

The Cawaco Grant Program

Highlights of 2017

The Numbers

- 54 Projects
- Funds Distributed: \$209,009.98
- 1318 Events
- 649 Volunteers
- 7,502 Volunteer Hours
- 408,548 people served
- Total Value: \$1,841,720.49

Cawaco Grants

- Grants We Wrote and Managed
 - Tools for Trails
 - Seeds for Gardens

Tools for Trails (Area-Wide)

- Grant Amount: \$3200
 - Added Value: \$109,782.96
 - Total Value: **\$112,182.96**
- The cargo trailer has trail building/ maintenance equipment and is managed and inventoried by Charles Yeager, Manager of Turkey Creek Nature Preserve
 - Used 28 times in 2017
 - 647 volunteers
 - Got 723 hours of use
 - Cleared or maintained over 2,000 feet of trail

Tools for Trails



Tools for Trails



Seeds for Gardens (Multiple Counties)

- Grant Amount: \$5000.00
 - Added Value:\$444,273.00
 - Total Value: **\$449,273.00**

How? We consider the Scott Soil Donation as added value to this grant since many of the gardeners who receive the seed also get soil!

Seeds for Gardens



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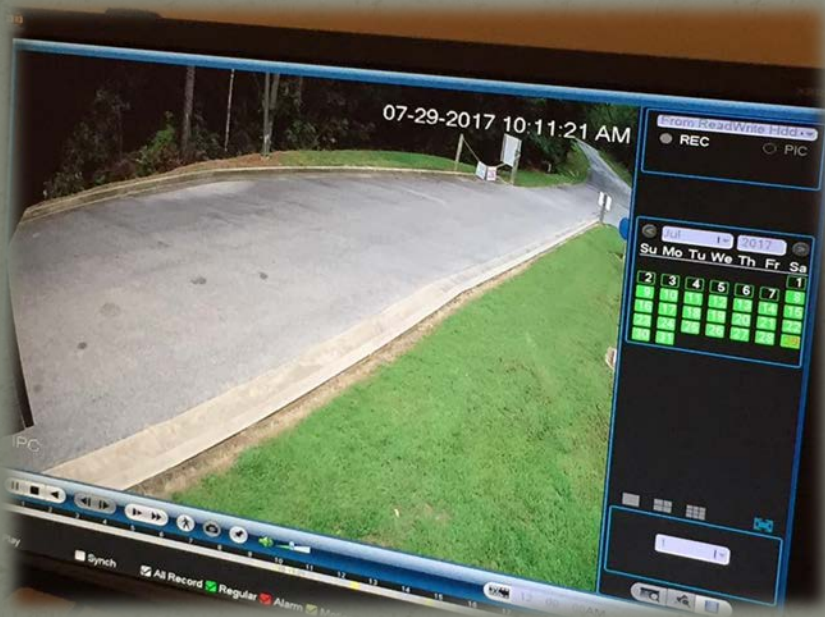


Great Parks, Safe Parks (Chilton)

- Grant Amount: \$3543
- Added Value:\$5171.22
- Total Value: \$8714.22

Chilton County Parks and Rec purchased a security system that can be monitored by desktop or on the Park managers smart phone. Cameras are motion activated and the park managers can pick any date and time during any month and check activity. This is one of those projects that is useful all year, keeps the public safer, will be useful in years to come, and meets one of our priority focus areas of parks and recreation. [?]

Great Parks, Safe Parks



Scholarships for Red Mountain Park (Jefferson)

- **Grant Amount : \$8956.84**
- **400 Students**
- **Total Value: \$32,007.62**

Students helped clear nearly two acres of invasive overgrowth that will be the site of a new sensory trail for Red Mountain Park guests with autism. In the process of lopping privet and spraying herbicide, students learned about why invasive species are bad for an ecosystem, and effective ways to treat land for restoration. This project introduced Birmingham City School students to Red Mountain Park for the first time, and allowed them to not only see the Park and all it has to offer them, but make a real, long-lasting impact that will improve the Park for its guests for years to come.

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Manna Farms (Shelby)

- Grant Amount: \$3743.60
- Total Value: **\$19,052.90**
- Cawaco granted Manna Farms a grant to purchase the materials to construct and cover a greenhouse. Manna grows fresh fruits and vegetables for families in need. Everything grown at Manna Farms goes to a food share program and is distributed to about 100 families a week. In addition to the grant funds, Cawaco also provided vegetable seed and topsoil, free of charge.

