



# *Connecting Currents*

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## Upcoming Events and Chapter Gatherings

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

Thu Dec 11 - General Meeting - 69 Steakhouse  
Guest Speaker Mitch Marsden “The Rabbit Hole of Getting into Bamboo”



Thu Jan 9 6:00 PM - General Meeting - via Zoom - Learn the ins and outs of dam removals from Saranac Lake's Rich Redman. (note time change)



Thu Jan 29 7:00 PM - Fly-Fishing Film Tour Night - An evening of great fishing films in Little Falls.

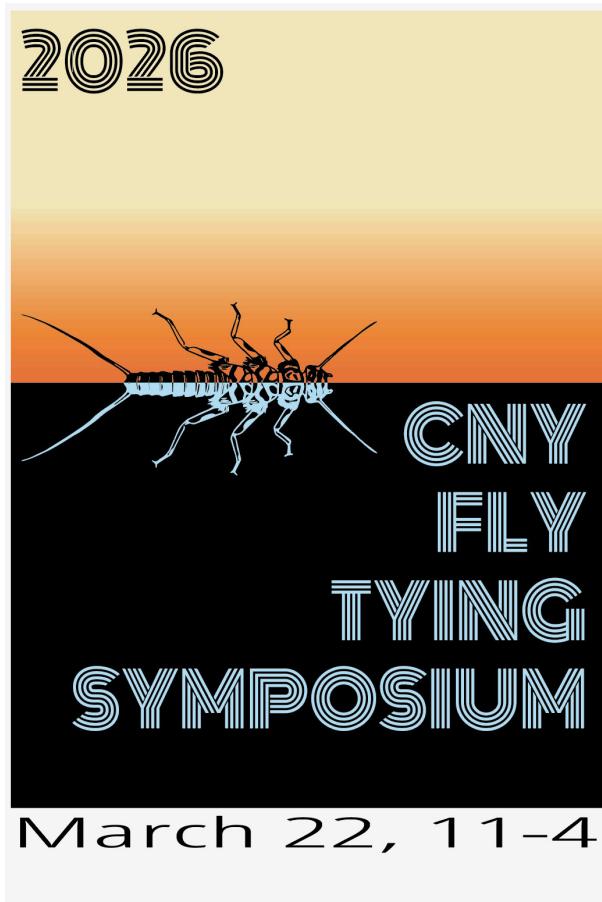


Sun Mar 22 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM - CNY Fly Tying Symposium and Outdoor Celebration - A day of family fun activities, vendors, exhibits, speakers, and raffles to prep you for the upcoming season.

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

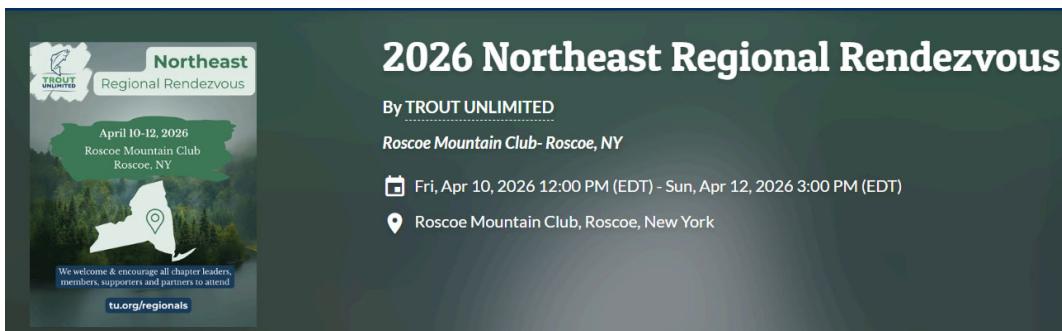
Fly Tyers, Vendors and Exhibitors are signing up. Refreshments from Hart's Hill will also be available. Last year we raised over \$6000 for Trout in the

Classroom. This year we hope to raise a similar amount for TIC and for new MVTURK stream monitoring equipment and sampling expenses.



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## 2026 Northeast Regional Rendezvous



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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  
York

View Local  
Events

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## ***Presidents Line***

Hi All,

As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday, it's a great time to reflect on all the things for which we can be thankful. Whether it's health, family, freedom to pursue our interests and passions, or just living near so many great fishing opportunities. It's a good time to think about the things we care deeply about and how to keep them available for future generations.

The snow is already flying! What a change from the drought conditions of October. Lots of steelhead still around for those who don't mind braving the elements. For others, it's time to think about replacing the lost flies and tackle for next season. November is egg delivery time for our TIC volunteers. It's been a busy month of preparation and deliveries to area schools.

The chapter held a few interesting events recently, including a stream water sampling activity with ESF and fishing evening on Oneida Lake in October. We had a good turnout at the chapter meeting in November with presentations on TIC and the stream monitoring MVTURK project. We also held a, short notice, Redds (trout nest) survey on the Oriskany with a few potential sightings.

Engaging speakers are lined up for the December and January chapter gatherings. And we are also planning a Fishing Film Festival Night on January 29th. See the [MVTU website](#) for more event details and updates.

Steve Prievo recently summarized the financial state for the MVTU chapter and his report is presented below.

The board is currently refining our chapter strategic plan for the next few years. If you are interested in participating, please let us know.

Hope to see you at one of the upcoming chapter events and best wishes for the holiday season!

