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The Mohawk Valley Trout Unlimited Chapter  
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## ***Upcoming Events***

Oct 22 - MVTURK Sauquoit Monitoring  
Oct 23 - MVTURK Oriskany Monitoring  
Oct 23 - TIC Volunteer Meeting  
Oct 26 - Oneida Lake Walleye  
Oct 27 - MVTURK SB WCanada and  
LBC  
Oct 30 - MVTURK Sauquoit Monitoring  
Nov = Dam and culvert survey

## ***Upcoming Meetings***

Oct 23 - TIC Volunteer Meeting  
Nov 13 (Thu) General Mtg - 69  
Steakhouse  
Dec 11 (Thu) General Mtg - 69  
Steakhouse  
Jan

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## ***Presidents Line***

Hello Everyone,

Just to catch members up, there's been a change in our TU chapter. After 24 years of outstanding leadership, Ken Ziobro passed the baton this fall. That many years of service is an amazing feat of commitment and perseverance from a dedicated and special man. The next time you see Ken please give him a big thank you for his many years of chapter leadership and support of conservation, and our community. Thankfully Ken is not going to float on down the river, he will still be actively serving TU as a board director.

I had the chance to ask Ken a few questions recently about his TU years and interest in fishing and conservation.



*Why did you join Trout Unlimited?*

*KZ: Because my son made me, he was 10 years old, and he started fly fishing. We ran into DEC's Jack Hasse, and he said we needed to learn more about how to flyfish, and the TU folks could help out. That was in 1992. So, we went to a TU meeting and I saw how well they treated my son and were willing to teach him. I thought that this was a great organization.*

*How long have you been involved with the board and served as president?*

*KZ: Almost since I joined. There were not too many volunteers, and they were looking for someone to serve on state council. Then I become VP and then President in 2001.*

*Who was president before you?*

*KZ: Dave Corr, but he was getting busier with the volunteer fire department, so I took over.*

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*Favorite memories of TU activities?*

*KZ: Meeting all the nice people in TU, and some crazy ones, but even they were nice. The Ausable weekend trips were always fond memories, mostly after fishing, I*

*always usually my kids along who received good advice from the fishermen.*

What has changed in TU over the years?

*KZ: Support from TU National has improved a lot over the years. There are much better resources now for volunteers and the chapters. TU National representatives are more available and active with their support. They seem also to have recognized the importance of cold-water conservation in the northeast.*

What would you like to see the chapter doing in the future?

*KZ: Continue educating youth through programs like Trout in the Classroom. Also, have on stream activities, casting clinics, etc. The kids are our future as an organization. TU needs to continue to work at not being just a fly fisherman's organization. All anglers are concerned about improving the water.*

How long have you been fishing?

*KZ: My first trout on a fly was on the West Canada when I was 10 years old. I had an uncle who fished, and he let me go down to the water when it was low with an old pair of boots, and I caught a trout. I fell in love with it.*

What is your favorite local fishing spot?

*KZ: I like the Oriskany because its close and it's great water.*

Favorite fly?

*KZ: Prince nymph, sometimes on a dropper with a big dry.*

Biggest or favorite fish?

*KZ: Any time a trout is on the line.*

Favorite memories?

*KZ: Just being out there alone on a peaceful stream.*

Last words?

*KZ: Now is a great time for kids to participate in TU, there are so many people involved that can help them. I see a bright future for TU. It's a great organization with the same basic mission as 60 years ago; improving and protecting our cold-water fisheries.*

Thanks again Ken!

