



Connecting Currents

The Mohawk Valley Trout Unlimited Chapter
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Upcoming Events

Sep 13 Big Creek Tree Planting
Sep 17- MVTURK Sauquoit Monitoring
Sep 22 - MVTURK Intro to Monitoring
Sep 23 - MVTURK Oriskany
Monitoring
Sep - MVTURK Little Black Cr and SB
West Canada
Oct 4 - CNY Watershed Sampling ESF
Oct 9 - Tackle Swap Meet

Upcoming Meetings

Sep 10 General Mtg - NY Mills Ctr
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Nov 13 General Mtg
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Presidents Line

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to autumn, and with it a new edition of our Connecting Currents newsletter. As I was reading through this newsletter, I was amazed at the number of functions that our Trout Unlimited Chapter has to offer our local community to promote cold water conservation. Fall is a great time to get outdoors and enjoy all the natural beauty and resources that Central NY offers. You can also make your outdoor experience even more enjoyable by getting involved in one of the upcoming events our chapter has planned. Stream monitoring, improving fishing skills, new Trout in the Classroom projects, and stream tree plantings are just a few of the items that could catch your interest. The people that you meet at these gatherings all share the same passion that our natural resources are a gift that need to be enjoyed but also protected for future generations. Time does not allow you to be involved in all these events, but if you can pick just one, I guarantee you will be making a positive impact on our environment.

At our October general meeting we will be having our election of new officers and directors for the upcoming year. The proposed slate is listed in this newsletter, and I congratulate each of the nominees for stepping up to lead what I consider the most effective cold water conservation organization in the country. I thank them for the time and effort they put into make sure we take care of our natural gifts. Trout Unlimited may have been started by a

group of people that saw a better way to improve fishing through habitat protection, but it has become so much more and impacts how we use and protect our natural resources, as well as educating people of all ages on how we can do better in conserving what we need for the future.

If you are interested and wish to be a part of this amazing organization, please contact us for more information. You will be glad you did!

Best regards,

Ken Ziobro

President, Mohawk Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited #112

Upcoming Events and Chapter Meetings

Monthly Meetings, 6:30 PM each month (September to May) (confirm location and date on website or Facebook)

[View Local Events](#)

Wed. Sept 10 - General Meeting - NY Mills Community Center - Guest Speaker Bill Jackson - Alaska Fishing Adventure



Thu. Oct 9 - General Meeting - NY Mills

Trout Unlimited

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Trout in the classroom connects students with their watershed

Trout Unlimited's environmental education program is a gateway to environmental education for students. It fosters a new generation of advocates for salmonids and the watersheds in which they live.

Learn More in English



MVTU River Keepers
On Stream Introduction
Monday Sept. 22 at Dunham Manor Park, Whitesboro

Your favorite stream

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. Or come out to the introduction to monitoring event on Monday Sept 22 at Dunham Manor Park Whitesboro on Sauquoit Creek.

Stream Monitoring Volunteer Info



Saturday Sept 13 - Big Creek Tree Planting

Firemen's Field Waterville NY

NY State TU and local organizations are holding a tree planting on Big Creek in Waterville. This stream is an important tributary to Oriskany Creek.

Welcome to non-members, family and friends

Save the Date

Saturday October 4 Water Sampling Event along many of our local streams. In cooperation with SUNY ESF. Details coming soon. We hope to provide 50 to 100 water samples for ESF students to test Mg, Ca, Phosphates, Nitrates and Sulphates. If you want to help that day please contact mohawkvalleytu@gmail.com.

2026 CNY Fly Tying Symposium and Outdoor Celebration

SAVE THE DATE! The 2026 CNY Fly Tying Symposium and Outdoor Celebration will be Sunday March 22, 2026 at Harts Hill, Whitesboro, NY

We're starting to plan. Let us know if you want to help organize.



Check out more upcoming TU Events

Click the buttons below to link to the list of activities at local, state, and chapters throughout the US including expos, film festivals, surveys, improvement projects, outings, stream explorers, etc.