Stu Miller

President, Mohawk Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited #112

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## *Treasurer's Report*

As we enter another cycle of Trout in the classroom and Chapter fundraising, it seems appropriate to review our previous efforts and successes. One member suggested that our future fundraising might benefit from publicizing the success of our efforts. First, I'd like to point out that the Chapter has adopted some new strategies, with a renewed emphasis on youth education, particularly Trout in the Classroom projects. We've updated our social media presence (website and Facebook), and we changed the format of our primary fundraising raffle and added a very successful Fly Tying Symposium. We set a goal of raising \$3000 for purchasing chillers for TIC projects. Ultimately, we raised a net amount of \$6808 in the past 10 months. In addition, \$500 was donated by a member in November of 2024, at the start of our planning. Even as we were in the middle of our planning the interest in TIC grew and the number of participating schools increased to 22, with 2 or 3 new schools starting TIC programs this year.

- We've purchased 10 chillers at a cost of \$6289.64, plus another \$245.08 in chemicals and miscellaneous supplies, bringing the total of TIC expenditures to \$6534.72. This doesn't include unrecorded member purchases of small items or contributions to bus trips.
- We've also given \$500 in student awards, \$300 to TU Trout Camp, and bought digital microscopes for the Stream Safari program (\$189.18).
- The Chapter has also begun a stream monitoring program and there will be equipment purchases associated with the growth of that program. The first two kits were provided by member purchases and equipment donations. A portion of next year's revenue will be allocated to that program.

Steve Prievo

Treasurer, Mohawk Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited #112

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## **Youth Education News**

### **Trout in the Classroom**

It's egg delivery time for our TIC volunteers and classes. Students and teachers are excited about this year. New programs and teachers have started in Waterville, Edmeston, Brookfield, Wells, Lake Pleasant and Clinton. Over 6000 eggs have been supplied by SUNY Morrisville Hatchery. A wonderful contribution to this special learning experience.

See more about the MVTU TIC porgram on our new [TIC website](#) page. 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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# **EVERY RIVER NEEDS A CHAMPION**

### **Conservation News**

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

## **Stream Monitoring 2025**

The first year of our stream monitoring efforts was a success with 16 volunteers participating in 26 events, including a region wide water sampling activity. The MVTURK report is available on the [www.mohawkvalleytu.org](http://www.mohawkvalleytu.org) website.

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.



- 26 Stream Monitoring Events**
- 5 Monitoring Locations on 4 streams**
- 1 Water Sampling Event**
- 75 Water Samples on 10 streams**
- 16 Volunteers**
- Over 200 hours of volunteer time**
- Equipment Donated (~\$800)**

**Stream Monitoring  
Volunteer Info**

**MVTURK 2025 Report**

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## **Oriskany Creek Watershed Commission**

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

Next meeting Jan 27 4:30 PM Oriskany Falls

2025 Meetings  
Schedule

OCWC  
Website

October 2025  
Minutes

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## **Sauquoit Creek Basin Commission**

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

Next meeting Feb 17 Oneida County DPW

SCBC Website

October 2025 Minutes

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## **DEC News**

### **DEC Spruce Creek Acquisition**

**3300-acre parcel purchased on East Canada Cr tributary in Herkimer Cty**



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## **Mohawk Valley Action Agenda**

MVTU is participating in the update of the Mohawk Valley Action Agenda. The updated Mohawk Watershed plan is anticipated by the end of 2026.

The current action plan encompasses four goal categories.

- Water Quality
- Fisheries and Habitats
- Flooding and Resilience
- Recreation and Stewardship



## Mohawk River Basin Action Agenda

CONSERVING, PRESERVING, AND RESTORING  
THE MOHAWK RIVER WATERSHED

2021–2026

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### FERC News

**West Canada Creek**  
**Hinckley 2701/Jarvis 3211**

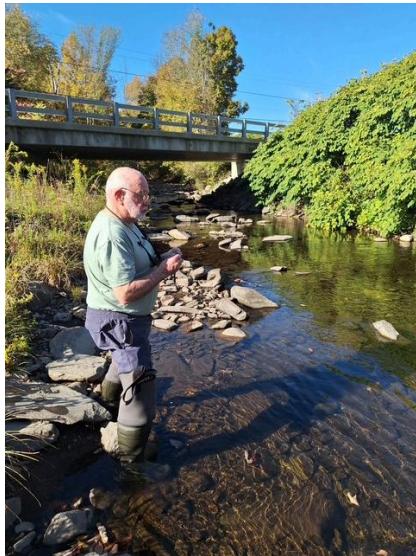
- 6/22/25 WCC Below min flow - ala 0 CFS - 10/17/25 FERC ruled no violation
- 9/28/25 WCC Below min flow - ala 0 CFS Status of DO sensors installation?

### Herkimer 15359

- 9/30/25 Response to deficiency of license application
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### **Recent MVTU Events**

### **Regional Water Sampling Event**



## Walleye Fishing on Oneida Lake

A small group of anglers tested the evening Walleye action on the north shore of Oneida Lake. While the fishing was slow, it was an interesting twist to this annual shoreline fishing experience.



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.



## General Meeting Presentations

A good crowd came to the monthly members meeting to see two presentations our Trout in the Classroom program and a summary of the MVTU River Keepers first year activities.. In addition, the chapter recognized the many years of service that Ken Ziobro has given to the organization.

## Redds Survey

A small group of members spent a couple of hours on Oriskany Creek this month, looking for signs of nesting trout. It was a different way to get out and learn more about our local waters.



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## ***Membership Information***

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

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

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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 <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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# Take action

**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.**



## **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...

Contact J.Manion NY-22

Contact E Stefanik NY-21

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