The Two Rivers Giving Circle is a charitable organization that fills a critical need. We’re one of the few local sources of grants for Eastern Panhandle nonprofit groups that are engaged in historic preservation and natural resources conservation.

Our members come from Jefferson, Berkeley and Morgan counties, and we confine our grantmaking to those counties. We seek to assist groups that:

- **Save Panhandle Treasures** by protecting historic assets
- **Safeguard Habitats** by conserving land, watersheds, and other natural resources
- **Promote Stewardship** by supporting sound waste management and recycling efforts
- **Educate Children** about the importance of historic preservation and natural resources conservation through engaging and innovative programs

The funds for our grants come from the annual contributions of Giving Circle members and donations from friends, which are all pooled together.

Those who choose to become members don’t just contribute: they also take a hands-on approach to the Circle’s grantmaking, helping to solicit and review grant proposals, and to decide which proposals will be funded. This is a great way to become more involved in the community and to learn more about the process of philanthropy.

Whether you choose to be a member or a donor, participation in the Two Rivers Giving Circle is a meaningful and rewarding way to give back to our community. We hope you will consider joining or donating so we can expand the Circle’s efforts and all do more together.
Name: ________________________________

Address: ______________________________

Home Phone: ____________________________

Business: ______________________________

E-mail: _________________________________

[ ] I want to become a member and participate in the Circle's grantmaking. Here is my $500 tax deductible donation.

[ ] I want to donate to this great cause but not become a member. Here is my tax deductible contribution of $ __________

[ ] Please keep me on your mailing list and up-to-date with what you are doing.

All memberships and donations are tax deductible and should be sent (along with this form) directly to the Eastern West Virginia Community Foundation at 229 East Martin Street, Suite 4, Martinsburg, WV 25401

Questions? E-mail Community Foundation Executive Director Michael Whalton at mwhalton@EWVCF.org

Because the Two Rivers Giving Circle's members and donors live and work locally, they bring a local perspective to grantmaking. Become a member or donor now and help the Circle expand the assistance it provides to local nonprofit groups working on historic preservation and natural resources conservation issues.

Giving circles, which exist all across the nation, are a simple and powerful concept in philanthropy. A giving circle is formed when individuals come together, combine their dollars in a shared fund, decide collectively where to grant the money, and learn more about their community and philanthropy in the process.

There's more to a giving circle than making grants. Whether formal or informal, giving circles provide a stimulating learning experience and create opportunities to network and socialize.

Our Two Rivers Giving Circle is strengthening and enhancing historic preservation and natural resources conservation in our community. Since the Giving Circle was founded in 2008, we have awarded grants totaling nearly $73,000 to local groups working in these subject areas.

We are hosted by the Eastern West Virginia Community Foundation and we operate under their 501(c) (3) nonprofit status, which reduces our overhead expenses to almost nothing. The Community Foundation handles all our finances, invest our funds and staffs and advises us as needed.

Who joins giving circles? Surveys show it is people like you. They are passionate about historic preservation and natural resources conservation. They like being able to give strategically. They relish the excitement of giving. They appreciate the opportunity to learn and grow together. Please join us today by filling out the enclosed membership form! The Potomac Valley Audubon Society has been awarded several grants from the Two Rivers Giving Circle including one to assist visitors to Stauffer's Marsh (below and on the front cover) in Berkeley County.