

Green Infrastructure/Water Quality: Beaver Watershed Alliance Announces Receipt of \$500,000 Grant



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The Beaver Watershed Alliance (“BWA”) issued a news release announcing its receipt of a \$500,000 grant to build green infrastructure to improve water quality.

The grant was awarded by the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission and United States Environmental Protection Agency.

BWA states that the grant will fund green infrastructure projects which will:

- Advance components of the Beaver Lake Watershed Protection Strategy
- Serve as educational demonstration sites for regional engineers and municipal staff

BWA’s Executive Director, John Pennington, quotes EPA as stating green infrastructure is a voluntary approach communities can take to treat and manage storm water. He cites sediment as “the number one threat to Beaver Lake” noting that the goals for the grant are to:

... reduce sediment and nutrient loads into the Beaver Lake watershed by establishing best management practices, and working with municipal staff and regional engineers in building and management of green infrastructure features, and educate the public about the benefits.

[A copy of the news release can be found here.](#)