Mission Statement

The Kentucky River Authority will maintain and manage water resources of the Kentucky River Basin to provide a clean and reliable water supply for the citizens of the Basin. The Kentucky River Authority will provide leadership and a common forum for all stakeholders for the Kentucky River Basin in order to promote the highest and best uses of the water resources of the Kentucky River Basin.

LOCK AND DAM SECTION ACTIVITES

- As part of our Lockmaster education, the Lockmaster received their CPR and Basic First Aid Certification on May 21, 2018.
- The Dam 10 construction project continues to progress near Fort Boonesborough State Park. The $24.4 million construction project began in June, 2018 and is expected to take three years to complete. A new dam is being constructed immediately upstream of the existing 115 year old structure that holds the water supply for the city of Winchester. The contractor has constructed an on-site concrete batch plant and is making the preparations for the first concrete pour on the Madison County side of the river. Additionally, they have begun work in the main river channel including predredging the area where the new dam will be constructed and demolishing portions of the approach walls upstream of the lock to make way for construction of the new dam. The crest elevation of the new dam will be the same as the existing dam, so flood profiles will not be impacted by the new structure. The concrete navigation lock will remain in place but will not be made functional as part of this project.

- Lockages to date:
  - Lock 1 – Lockages – 110, Boats – 179, People - 675
  - Lock 2 – Lockages – 135, Boats – 143, People - 343
  - Lock 3 – Lockages – 76, Boats – 122, People – 584
  - Lock 4 – Lockages – 285, Boats – 804, People – 2,470

- UPCOMING EVENTS
  - October 18th – 20th – Bourbonanza, Frankfort, KY Frankfort Tourist Commission, 502-875-8687
  - October 20th - Paddle-Palozza Riverview Park, Frankfort, KY www.canoeky.com
  - October 28th is the last day of operation for the 2018 season for Locks 1 – 4.

- OTHER NEWS
  - We would like to welcome David Hamilton as the KRA Executive Director. Mr. Hamilton began September 1, 2018.
Dam 10 Construction
Lock and Dam 4, Lockmasters removing drift after high water
Wild & Scenic Red River Celebration was on September 15, 2018 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act and the 25th Anniversary of the Red River receiving the invaluable designation that put an end to the dam struggle that began in the 1960s- a milestone for free-flowing Red River, one of our unique Kentucky. In the morning, 40 people enjoyed a free 8-mile paddle of the Red River from Copperas Canoe Launch to Red River Adventure. The celebration continued in the afternoon at Sky Bridge Station with local water(shed) information and education as well as Wild & Scenic and Save Our Red River Recognition. 300 people attended throughout the afternoon portion of the event. There was live, local music from Anne MacFie, Kentucky Wild Horse, The Forest Fiddleheads, Linda Jean Stokley and Tim Lancaster, Whistle & Fish, and Karly Dawn and HillFolk. The event benefited local non-profit watershed group, Friends of Red River (under KWA’s umbrella), who works to clean up the Red River, educate the public about clean water, and create more access to the Red (restore, protect, and celebrate our waterways)! Our partners and presenters included: Kentucky Waterways Alliance, U.S.Forest Service-Daniel Boone National Forest, Kentucky Division of Water, Kentucky River Authority, Wolfe County Tourism, Powell County Tourism Commission, Kentucky River Watershed Watch, Joshua Blaylock- NANFA, Cumberland Chapter of the Sierra Club, and Friends of Red River. Sponsors include: Red River Adventure, Sky Bridge Station, Jarfly Brewing Company, West Sixth Brewing Ale-8-One, and Print My Threads. Donors include: Southeast Mountain Guides, Red River Gorge Zipline Tours, Red River Gorge Hiking, Red River Rockhouse, Scenic Cabin Rentals, Daniel Boone Coffee Shop & Deli, Thrillsville Adventure Park, La Cabaña Mexican Restaurant, and 11 Boroughs.

Time spent on organizing Wild & Scenic Red River Celebration was split between Red River Watershed work and Kentucky Waterways Alliance Eastern Kentucky Expansion Initiative. All purchases for event were made through mini-grants from Kentucky River Authority ($3,000), Wolfe ($2,500) and Powell County Tourism ($2,500). We utilized a local artist to make event posters and t-shirts with help of nearby t-shirt company: money from shirt sales went to Friends of Red River. Banners were made from high resolution photos of Red River by local artist and local (Powell Co.) printer. Local/regional bands were booked to bring even more interest to the event and showcase the great art coming from the RRW region. I Love Clean Water stickers and Wild & Scenic 50th anniversary stickers, pins, and dry cell phone cases were distributed to those in attendance. Promotion for the event was on Red River Watershed, Friends of Red River and KWA Facebook; KWA eblast, newsletter, and postcards; local (Wolfe, Powell, Menifee) newspapers; local radio (WSKV-Stanton, WLKS-West Liberty); posters distributed locally and in Lexington, Winchester, Richmond, and Louisville; handouts at local schools; National Public Lands Day; and Wild & Scenic 50th Anniversary site.

Cleanups

Red River Watershed has been part of several cleanups this summer.

After a cleanup was cancelled due to high water at the end of June, Laura rescheduled, planned, and organized the six mile Red/KY River Confluence Riversweep from Minna Station to the confluence of the Kentucky River in partnership with Kentucky River Keeper. 45 volunteers of all ages (6-70+) from Friends of Red River, KWA, KRK, and Red Oaks Forest School donated 7 hours each and hauled out 15 bags of trash and a random assortment of metal, plastic and two tires. Eastern Kentucky University donated 10 canoes for the cleanup- no small task with the loading, travel, unloading, reloading, and cleaning boats after a cleanup!

Submitted by: Laura Gregory, Kentucky Waterways Alliance, Red River Watershed Coordinator
Kentucky River Lock 1 (Carrollton), **Lock 2** (Lockport), **Lock 3** (Monterey, Gest) and **Lock 4** (Frankfort) will be operated from May 25th until October 28th, according to the following schedule:

Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays  
10:00 AM to 7:30 PM

Additional Holiday Hours
- **Monday, May 28th** 10:00 AM to 7:30 PM
- **Monday, July 2nd** 10:00 AM to 7:30 PM
- **Monday, Sept. 3rd** 10:00 AM to 7:30 PM

Beginning September 7th locking hours Friday – Sunday will move back one hour and will be from 9:00 AM to 6:30 PM

Kentucky River Lock 5 through 14 are closed until further notice. There is no fee to lock through. Please visit our web page for instructions and safety information regarding the Kentucky River Locks at [www.kra.ky.gov](http://www.kra.ky.gov) and Check us out on Facebook

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Check out, share and like the Kentucky River Authority’s Facebook Page

If you haven’t already, check out the Kentucky River Authority’s Facebook Page. Just go to Facebook.com and type in Kentucky River Authority in the search box at the top of the page. While we will still maintain our Finance Cabinet webpage with information about the river and our agency, we will be using the Facebook page to announce activities on the river and better engage the public with our agency. Our Facebook should allow us to reach a larger audience than our more static web page. Also, if you have anything that you would be interested in posting please let us know.

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INFORMATIONAL WEBSITES

- www.kra.ky.gov
- www.kyriverkeeper.org
- www.kyriverwatchtrailalliance.org
- www.explorekentucky.us
- www.krww.org
- http://water.weather.gov
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