



# *Connecting Currents*

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The Mohawk Valley Trout Unlimited Chapter Newsletter    Edition: 2025-2

Mohawk Valley Trout Unlimited, Whitesboro, NY

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**Monthly Meetings, 6:30 PM 2nd Wednesday of each month (September to May)**

**(confirm location and date on website or Facebook)**

**There's some great local pattern videos available on our facebook page.**

MVTU Facebook page



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## ***Upcoming General Meetings***

**Wednesday March 12 6:30 PM - NY Mills Community Center  
320 Main St, New York Mills  
DEC Fisheries Biologist - Dave Erway and DEC ECO Steve  
Lakeman - Catch up on the latest DEC Region 6 and state news.  
Welcome to non-members.**

**Thursday April 10 - (note date and location change) at HCCC  
(Herkimer) Robert M<sup>c</sup>Laughlin College Center Amphitheater, rm 288**

**Guest speaker Mark Usyk**



Thanks to author Rob Streeter for a great February Meeting presentation on *Legendary Adirondack Fisherman*

[View Local Events](#)

## ***Upcoming Events***

### CNY Fly Tying Symposium and Outdoor Celebration

Date: Sunday March 23 11 AM - 6 PM

Location: Harts Hill Inn, 135 Clinton St., Whitesboro, NY

Admission is free

Buffet Banquet - \$40 (prepay) ([Link to banquet tickets](#))



**A plethora of expert fly tyers will be showing their stuff and feathers!**

Vendors and exhibitors include Mark Usyk, JP Ross Fly Rods, Nash Fly Works, TU and Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust

Speakers include White Dog Outdoors, Bernie Hiney IFGA World Fishing and Upstate Guide Service.

Bucket Raffles for many other prizes too!

Contact [mohawkvalleytu@gmail.com](mailto:mohawkvalleytu@gmail.com) with questions

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## Annual Raffle

Don't forget to send in your raffle tickets!

**Annual Raffle: \$5 per ticket. Drawing during CNY Fly Tying Symposium.**

[Link to raffle tickets](#)

Top prize: 12 ft Radisson Canoe from Mountainman Outdoor Supply

2nd prize \$400 gift certificate from JP Ross Fly Rods

THE ORIGINAL  
**RADISSON** Canoes

Often Copied...  
Never  
Duplicated

**12' Pointed**

Length:	11'6"
Width:	38"
Depth:	13"
Weight:	34 lbs.
Capacity:	500 lbs.
Max HP:	2



Forest Green



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## Sauquoit Creek Cleanup Day April 23

Date: Saturday April 26 9 AM start

Location: Starting at Piggy Pats

Save the Date! Bring friends, guests and family members to help pick up trash on this local urban fishery.

Any Questions contact Don Hahn at [mohawkvalleytu@gmail.com](mailto:mohawkvalleytu@gmail.com)



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## Spring Streamside Tree Planting May 10

Date: Saturday May 10 - 10 AM start

Location: Washington Mills Park, New Hartford

Save another date! Bring your family and friends to help plant 80 samplings along Sauquoit Creek in Washington Mills Park near pavilion where the was recent bank flood prevention work.

Contact [mohawkvalleytu@gmail.com](mailto:mohawkvalleytu@gmail.com) for more info





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## Mohawk Valley TU Upcoming Tables

April 16 - Mohawk Valley Envirothon - Utica Zoo

May 16-18 - Paddlefest - Mountainman Supply - Old Forge

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## *Presidents Line*

Hello everyone,

Welcome to another edition of “Connecting Currents,” the official newsletter of the Mohawk Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited. Our editor and contributing members have done much in putting this together to insure that you keep abreast of events and projects that pertain to our chapter, as well as the latest things happening in cold water conservation and the threats we face to maintain a healthy natural balance in our wetlands and streams. We have to stay vigilant as sportsmen because there are so many others that want something else for our environment. Together our voices make a difference, as can be seen by recent Town Board meetings locally, where

people showed up and said, "We don't want that project here because it harms our environment and our quality of life!" The Trout Unlimited message that states, "If you take care of our water and wetlands, the fish and the creatures that inhabit them will be there for us," is so true.

