



Connecting Currents

The Mohawk Valley Trout Unlimited Chapter
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Upcoming Events

July/Aug- Stream Monitoring (Oriskany, Sauquoit, Little Black Creek, SB West Canada)

Aug 20 Fly Casting Clinic

September - Stream Monitoring
(Oriskany, Sauquoit, Little Black Creek, SB West Canada)

Upcoming Meetings

7/10 (Th) Streamside - West Canada

9/9 (Wed) General Meeting

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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)**

[View Local Events](#)

Stream Monitoring

We will be holding monthly stream monitoring sessions.

Oriskany Creek

Sauquoit Creek

Little Black Creek

S Br. West Canada Creek

Other streams?

Volunteers needed to take the lead on stream monitoring. A great way to keep an eye out and learn more about your favorite stream. Only takes about an hour a month. If you are interested in volunteering for Mohawk Valley TU's new monthly water quality monitoring project contact Stu @ 315-272-7866 or mohawkvalleytu@gmail.com.

[Stream Monitoring Volunteer Info](#)

Wednesday August 20 - Fly Casting Clinic

Heron Creek GC 151 Kirkland Ave Clinton

Pass the word to friends and family who may be interested in learning about fly fishing. Volunteers needed to bring equipment and expertise. Who taught you to fly cast? A good way to pay it forward.

Welcome to non-members, youth and beginners

Want to help out? Email to volunteer.



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.

[Chapter Events in New York](#)

[Chapter Events Nationally](#)

2026 CNY Fly Tying Symposium and Outdoor Celebration

SAVE THE DATE! The 2026 CNY Fly Tying Symposium and Outdoor Celebration will be Sunday March 15, 2026 at Harts Hill, Whitesboro, NY



Presidents Line

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to the midsummer edition of our Connecting Currents newsletter. Reading through it, you can see the large number of community outreach projects the Mohawk Valley Chapter is involved in. We feel that these are the best way to expose the region to the many ways that we advocate for cold water conservation in our area. Please read through it and see if there is an activity that peaks your attention and is something you could join us in. Volunteering is a great way to meet like-minded people that share your interests and passions. Meeting people with passion is contagious as they love to share their ideas with others. We are delighted that because of these activities; many new people have come forward to volunteer their time to work with us. Consider coming to one of our events and see if you can feel the enthusiasm our volunteer's project. Trout Unlimited is about more than fishing. Sure, many of us fish, but the main principle of being a member is helping to protect our cold-water resources from any threats now or in the future.

Whether you fish, hike, climb, or otherwise just enjoy the outdoors, a lot of your enjoyment is because of the clean plentiful streams and lakes we are surrounded by.

Water is a gift we have been blessed with. Just being near it promotes calmness and healing in our busy everyday lives, as well as being a recreational choice for us to unwind with. Many times, we take it for granted and believe it will always be there for us to use. Believe me when I say that water is under constant threat from land and air pollution, negligent mining and logging practices, land misuse, and so many other reasons. We need to stay vigilant, and being a member of Trout Unlimited ensures that we keep watching. Please think about joining us.

Best regards,

Ken Ziobro

President, Mohawk Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited #112

Conservation News

Mohawk Valley TU River Keepers (MVTURK) Stream Monitoring

This summer we've had 11 stream monitoring events this summer with interesting initial data collected. We'll be sharing our monitoring results at the end of the season.

This is a great opportunity to engage in local stream conservation, learn how our local waters change over the season and also bring in youngsters and non-fishermen in on some citizen science. Our goal is to establish an online database of baseline water quality characteristics. Do you have an extra hour or so a month for conservation volunteering? If so, please contact mohawkvalleytu@gmail.com

Monitoring Characteristics include

Temperature, Transparency, Biotic Index, Flow Rate, Dissolved Oxygen and Flow

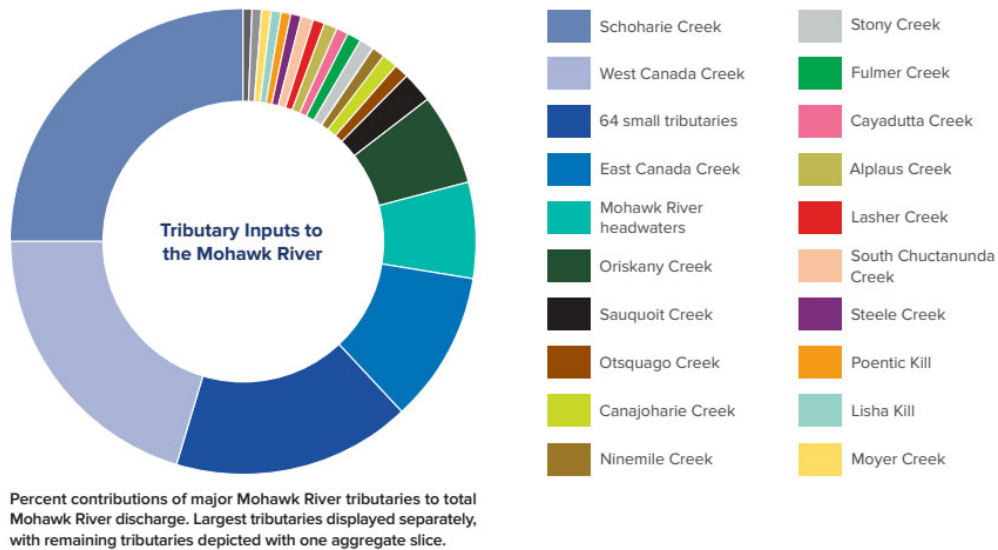
Initially we are modelling the stream monitoring project after the Wisconsin Water Action Volunteer program. For more info on this successful program visit [Water Action Volunteers](#)

