

VBR Affiliate Spotlight- Eagle River Watershed Council



Eagle River Watershed Council advocates for the health and conservation of the Upper Colorado and Eagle River basins through research, education and projects. The

Watershed Council strives to protect our streams for their intrinsic value, while recognizing that they are critical economic drivers for our valley: Visitors are drawn to our recreational opportunities, many of which take place in our streams or depend upon them. The beauty and recreational amenities offered by our rivers also help lure many of these visitors into becoming residents.

The Watershed Council monitors water quality throughout the valley and is able to identify threats as they emerge so that they can be addressed early. The restoration projects taken on by the Watershed Council, including a \$4 million project recently completed on the Eagle River in Edwards, improve water quality, scenery and property values. The Watershed Council educates over 600 local youth with engaging curriculum and provides service learning opportunities to over 400 people every year.

Additionally, the Watershed Council organizes the Community Pride Highway Cleanup each spring and the Eagle River Cleanup every fall. These two events bring 1,000 volunteers out to clean 140 miles of highways and 350 people to clean 70 miles of streams respectively every single year- you can help stop trash from polluting our streams by joining the Vail Board of Realtors' team!

Learn more about this nonprofit 501c3 organization that helps to improve and protect property values throughout the valley – and support their work – at www.erwc.org or call 970-827-5406.