All the best,

Stu Miller

President, Mohawk Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited #112

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## **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](#)

**Thu Oct 23 6 PM - Trout in the Classroom**  
**Volunteer Meeting** - 69  
**Steakhouse - Come out if interested in helping or to learn more about the program.**

**Sun Oct 26 5 PM -**  
**Oneida Lake Walleye on the Fly** - Bernhards Bay-



***Come out for an evening  
of fishing, see event for  
more details.***

***Thu Nov 13 - General  
Meeting - 69***

***Steakhouse***

***Guest Speaker Gary Bartell  
- Trout in the Classroom  
Plus Stu Miller - Stream  
Monitoring Results***



***Thu Dec 11 - General  
Meeting - 69***

***Steakhouse***

***Guest Speaker Mitch  
Marsden "The Rabbit Hole  
of Getting into Bamboo"***



**Sauquoit Creek - Clayville Oct 22 5 PM**

**Oriskany Creek - O Falls Oct 23 4 PM**

**Little Black Creek - Oct 27**

**S Br. West Canada Creek - Noblesboro - Oct 27 10 AM**

**Sauquoit Creek - Dunham Manor Oct 30 5 PM**

**Confirm time and location with Stu if you want to join us**

If you are interested in monitoring your favorite stream or volunteering for Mohawk Valley TU's monthly water quality monitoring project in 2026, contact Stu @ 315-272-7866 or email [mohawkvalleytu@gmail.com](mailto:mohawkvalleytu@gmail.com).

# EVERY RIVER NEEDS A CHAMPION

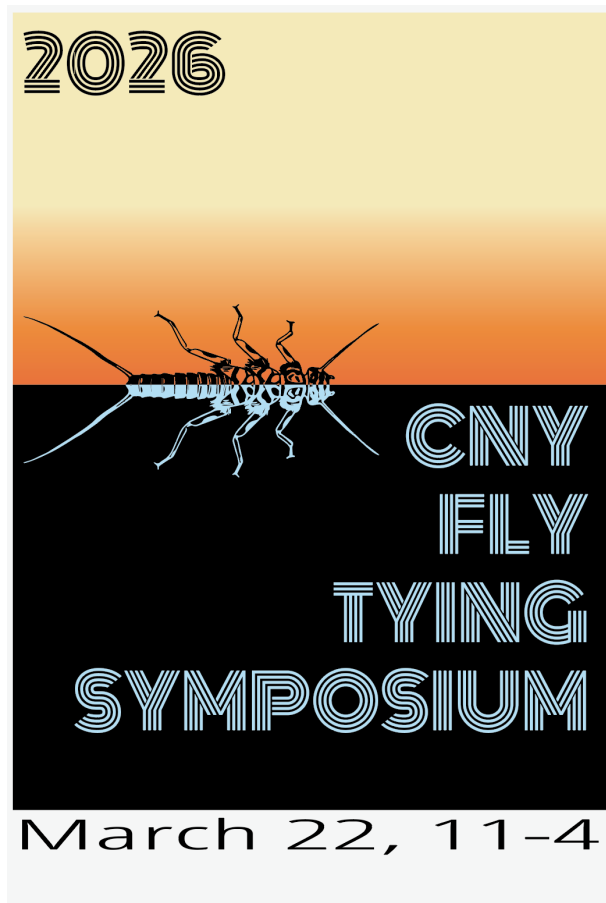
*Stream Monitoring Volunteer Info*

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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.**



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## 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  
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Events

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## 2026 Northeast Regional Rendezvous



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By TROUT UNLIMITED  
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## *Conservation News*

### **Mohawk Valley TU River Keepers (MVTURK) Stream Monitoring**

We are wrapping up the first year of stream monitoring. Data on the first year will be presented at the November General Meeting and shared on the website. We hope to add more streams next year. It only takes an hour or two a month. If you have a favorite location that you would like to monitor, please reach out.