Manna Farms



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Storm Shelter for Townley (Walker)

- Grant Amount: \$3000
- Total Value: \$33,636.00
- Cawaco, with the assistance of Senator Greg Reed and Representative Tim Wadsworth, helped identify this project, where a small grant to the Town of Townley helped them meet their match requirement for a large federal grant. The shelter, once it is built, will keep the community safe during natural disasters.

Storm Shelter for Townley



Rat Rod Challenge (Walker)

- Grant Amount: \$5497.37
- Total Value: \$14,360.37

Walker County Center for Technology students completely modified an old school bus and rebuilt it (street-legal), and entered it in a competition in North Carolina in April of 2017.

The Cawaco funds were used to purchase metal working equipment and engine test equipment. With this equipment the students were able to build a vehicle from recycled parts from the salvage yard and build as well as test the engine for the project. Students were able to learn welding, metal fabrication and time management skills during the project.

Rat Rod Challenge



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Johnson's Hot Rod Shop

May 2 at 11:37am • Instagram • 🌐

We were fortunate enough to have some visitors roll through our shop. Anthony & Sherrie Myrick, and his students on their way home from the Charlotte STEAM Rat Rod Challenge in North Carolina. These students took full size bus, lowered it, cut it and rebuilt the motor, and we approve!! **#teachtheyoung #makeityourown #craftsmanship #ratrod #bus #custom #teamwork #ford #johnsonshotrodshop**



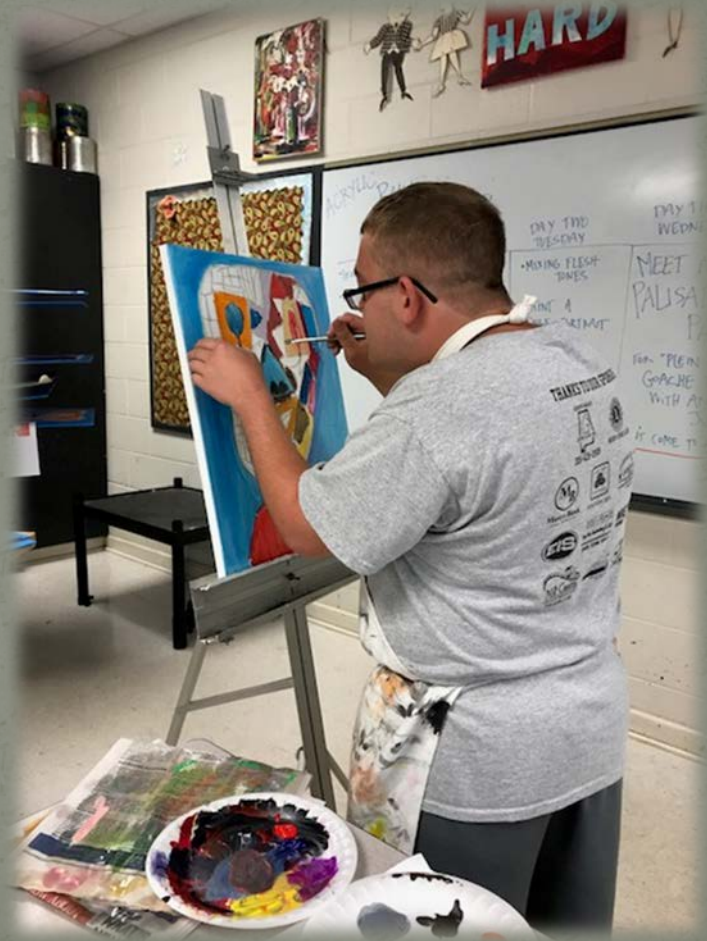
Summer Learning (Blount)

- Grant Amount: \$5723.79
- Total Value: \$66,328.79
- Summer Learning Connections seeks to lessen the impact of the summer loss by providing high quality summer learning opportunities through the school libraries and academic themed camps. Having the appropriate resources and supplies which to conduct the library and camping programs ensures all activities are high engagement ones. Negating the summer learning loss directly and positively impacts the individual student participant and ultimately, the entire school district.

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