Chapter
Events in New
York

View Local
Events

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Events
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2026 Northeast Regional Rendezvous



Northeast
Regional Rendezvous

April 10-12, 2026
Roscoe Mountain Club
Roscoe, NY

We welcome & encourage all chapter leaders,
members, supporters and partners to attend

tu.org/regionals

2026 Northeast Regional Rendezvous

By TROUT UNLIMITED

Roscoe Mountain Club- Roscoe, NY

📅 Fri, Apr 10, 2026 12:00 PM (EDT) - Sun, Apr 12, 2026 3:00 PM (EDT)

📍 Roscoe Mountain Club, Roscoe, New York

Conservation News

Mohawk Valley TU River Keepers (MVTURK) Stream Monitoring

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

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

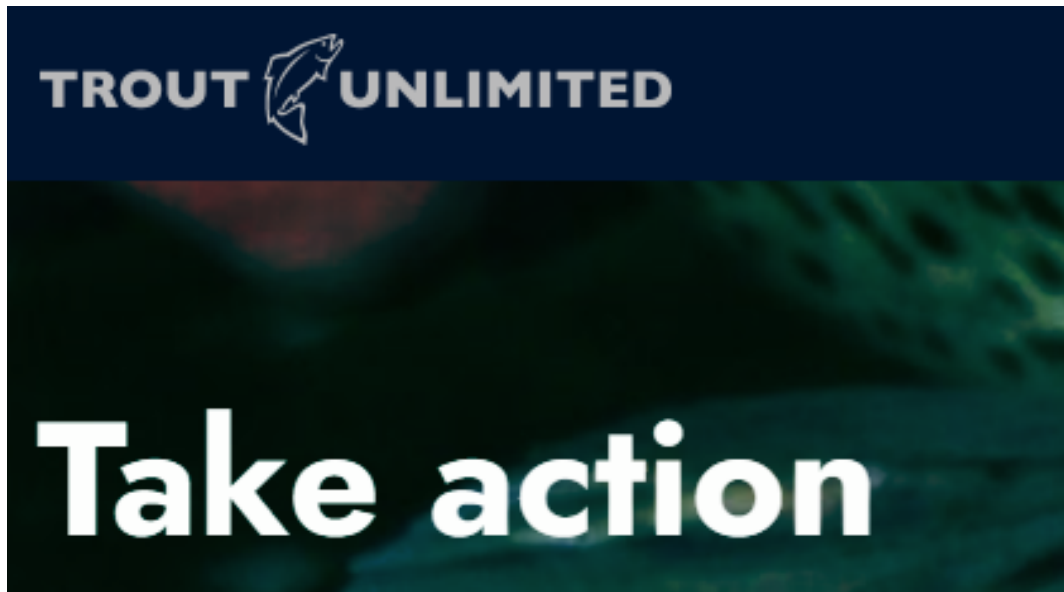
Mohawk River Basin Steering Committee

The Mohawk River Basin Steering Committee will be meeting over the next few months. Here is the link to the current Mohawk River Basin Action Agenda. If you

have thoughts on future priorities for our area streams particularly with respect to pages 17- 20 please send them to the chapter.

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

[Email Comments and Suggestions](#)



**Tell your congress person how you feel about
pending legislation**

[Contact E Stefanik NY-21](#)

[Contact J.Manion NY-22](#)



Protect America's Roadless Public Lands

45 million acres of national forest lands are at risk, and we need your help. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has published notice that it is beginning the process to repeal the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule and open our roadless public lands up to harmful...