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***

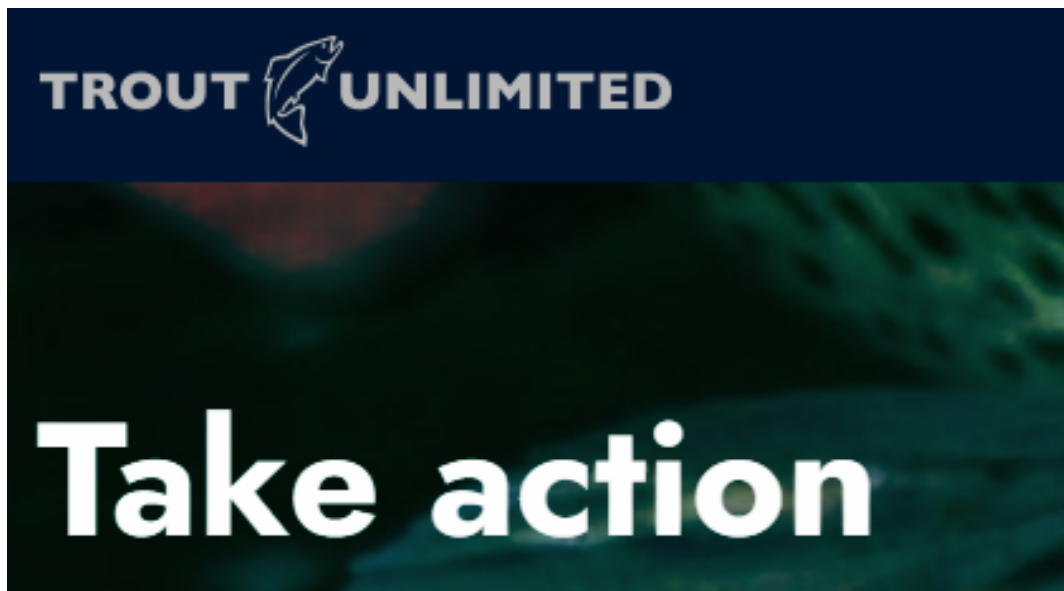
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# Mohawk River Basin Steering Committee

The Mohawk River Basin Steering Committee has begun updating the Mohawk River Basin Action Agenda. This document provides guidelines to the state for prioritizing projects and grants in the next several years. MVTU is participating on this committee. Below is the link to the current Mohawk River Basin Action Agenda. If you have thoughts on future priorities for our area watersheds 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.**

**TU's Action Center provides good links for your voice to be heard.**

**And the list is getting longer.**

Contact E Stefanik NY-21

Contact J.Manion NY-22



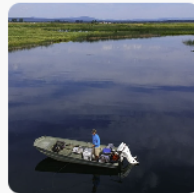
### **Protect Clean Water - Oppose legislation to undermine clean water protections (H.R. 3898)**

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...



### **Tell Congress to support the GLRI Act of 2025**

Great Lakes advocates know the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) investments mean major conservation wins for the region's freshwater. New bipartisan legislation being introduced will give Congress the opportunity to reauthorize the successful federal program...



### **Protect Millions of Acres of Public Lands from Congressional Overreach**

Congress is attempting to use the Congressional Review Act (CRA) to repeal three Resource Management Plans (RMPs) in Montana, North Dakota, and Alaska—plans that protect fish and wildlife habitat, guide responsible development and reflect years of public input regarding the...



### **Safeguard sensitive trout habitat by supporting oil & gas reforms**

Responsible energy development and conservation need not be mutually exclusive, but it depends on smart, balanced policies that support diverse public land uses. Rolling back key oil and gas leasing reforms would jeopardize valuable fish and wildlife habitat. Please...



### **Tell Congress: Protect Roadless Areas**

The U.S. Forest Service recently announced its intent to rescind the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule. This action would remove protections for 58.5 million acres of national forest land across 39 states that are home to irreplaceable fish and wildlife...



### **Keep Public Lands in Public Hands**

America's 640 million acres of public lands – the place we fish, hunt, and recreate – are under threat. Efforts to sell off or otherwise dispose of these public lands are gaining momentum around the country. Fortunately, lawmakers have introduced legislation to limit the...



### **Support permanent safeguards for Bristol Bay**

Multiple lawsuits threaten to overturn the hard-fought safeguards currently preventing the proposed Pebble Mine from causing irreparable harm to Bristol Bay's fishery. Join us in seeking long-term, widely supported permanent safeguards for the region.



### **Please add me to the Kennebec River news mailing list**

On Sept. 23, The Nature Conservancy and power company Brookfield Renewable Partners announced an agreement that will begin the process of decommissioning and removing four dams on the lower Kennebec River in Maine. Trout Unlimited has long advocated for meaningful fish...

