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Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy Grant Stabilizes Stream Bank At Kiwanis Park

Buchanan County, Va.- Enjoying the Levisa River in Buchanan County will be much easier due to a grant from the Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy (DMME). The Department granted \$20,000 to the Big Sandy Soil and Water Conservation District (BSSWCD) to improve water quality and access to the river by stabilizing the stream bank at the Millard Richardson Playground built by the Kiwanis Club in Grundy.

DMME participated in a ribbon-cutting ceremony dedicating the Farmers market, Millard Richardson Playground, new river access and completed stream bank project along the Levisa River today. The money for the stream project came from a settlement agreement reached with Consolidation Coal Company and will improve the overall health of the Levisa.

“Projects that improve water quality for the residents of Southwest Virginia are a priority to our agency,” said DMME Deputy Director Butch Lambert. “Partnering with the big Sandy Soil and Water Conservation District on improving this stream bank where children play is certainly an added bonus. We know we will find more opportunities to improve the environment for the next generation.”

The project stopped erosion of the stream bank and provided access to the river with a graveled path. Trees were also planted along the fence row of the new Kiwanis Park.

This is one of many stream projects in which DMME and the BSSWCD have partnered. Both share goals of reducing water pollution and restoring impaired stream segments.

For more information on DMME’s water quality work visit the agency’s [website](#).

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