

# EVERY RIVER NEEDS A CHAMPION



## *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 May 14 6:30pm - Learn our Local Waters - Southern Adirondacks & General Meeting](#)**



***HCCC, Herkimer, NY***

***The third in our new Learn  
Local Waters Series  
Wild Water, Wild Fish: Exploring  
Central Adirondack & Herkimer  
County - A presentation by Alvin  
Montana, "Adirondack Trout  
Bum" who will share some  
insights and maybe a couple of  
secrets about these fishing  
waters.***



***Join us for an evening to learn  
more about fishing an***

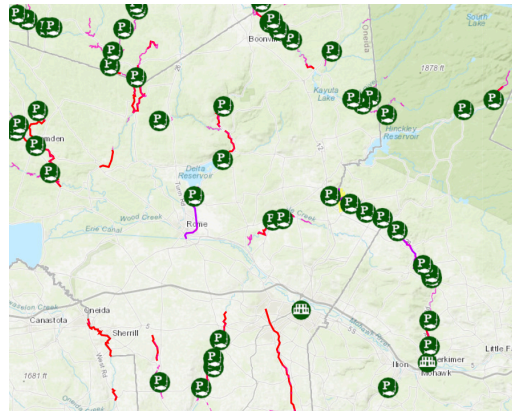
*incredible nearby natural resource.*

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## **Adopt an Access Site**

***Help make a difference at our local fishing access sites. So far we have 20 volunteers signed up to visit 27 sites throughout the region. There are over still many DEC access sites available to “adopt” for the season. Pick a site near you or favorite fishing spot and volunteer to stop by once a month to gather trash. Help make our regional waterways and entry points look better for all visitors. Sign up [here](#) or at one of our upcoming events to “adopt” a site. A great family activity too!***

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## **MVTURK Streamside**

### **Orientations The 2026**

***Mohawk Valley TU River Keepers will be holding streamside orientation events beginning in May on several area streams. Non-anglers and non-members are welcome.***

***Only takes a couple of hours a***

***month. If you are interested in participating, please contact [mohawkvalleytu@gmail.com](mailto:mohawkvalleytu@gmail.com)***



- May 12 5: PM - Sauquoit Creek - Pietryka Park
- May 15 11 AM - Oriskany Creek - Dugway Rd
- May 18 10 AM - Oriskany Creek - Oriskany Falls
- May 20 5:30 PM - Sconodoa Creek - Knoxboro Route 26
- May 22 5:00 PM - Woodhull Creek - Horton Rd
- May 26 5:30 PM - WB Fish Creek - Blossvale Rd

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## ***Trout in the Classroom***

***Releases This is a busy time of year for our TIC Team, the students are getting ready for their field trips to release the brook trout and learn more about streamside aquatic life. If you are interested in coming out for a release please contact Gary Bartell or Bill Jackson or [mohawkvalleytu@gmail.com](mailto:mohawkvalleytu@gmail.com) to confirm the dates and times.***



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**Tue June 9 6:00pm -  
Brews and Flies - Grow  
Brewing Co - New  
Hartford**

***Come out for a relaxing evening  
of refreshments, fly tying and  
conversation at Grow Brewing.  
Bring your friends too.***



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**Sun June 14 6:00pm -  
Fly Casting Clinic -  
Location: Town of Paris  
Park**

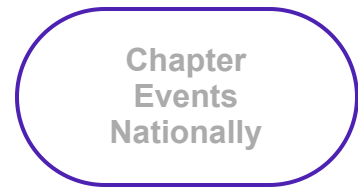
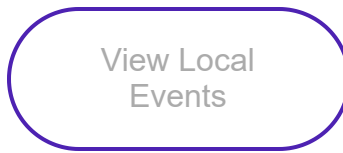
***Want to learn a new fishing skill  
or improve your casting  
technique. We'll spend an  
evening working out the kinks  
at Paris Town Park Pond, and  
perhaps catch a couple of fish.  
For all ages.***



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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.