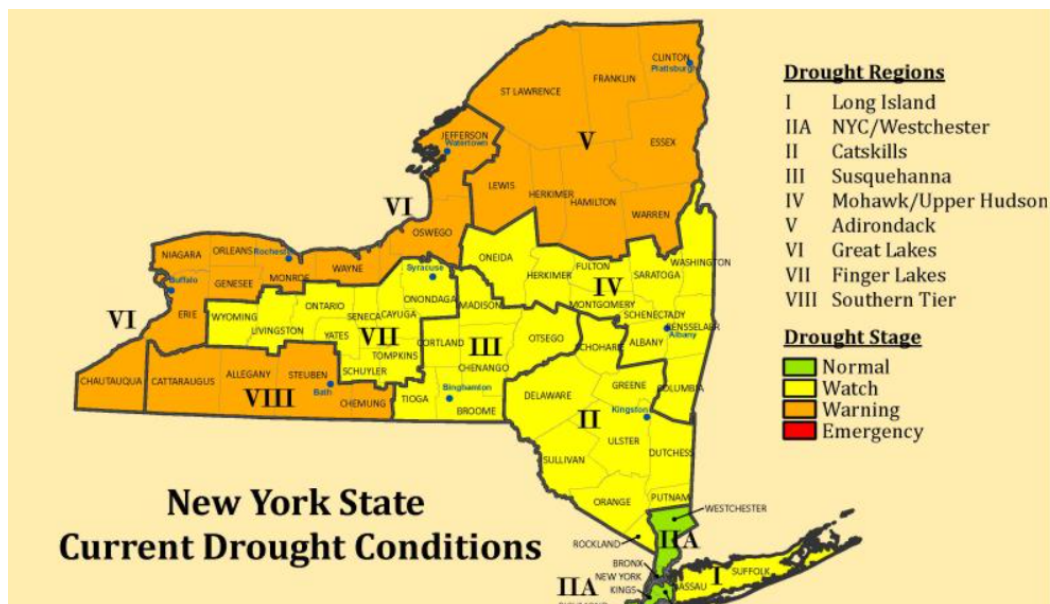


### **Sign Up for Brooks Range Updates**

Located above the Arctic Circle, the Brooks Range is one of the most isolated regions of Alaska. We must maintain a few special places where future generations of hunters and anglers can experience genuine solitude and carry forward our outdoor traditions. That's why the...

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## **New York State Drought News**



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## Oriskany Creek Watershed Commission

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

Next meeting was changed to Oct 28 4:30 PM Westmoreland

2025 Meetings  
Schedule

OCWC  
Website

Sept 2025  
Minutes

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## Sauquoit Creek Basin Commission

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

Next meeting Oct 21 3:30 PM Oneida DPW

SCBC Website

Sept 2025 Minutes

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## Sauquoit Creek Tributary Solar Farms

**Still quiet?**

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

**Another solar farm proposed is Brimfield Rd in Kirkland.**

Due to recent issues with proposed solar projects, the town of New Hartford is considering a six month moratorium on solar projects while they review the towns criteria and guidelines for solar project locations.

It's too bad we can just cover all the parking lots with solar panels, they would provide power and also protection from the elements.

New Hartford Planning Board Agendas

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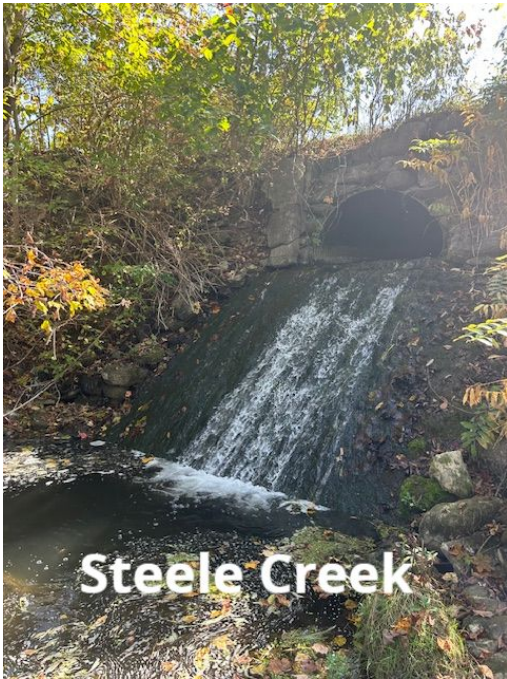
**What local stream dams and perched culverts need to be removed?**

There are two dams that the Oriskany Creek Basin Commission that have been identified as candidates for removal if funding becomes available.

