



Blue Thumb—In Pictures

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An APP-etizer of What's to Come

This month, we've launched the final product of our new data entry app! Monitoring volunteers will now be able to submit their monitoring data completely electronically through a data app that QA Officer Kim Shaw has been working tirelessly on. One of the best parts of the app is the ability for volunteers to take photos of their creek while out monitoring and submit them with the rest of their data! And this is all a precursor of what's to come with our monitoring data.



Above are photos submitted by volunteers of their creek through our new app! On the left is Shell Creek in Adair County, while the right is Little Deep Creek in Weatherford. These creeks are in very different parts of the state; can you spot some differences between them?

Quality Assurance, Wherever

This past year has definitely been a unique one when it comes to meeting with volunteers. One of the most important things that happens when field staff meet with their volunteers is the Quality Assurance. These sessions continue to ensure the integrity of the data our volunteers collect.



A volunteer gets her QA session done on the back of staff's truck in the office parking lot.

Education, Education, Education

With this year being what it has been, Blue Thumb has had to reduce the amount of in-person education events, sometimes cancelling them entirely. Because of this, we've had to think outside the box when it comes to our education efforts. Over the course of this year we've compiled several educational videos, from fish and macroinvertebrates, to demonstrations of common educational tools we use, to videos about streams and creeks and the people who monitor them. Even this past month has seen it's fair share of videos on our website!