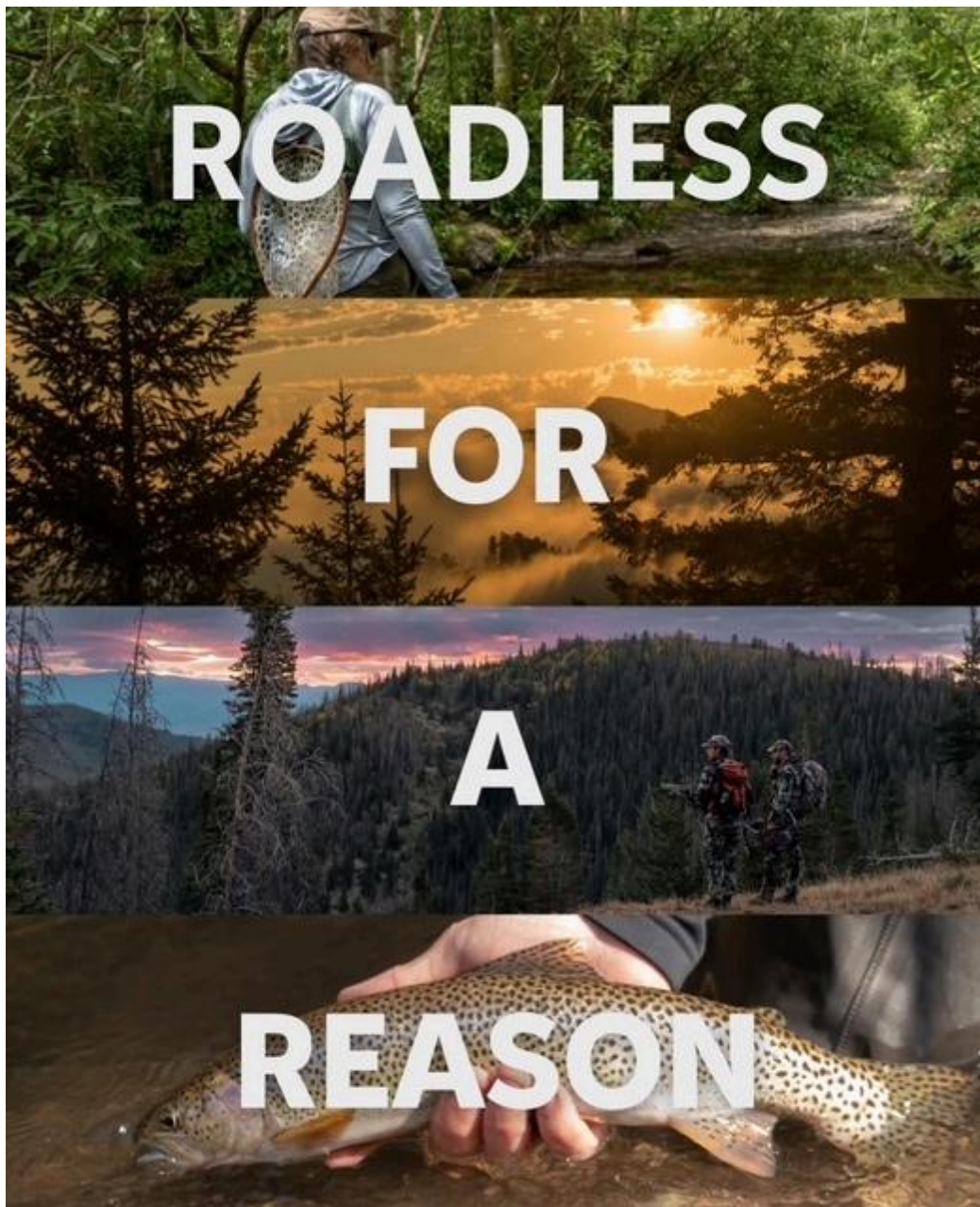
Protect Clean Water - Oppose legislation to undermine clean water protections (H.R. 3898)

Clean water is the lifeblood of healthy fisheries, wildlife habitat, and strong communities. But right now, Congress is considering H.R. 3898, the "Promoting Efficient Review for Modern Infrastructure Today Act" (PERMIT Act) — a bill that would severely weaken core...