If you aren't able to volunteer but want to help out financially, please send a donation to purchase more MVTURK stream monitoring equipment please send a check to Mohawk Valley Chapter Trout Unlimited.



Stream Monitoring Volunteer Info

MVTU joins Upper Mohawk River Basin Steering Committee



Mohawk Valley TU will be represented on the Mohawk River Basin Steering Committee. Here is the link to the current Mohawk River Basin Action Agenda. This plan will probably be updated soon. Any input on future priorities from members would be greatly appreciated.

[2021-26 Mohawk River Basin Action Agenda](#)

Keep the pressure on your congress person

[Contact E Stefanik](#)



West Canada Creek Flow Stoppage

An unplanned (0) flow event occurred on June 22 on the West Canada Creek for over 4 hours. The event was due to power outage of the main and failure of the backup system at the Jarvis Power station. If anyone saw anything unusual, such as dead fish, during or after this period please report it to the DEC. Also keep eyes open for any similar occurrences on your area streams.



Black River Watershed Conference

June 2025

The Black River Watershed Conference in early June featured many interesting presentations on conservation efforts on this important watershed, including TU's JoAnne Humphreys, who spoke about culvert replacement projects. (included in the link below).



[2025 Black River Watershed Conference Presentations](#)

Oriskany Creek Watershed Commission

The Oriskany Creek Watershed Commission meetings are open to the public. New country club, gym, trails, etc proposed on Oriskany and Big Creeks in the town of Marshall. Footprint?

[2025 Meetings Schedule](#)

[OCWC Website](#)

[June 2025 Minutes](#)

Sauquoit Creek Basin Commission

The Sauquoit Creek Basin Commission meetings are open to the public.

Sauquoit Creek Tributary Solar Farms

New Hartford Planning Board Agendas

Youth Education News

Trout in the Classroom

The 2024-25 was a good year for our local program. We are increasing the number of participating volunteers and classrooms in the Mohawk Valley. Field trips to local streams were well attended and despite several postponements, the students had a great experience visiting streams and learning about trout and their habitats.

If you know an educator interested in this rewarding program, or would like to volunteer please email mohawkvalleytu@gmail.com.





Recent Events

June and July General Meetings: Stream side events at the Oriskany and West Canada, not much fishing but a chance to catch up on local fishing and activities.

Stream Monitoring Event Continue all Summer: Currently four streams being surveyed monthly. Reach out if you would like to participate.

Membership Information

Don't forget to renew your membership to TU. It's a critical time for cold water conservation and Trout Unlimited needs your support.

Chapter Elections are coming up soon. If you are interested in getting a little more involved in TU, this is a good way to pitch in. We can use help with membership, director positions, or other board member positions.

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

Field Trips

Come out to the fly casting clinic on Aug 20 at Heron Creek to help out or learn more skills.

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

**Recent Action on our Local and State Waters
New NY Brook Trout and Fall Fish Records!**

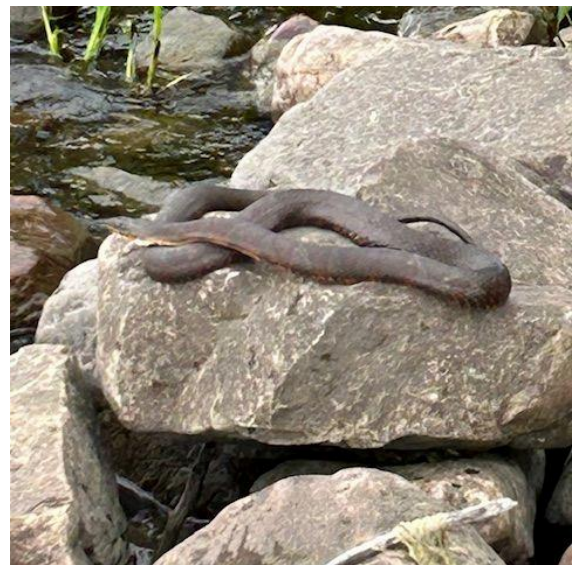
As the waters heat up this summer, try not to stress the trout.

Avoid fishing in warm waters (over 68F)

Use a heavier tippet to bring them to net faster

Use barbless hooks for a quick release

Try fishing for bass other warm water fish



Bass Are Fun Too!!





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/>
Fish Creek Atlantic Salmon Club <http://www.fishcreeksalmon.org/>

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