**If you are interested in participating in a dam and culvert survey of local watersheds please let us know.**

While you are out fishing, if you see a perched culvert or small dam that may impede trout movement, take a photo and record the coordinates and send it to [mohawkvalleytu@gmail.com](mailto:mohawkvalleytu@gmail.com). We'll start collecting the data.

*I'm interested in identifying the dams on the local watersheds*



*Submit a Dam or Perched Culvert Photo*

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## **DEC News**

### **Ishua Creek Fish Kill**

Not to be alarmist, but a recent fish kill, due to discharge from a NY cheese processing plant, raises some concerns about the new yogurt plant on the banks of the Mohawk River trout area in Rome. This plant will be a positive economic engine for our communities but still needs to insure they protect against potential effluent discharge disasters. How is Chobani doing this?




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## FERC News

### West Canada Creek

### Hinckley 2701/Jarvis 3211

- 6/22/25 WCC Below min flow - ala 0 CFS - 10/17/25 FERC ruled no violation
- 9/28/25 WCC Below min flow - ala 0 CFS Status of DO sensors installation?

#### DESCRIPTION:

On September 28, 2025, the Trenton Falls Development tripped offline due to a transmission line interruption from National Grid. Brookfield's National System Control Center (NSCC) dispatched a local traveling operator (T.O.) to the Trenton Falls Development to further investigate the trip. Prior to the trip, Trenton Falls' Units 5 was online and generating approximately 4.4 MWs. At approximately 16:04, minimum flow below Trenton reduced to below the required 200 cfs due to the decreased generation. At approximately 16:21, spill began to build over the spillway. At approximately 16:35 the T.O performed a bypass reach check and ensured the area was clear before the NSCC operator opened a floodgate to pass more flow. At approximately 16:51, minimum flow was restored above. Due to the Unit 6 minimum flow valve currently out of service for repairs, the lowest flow recorded during the event was 0 cfs.

## Herkimer 15359

- 9/30/25 Response to deficiency of license application

## Trout in the Classroom

The 2025-26 Trout in the Classroom program is around the corner. The first volunteer meeting is this Thursday Oct 23 6 PM at 69 Steakhouse. Volunteers are needed to help coordinate our growing list of classrooms. Here's a great way to engage with educating future generations about the importance of clean water for trout.

If you know an educator interested in this rewarding program, there is still time to participate in 2025-26 school year. If you can't make the meeting but would still like to volunteer, please email [mohawkvalleytu@gmail.com](mailto:mohawkvalleytu@gmail.com). or contact Bill Jackson or Gary Bartell.

*I'm interested in helping with Trout in the Classroom*



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## *Recent Events*

# Regional Water Sampling Event

On Saturday October 4 Water Sampling Event, in cooperation with SUNY ESF, our 15 volunteers collected 75 water samples from about 16 streams throughout the Mohawk Valley. ESF students will be testing Mg, Ca, Phosphates, Nitrates and Sulphates. A great day to be out on the water.



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## *Membership Information*

If you have any questions or issues with your meembership please contact Bryan Kimball our new membership coordinator.

The new 2025-26 board was elected in October, see below.

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## *Field Trips*

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

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## ***Share the Fun***

Submit photos of your recent fishing adventures.

Submit your fishing or nature photos for the next newsletter.

Submit a Photo



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## ***Helpful Links***

Mohawk Valley Trout Unlimited  
New York State TU

<https://mohawkvalleytu.org/>  
<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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