War Eagle Creek Conservation Stewards Awards: Beaver Watershed Alliance Recognizes Rollins Family

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The Beaver Watershed Alliance ("BWA") announced in a December 18th news release recognition of Jim and Kathy Rollins ("Rollins Family") for stewardships and partnerships helping facilitate large-scale conservation work in the War Eagle Creek Watershed.

BWA states that this is part of an:

… ongoing recognition program led by Beaver Watershed Alliance, landowners are highlighted in the Beaver Lake watershed who exemplify leadership in enabling conservation and water quality improvement projects.

The Rollins Family are described as long-time landowners and producers in the War Eagle Creek watershed.

Data collected by the Watershed Conservation Resource Center and BWA are stated to have shown that since 2001, the Rollins Family property had lost over seven acres of streambank and floodplain land. The news release further states that:

... data collected on the Rollins property, combined with their willingness to pursue restoration, directly informed a successful application to the USDA Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP).

BWA, Watershed Conservation Resource Center, Beaver Water District and eighteen regional partners were able to secure $5 million in federal funding to stabilize streambanks on their farm and expand conservation practices across the War Eagle watershed.

1,500 feet of streambank restoration is stated to be near completion and approximately 5,000 tons of sediment and 3,700 tons of phosphorus are expected to be reduced in the waterway annually.

The BWA describes itself as a non-profit organization focused on maintaining high quality drinking water in Beaver Lake and improving water quality within the Beaver Lake Watershed.

A copy of the news release can be found here.