2015 Reston Association Community Partner of the Year

Wetland Studies and Solutions, Inc. (WSSI), Northern Virginia Chapter of Trout Unlimited (NVATU) and Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF) - Kids' Trout Fishing Day Partners

Reston Association's community partners share our passion for volunteering and having a positive impact on our community. We are honored to have so many valuable partners who help us achieve our mission and support the community. RA is pleased to award Wetland Studies and Solutions, Inc. (WSSI), Northern Virginia Chapter of Trout Unlimited (NVATU), and Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF) as our Community Partners of the Year. Together they have served the Reston community alongside RA for 6 years to bring trout fishing to Reston, while each playing a significant role in making the Kids' Trout Fishing Day possible. After RA's stream restoration project was completed, the Reston Kids' Trout Fishing Day was founded to bring parents and their children to the
stream as a way to connect with the watershed in which they live. RA’s relationship with WSSI, NVATU, and DGIF has strengthened as the event has continuously gained momentum each year by attracting over 300 children to experience fishing in their neighborhood stream and encouraging them to get outdoors.

DGIF kindly donates coloring books, fishing tattoos, and other goody bag items and allows RA to borrow 50 rods and reels, in addition to also instructing children how to use them. WSSI, NVATU and DGIF help stock the fish the day before the event and bring volunteers to help out as well. WSSI generously purchases the 400+ fish, a donation of almost $1000 each year, which stock the Snakeden Branch stream, as well as help to supply items for the goody bags. In addition to their generosity, they also support the event with volunteers who assist with taking registrations, stuffing goody bags, helping kids fish, and even cleaning the trout. RA is honored to award Wetland Studies and Solutions, Inc., the Northern Virginia Chapter of Trout Unlimited, and Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries as our Community Partners of the Year. Thank you for your continuous commitment, dedication, and support of the Reston community’s mission year after year.