

VLWA 2016 Dave Pearson Watershed Excellence Award

The City of Virginia Beach was awarded the 2016 Dave Pearson Watershed Excellence Award from the Virginia Lakes and Watersheds Association for the Mill Dam Creek Stream Restoration project, Virginia Beach, VA. The award was presented to the City of Virginia Beach and Kerr Environmental Services Corp. during the 2016 Virginia Water Conference, Richmond, VA, March, 13-15, 2016. The project is located along Mill Dam Creek between Bayne Drive and First Colonial Road, east of Lynnhaven Middle School. The project is a stream restoration project that provided stream bank stabilization, created floodplain benches, improved water quality and improved drainage capacity. It was supported by a DEQ - SLAF Grant to provide Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) - Water Quality Improvements.

The City of Virginia Beach Project Manager responsible for the overall project was Ms. Esther Dornin. Parsons Brinkerhoff was the primary consultant with Ms. Amity Dewey serving as Project Manager. Kerr Environmental served as a sub-consultant under Parsons Brinkerhoff. KES collaborated with Parsons Brinkerhoff to develop the design and planting plans, complete pollutant runoff reduction calculations, and receive regulatory approval for impacts to wetlands associated with the project.



Bob Kerr President of Kerr Environmental Services Corp.; Esther Dornin, Project Manager for the City of Virginia Beach; Amity Dewey, Project Manager from Parsons Brinkerhoff; Mike Mundy, Stormwater Program Manager for the City of Virginia Beach; Drew Gould, VLWA President; Deva Borah, VLWA Watershed Committee Chair; and Curtis Hickman, Environmental Project Manager, Kerr Environmental

Deva Borah (Chair), Shelly Frie, Curtis Hickman, Seshadri Iyer, Liz Scheessele, and Stu Stein. This year Deva Borah and Curtis Hickman were excluded from choosing the award recipient as both were involved in projects evaluated for the award.

The Dave Pearson Watershed Excellence Award was established in 2009 in the memory and recognition of Dave Pearson towards his dedicated services to VLWA, the annual water conference, and excellence in achieving water quality improvements in Virginia. The award is annually given at the Virginia Water Conference to the best abstract submitted and presentation made on a completed Virginia Lake or Watershed Project. The VLWA Watershed Committee thoroughly reviews all the abstracts submitted and critically evaluates all the qualifying abstracts selected to come up with the best project and the winner. The current committee members are: Clifton Bell,