We hope you enjoy reading this newsletter. Our meetings are open to everyone, so stop in for a visit to see if TU is a good fit for you. Especially note the upcoming Fly Tying Symposium, tree planting event, and the Sauquoit Creek Cleanup that will be happening soon. Your participation can and will make a difference. If you are a parent, these events are an excellent example to teach your children that our environment is a precious gift we need to protect.

Best regards,

Ken Ziobro

President, Mohawk Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited #112

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## *Education*

### **Trout in the Classroom**

This year we've added four new classrooms to the Trout in the Classroom program, including classes Whitesboro, Richfield Springs, Remsen, and Sauquoit Valley. Next year we have three new classrooms signed up so far including additional classes in Sauquoit, Lake Pleasant and Wells. Our team of volunteers supporting Gary has grown to 8 members. We could always use more help in areas where there is a classroom. If you know a teacher interested in participating, please email [mohawkvalleytu@gmail.com](mailto:mohawkvalleytu@gmail.com) and we'll send information.

### **Conservation in the Classroom**

We offer another program that brings elementary students to their nearest waterway to explore insect life and other creatures. Contact the chapter or Jordan Ross to learn more about this great one-hour hands on learning experience for kids.





New TIC tanks at Remsen Elementary and Harts Hill Elementary



Some hungry fry at Holland Patent

Fry Closeup



## *Conservation News*

### **Connected Conservation - for Adirondack Brook Trout**

Youtube video [Connected Conservation - A Future for Adirondack Brook Trout](#)

DEC and TU are continuing their preliminary plans for connecting 30 miles of the headwaters in the Moose River. More information forthcoming.

Contact Jordan Ross Region 6 VP [jross@jrossflyrods.com](mailto:jross@jrossflyrods.com) with any questions on this exciting project.



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### **Oriskany Creek Watershed Commission**

The Oriskany Creek Watershed Commission recent and upcoming meetings are open to the public.

Oriskany Creek Watershed Commission [website](#)

[January 16, 2025 Meeting minutes](#)

Link to the full Oriskany Creek Watershed Sediment & Debris Management Study pdf file below

[https://oneidacountyny.gov/assets/Planning/Oriskany\\_Creek\\_Watershed\\_Sediment\\_Debris\\_Mgmt\\_Study\\_-\\_Final\\_for\\_Release.pdf](https://oneidacountyny.gov/assets/Planning/Oriskany_Creek_Watershed_Sediment_Debris_Mgmt_Study_-_Final_for_Release.pdf)



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## **Sauquoit Creek Tributary Solar Farms**

No additional news from the Towns of New Hartford or Kirkland on this potential solar projects along the Sherrill Brook and Mud Creek tributaries of Sauquoit Creek.

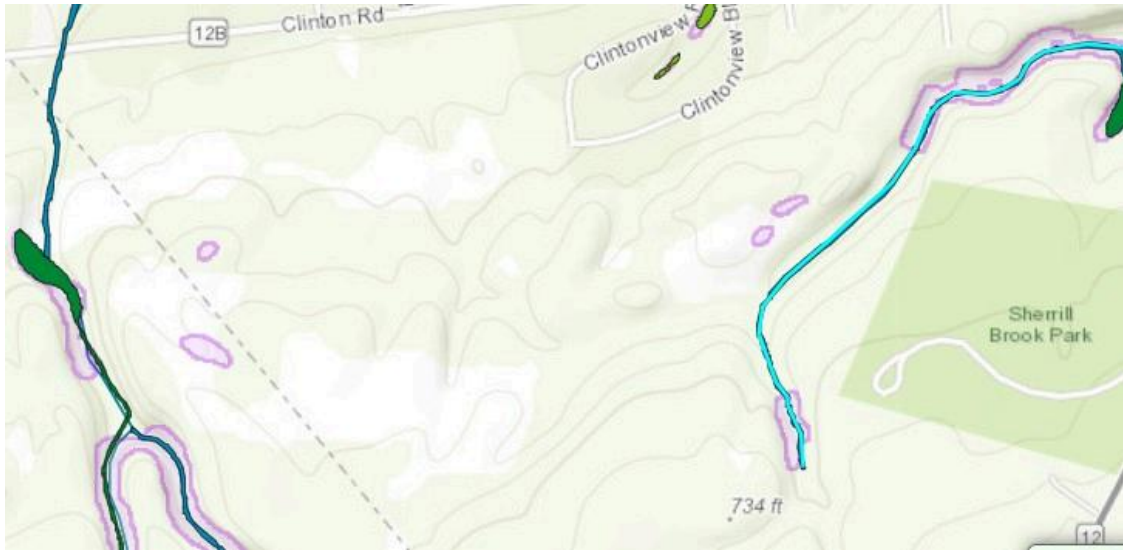
[Town of New Hartford Planning Board Agendas](#)

