

Linking Natural and Cultural Assets in the Upper New River Valley

Sustainability and the Arts
 The Sustainability and the Arts class, a course within the Appalachian Studies Master's Degree Program at Appalachian State University, is comprised of 11 graduate students. Partnering with the New River Conservancy, the Appalachian Regional Commission, Appalachian State University, and other local nonprofit organizations, the class seeks to educate the public on all of the benefits surrounding the New River. Promoting sustainable use of the river through the arts, the class has taken on four collaborative projects:

- 1.) A Water Quality Walking Tour in Downtown Boone, NC
- 2.) Educational Presentations at Elk Knob and New River State Parks
- 3.) An Online Historical Timeline of the New River Conservancy
- 4.) An Art Exhibit at the Turchin Center for the Visual Arts

The class encourages the public to continue participating in events about the New, as well as to educate themselves and others on how to use the river sustainably. This will create opportunities to inspire upcoming leaders within the watershed, create potential jobs, enhance natural and cultural assets, and will ultimately protect the New River for generations to come.

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 SAVING THE PLACES YOU LOVE

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Locations on map: Warrensville, Jefferson, West Jefferson, Beaver Cr, Glendale Springs, Obids, Todd, Boone, Laxon, Triplett, Bambo, Stony Fork, Parsonville, Millers Creek.



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