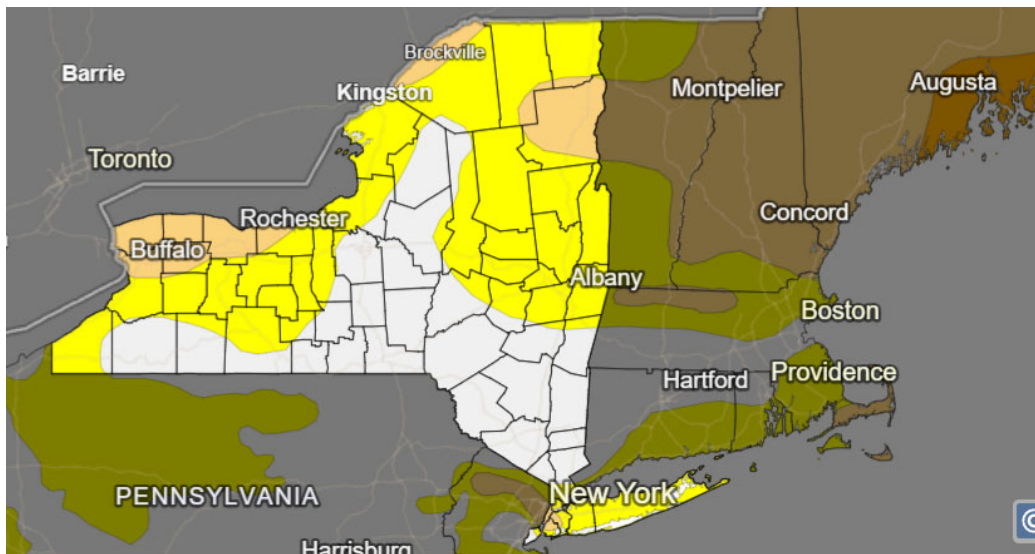
Oppose HR 2073 (Defending Our Dams Act) to protect salmon and steelhead

Salmon and steelhead are more than just fish—they are the lifeblood of the Pacific Northwest's outdoor heritage, economy, and culture. Decades of collaboration among sportsmen, Tribal nations, conservation organizations, and local businesses have worked to restore these...



Send comments to USDA now, comment period closes soon.

New York State Drought News



picts the location and intensity of
The map uses 5 classifications:
g areas that may be going into or
nd four levels of drought (D1-D4).
by the National Oceanic and
U.S. Department of Agriculture,
tion Center. Authors from these
map each week, using both

Legend

Drought & Dryness Categories

		% of NY
	D0 – Abnormally Dry	50.0%
	D1 – Moderate Drought	10.8%

Oriskany Creek Watershed Commission

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

Next meeting was changed to September 23 4:30 PM Waterville

2025 Meetings
Schedule

OCWC
Website

August 2025
Minutes

Sauquoit Creek Basin Commission

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

SCBC Website

June 2025 Minutes

Sauquoit Creek Tributary Solar Farms

Still quiet?

Solar farm proposed on Limberlost Rd near Rt. 5 in the town of Kirkland.

New Hartford Planning Board Agendas

Tug Hill Commission

Little Salmon River Dams

food for thought,

What local stream dams need to be removed?

If you are interested in participating in a survey of Sauquoit Creek dams and culverts please let us know.

I'm interested in identifying the dams on the Sauquoit Creek



Youth Education News

Trout in the Classroom

The 2025-26 Trout in the Classroom program is around the corner. Here's a great way to engage with educating future generations about the importance of clean water for trout. We will be having an organizing meeting in September and need volunteers to coordinate with local teachers. Keep an eye out for the meeting announcement. If you know an educator interested in this rewarding program, or you would like to volunteer please email mohawkvalleytu@gmail.com.

I'm interested in helping with Trout in the Classroom



HART'S HILL BROOK TROUT

One June 17, Hart's Hill Elementary third graders and their teachers released brook trout that they raised from fry this school year, in collaboration with our local Mohawk Valley Trout Unlimited Chapter. Throughout the year, third grade classroom teachers guided students to maintain and care for the young fish. Students learned about the life cycle of a brook trout, fed and cared for the fish, monitored pH levels, sampled nitrate and ammonia levels, recorded water temperature, documented growth and maintained observational records.

The students were able to interact with nature as well as the Trout Unlimited team. They enjoyed listening, answering questions and most importantly, had a blast releasing their very own Hart's Hill raised brook trout -- or as students say, "Bart," "Gary," "Fred," etc.