Upper Sauquoit Creek Flood Study Final Report link below

<https://oneidacountyny.gov/assets/Planning/SauquoitCreekBasin/Maps-Documents/Upper-Sauquoit-Creek-Flood-Study-FINAL-Report-6-13-23.pdf>

Potential Clear Cutting Projects west of Sherrill Brook Park in Sauquoit Creek Basin





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## **Black River Valley Conservation Easement**

[DEC and The Nature Conservancy Announce 768-Acre Conservation Easement to Protect Water Quality in the Black River Valley - NYSDEC](#)

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## **Mohawk River Pollutants Study**

[Professor to lead research into pollutants in Mohawk River | Binghamton News](#)  
(including sections near Delta Lake)

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## **State – Delaware River Watershed**

[Delaware Tailwaters Joint Trout Management Plan](#)

A joint Fisheries Management Plan was released in January 2025 between New York and Pennsylvania to guide the goals and objectives for managing the wild trout populations in the Delaware tailwaters.



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## State and National TU

There's lots of TU events happening around New York and nationally this spring. Click the buttons below to link to the list of activities at other chapters including expos, film festivals, surveys, improvement projects, outings, stream explorers, etc.

[New York Chapter Events](#)

[National Chapter Events](#)

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## Trout Waters Youth Camp

Do you know a teen (girls or boys age 14-17) that would be interested in Trout Unlimited Summer Camp? The Mohawk Valley Chapter will help pay for the 2025 summer camp on the West Branch of the Delaware River from July 6-11. Contact [mohawkvalleytu@gmail.com](mailto:mohawkvalleytu@gmail.com) for an application.



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## *Membership Information*

### **Mohawk Valley Chapter Member Survey**

[MVTU Member Survey](#)

Mohawk Valley Chapter Member Survey has been sent to chapter members. The goal of this survey is to help determine the priorities, activities and events that are preferred by our local members. Members who complete the survey will be entered into a \$50 gift certificate raffle. If you did not see the survey email from Mailchimp, please contact [mohawkvalleytu@gmail.com](mailto:mohawkvalleytu@gmail.com) to get the link.

If you have any questions about your membership or would like to volunteer to participate in any chapter activities, please email [mohawkvalleytu@gmail.com](mailto:mohawkvalleytu@gmail.com).

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## **Bob Fields - Local Legend Passes on to Higher Waters 1932 - 2025**

One of our longtime members and supporters passed away in February. A great spirit, author, veteran, fisherman and worldly gentleman. He will be missed.

### **Obituary link**



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## ***Field Trips***

Spring is around the corner. Interested in fishing with other chapter members? Keep an eye for upcoming local angling activities. Email [mohawkvalleytu@gmail.com](mailto:mohawkvalleytu@gmail.com) for more information or to lead an adventure.



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## *Share the Fun*

Submit photos of your recent fishing adventures.

Submit your fishing or nature photos for the next newsletter.

Email to [mohawkvalleytu@gmail.com](mailto:mohawkvalleytu@gmail.com)



West Branch Delaware Brown



Land Locked Salmon - Grand Lake Stream, ME

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## *Helpful Links*

- Mohawk Valley Trout Unlimited <https://mohawkvalleytu.org/>  
New York State TU <https://newyorkcouncil-tu.org/>  
National TU <https://www.tu.org/>  
NYDEC Region 6 <https://dec.ny.gov/things-to-do/freshwater-fishing/places-to-fish/north-central-ny>  
NYDEC Interactive Fishing Map <https://dec.ny.gov/things-to-do/freshwater-fishing/places-to-fish/trout-stream-fishing-map-guide>  
US Geological New York Streamflows <https://waterwatch.usgs.gov/?m=real&r=ny&w=map>  
TU Priority Waters Interactive Map <https://prioritywaters.tu.org/explore-the-map/>  
Trout in the Classroom <https://www.troutintheclassroom.org/>
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