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Here's a look at some of our program accomplishments in the last year.

- Partnering with Green Opportunities to employ and train low-income workers to remove invasive plants from and restore three ecologically significant and rare mountain bogs.
- Saving 119 acres of old growth in the Cherokee National Forest from being logged.
- Completing a complex, technical analysis of the current conditions of the Nantahala-Pisgah National Forests as part of our work on National Forest planning, and helping to lead a broad stakeholder group working to reach consensus on the plan.
- Appealing and then settling the controversial Courthouse Creek timber sale in a manner that reduces logging and significantly reduces road building in the Pisgah Ridge Significant Natural Heritage Area. WNCA also agreed to help fund the closure of an eroding forest road so it can be officially removed from the road inventory and no longer used for future logging.
- Closing 24 illegal forest roads in Haywood County that were polluting pristine trout streams. We have since received an additional \$40,000 in funding to do more of this work in the Cherokee and Pisgah National Forests.
- Reporting the largest breach of a wastewater treatment pond ever in this region, which resulted in the Alliance receiving \$40,000 for water quality work as part of EPA's settlement.
- Engaging 72 volunteers who donated 620 volunteer hours taking 1,082 water samples for bacteria pollution. This testing led us to an open sewage pipe feeding into a French Broad tributary, which we reported and which was later shut down.
- Pushing the state to sue Duke Energy over coal ash contamination at the Asheville coal plant, which led to lawsuits against Duke's thirteen other North Carolina coal plants.

- Securing passage of a resolution by the Asheville City Council aimed at "transitioning [the City] from coal to electricity provided by clean renewable energy sources."
- Representing environmental and community interests in negotiations on the I-26 Connector Project in Asheville.
- Meeting with our western legislators and sponsoring the WNC Vote Tracker to hold them accountable for their votes.
- Organizing businesses and convening WNC Green Congregations to be effective voices for environmental protection and action on climate change.



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