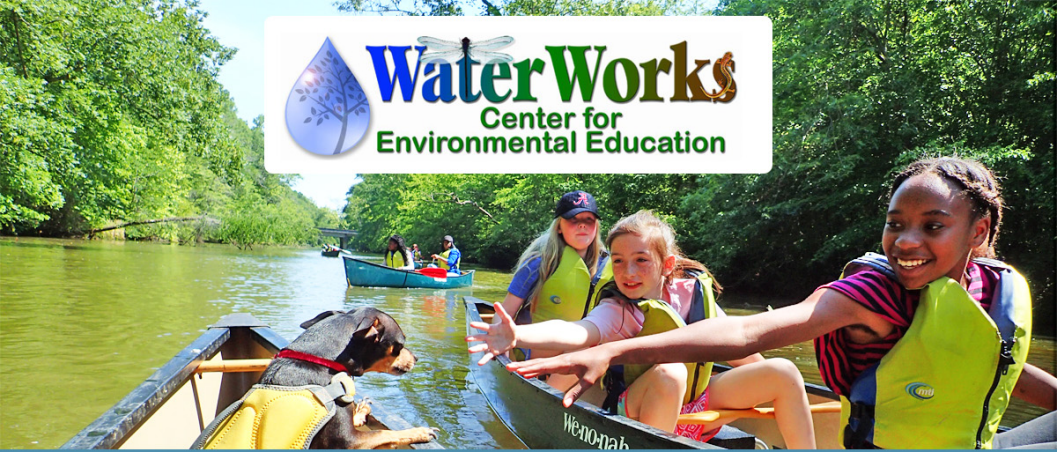
In 2017, the AMRV gave **\$53,800** directly to schools, and **\$228,170** to education initiatives.

Through the RC&D's investment and the hard work and dedication of teachers and families, schools were able to do things like expand outdoor classrooms, host water festivals, improve career and technical training labs, make facilities handicap accessible, and so much more!





WaterWorks
Center for
Environmental Education



The WaterWorks Center for Environmental Education was started by the AMRV RC&D in 2010. Today it serves as a premier environmental education site where children can learn about the natural world and sustainable green technologies.

At WaterWorks, we believe in reconnecting children with the natural world and teaching them to be responsible and caring stewards of our environment. We offer field trips for students of all ages!

Students can learn about wetlands, native plants and animals, green roofs, solar technology and engage in team building activities like canoeing!

For more information on field trips and tours, visit our website:

www.waterworksedu.org



Above: Children enjoy our tree canopy, where they can learn about native plants and engage in team building activities such as the rope wall!

Below, Left: High Schoolers are ready to get out on the water! It is the first time canoeing for many of them!

Below, Middle: We caught some of our favorite amphibians... salamanders! (Then we put them back in their natural habitat!)

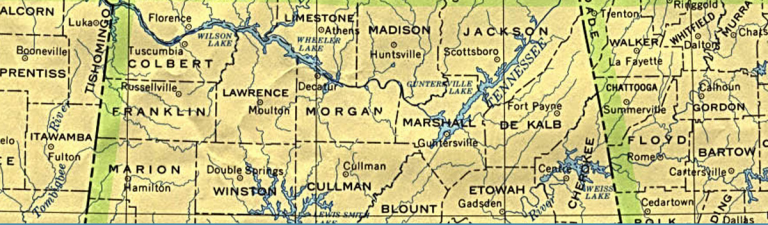
Below, Right: Students build teams and trust when they have to problem solve how to get through the web!





Thank you to everyone who made 2017 a great year for the AMRV and WaterWorks!





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