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Harpers Ferry designated as a Source Water Community!

Harpers Ferry, WV – WV Rivers Coalition has recognized Harpers Ferry with a Source Water Community award. Harpers Ferry and Marlinton are the first two communities in WV to receive this award. A water utility earns the designation as a Source Water Community if they take an active role in protecting the waters that serve as their drinking water source. To receive the designation of a Source Water Community, a water utility must partner with the community on source water protection projects and issue a Proclamation celebrating Drinking Water Week during the first week of May.

Harpers Ferry completed education projects to contribute to their award. Partnerships on the projects included the Elks Run Watershed Group, Potomac Valley Audubon Society, Eastern Panhandle Conservation District, WV Conservation Agency, WV Department of Health and Human Resources, Chesapeake Bay Program, and Jefferson County Parks and Recreation.

Elks Run is the drinking water supply for Harpers Ferry. Potomac Valley Audubon Society incorporated a source water lesson into the watershed education program for elementary schools within the Elks Run Watershed. As part of that program, elementary school students had a “virtual tour” of Harpers Ferry Water Works and planted trees in the watershed. The WV Conservation Agency provided trees for the tree planting.

In April, community partners held an Earth Day event at Sam Michaels Park. The event included bird and nature walks, a rain barrel workshop, a tree planting, and free seedling giveaways. In addition to these activities, the event helped raise awareness to Elks Run as the community’s drinking water supply.

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West Virginia Rivers Coalition congratulates Harpers Ferry in being proactive in educating their community about the important role they play in protecting their drinking water sources.

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