A very special thank you to our amazing team of third grade teachers: Mrs. Huther, Mrs. Charlebois and Ms. Jerome for their efforts working with students, taking care of the trout and being the best. Additionally, thank you to our Trout Unlimited Mohawk Valley Chapter representatives Gary Bartell, Bill Jackson and JP Ross for spearheading the initiative and volunteering countless hours teaching our students about our watersheds, trout conservation and natural sciences. Thank you to all parent/guardian chaperones and volunteers -- your help was greatly appreciated!

SEPTEMBER 2025

Recent Events

Fly Casting Clinic: We had about 10 folks participate in the fly casting clinic in August. thanks to the folks at Heron Creek for letting us use their pond.



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 will be held at the October General Meeting. If you are interested in getting a little more involved in TU, this is a good way to pitch in even if you can't make meetings.

We are looking for a membership chairperson.

The main duties are:

Contact and welcome new members and get email addresses

Remind lapsed members that it's time to renew.

Send corrections in member info to TU National

Slate of Officers and Directors for Mohawk Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited #112 for 2025-26.

Officers

President – Stuart Miller stumill67@gmail.com

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Region 6 Vice President and Director

Jordan Ross – jpross@jprossflyrods.com

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

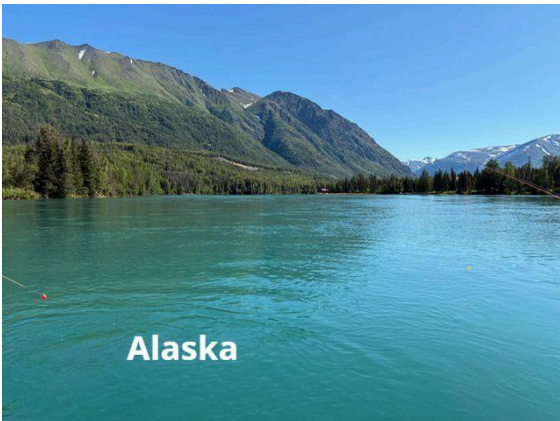
Some upcoming potential field trips include visits to local hatcheries, and hydropower plants. Watch for emails announcing the events.

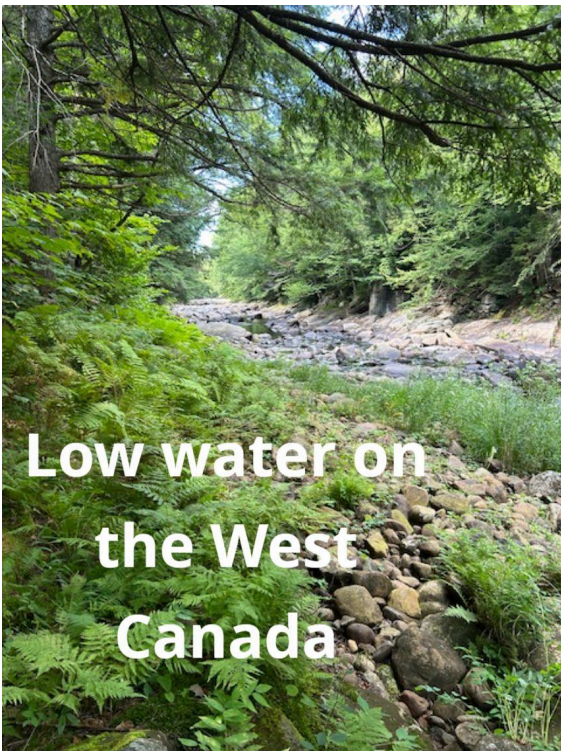
Share the Fun

Submit photos of your recent fishing adventures.

Submit your fishing or nature photos for the next newsletter.

[Submit a Photo](#)





Helpful Links

Mohawk Valley Trout Unlimited <https://mohawkvalleytu.org/>
New York State TU <https://newyorkcouncil-tu.org/>

National TU <https://www.tu.org/>
National TU Action Center <https://www.tu.org/conservation/take-action>
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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