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## *Presidents Line*

Hi All,

Welcome to spring in upstate New York! One day it's snowing and the next it's 60! The fish are finally starting to chase bugs as hatches are finally beginning. The Mohawk Valley Chapter has lots of upcoming activities throughout the spring and summer, with volunteers on Trout in the Classroom field trips to release brook trout and showing students aquatic habitats, MVTURK stream monitoring events every month from May to October on ten area streams, and over 20 Adopt an Access Site volunteers keeping an eye for trash on DEC parking areas. A couple of additional fun and social events are in the works too.

Our Learn Local Waters programs will continue this month with our own Alvin Montana speaking this Thursday 5/14 chapter meeting at HCCC. His area of expertise is the lower Adirondacks, so come out and learn more about one of our nearby natural gems. These presentations will be available on our website for those that miss the talks.

We'll also be starting more in-depth stream monitoring and analysis on the Oriskany Creek this year including temperature sensors (you may see them on the stream), E-Coli and other chemistry analysis, and hopefully a Redds survey in the fall. Discussions have begun with TU professionals, Region 6 DEC and other organizations on ways to upgrade this local watershed.

We will also planning a DEC WAVE macroinvertebrate sampling event on Saturday July 11. Stay tuned for more information.

Upcoming event emails, Facebook, and the [www.mohawkvalleytu.org](http://www.mohawkvalleytu.org) website are all good ways to keep informed of chapter activities.

Hope to see you at one or more events this summer.

Stu Miller

President, Mohawk Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited #112

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## **Youth Education News**

### **Trout in the Classroom**

Trout releases are just getting started. Looks like we have five new tanks coming online this fall 2026, so more volunteers are needed. See more about the MVTU TIC program on our new [TIC website](#) page. To volunteer, please email [mohawkvalleytu@gmail.com](mailto:mohawkvalleytu@gmail.com). or contact Bill Jackson or Gary Bartell.

*Interested in helping with Trout in the Classroom?*

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### **NYS TU SUMMER TROUT CAMP**

#### **Teen (14-17) Fly Fishing Camp on the Delaware**

- Sunday, June 28 thru Friday, July 3, 2026
- Lodging at Camp Amahami, 434 Page Pond Road, Deposit, NY
- Lessons on fly tying, casting, fly fishing, entomology, ecology and conservation.
- One-on-one lessons on the water of the Delaware River system.
  - All equipment , lodging and meals provided.
  - Fully insured by Trout Unlimited
- Cost \$850.00 (contact [mohawkvalleytu@gmail.com](mailto:mohawkvalleytu@gmail.com) for MVTU Scholarship)

View and download brochure and application

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# [Conservation News](#)

## **Mohawk Valley TU River Keepers (MVTURK) Stream Monitoring 2026**

See events above for upcoming MVTURK dates. If you would like to lead a stream monitoring team, please contact [mohawkvalleytu@gmail.com](mailto:mohawkvalleytu@gmail.com). We will also be planning a DEC WAVE macroinvertebrate collection on July 11 this year.

**[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 May 19 4:30 Whitesboro Town Hall

[2026 Meetings  
Schedule](#)

[OCWC  
Website](#)

[2026 Minutes](#)

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## **Sauquoit Creek Basin Commission**

The Sauquoit Creek Basin Commission meetings are open to the public.  
Next meeting May 19 3:30 Whitesboro Town Hall

## **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?
- 5/2026 Extensions requested and granted for review of Compliance Monitoring Plan

### **Herkimer 15359 - Stone Ridge Hydro (SRH)**

- 9/30/25 Response to deficiency of license application
- 1/9/26 Service address and contact change
- 2/2/26 FERC further request due to insufficient application info
- 5/4/26 SRH response to request for additional data, no fish passage, eel or protection study is currently planned
- 5/2026 Bypass Reach Mesohabitat Assessment Report completed

### **Moose River 4349 - EONY Relicense**

- Public comments due 4/21/26

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## **DEC News**

[DEC Announces Plan for 2026 Trout Stocking and Future Habitat Enhancements for Ischua Creek](#)

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## *Recent Events*

### **CNY Fly Tying Symposium**

Hosted by JP Ross Fly Rods, a fun day with over 35 fly tyers, speakers, vendors, exhibitors, raffles and hundreds of visitors. Join us next year for another fun day.



### **Learn our Local**

### **Waters - ADK Ponds**

Our second in the Learn our Local Waters series about fishing Adirondack Ponds. Thanks to Steve Priervo for a great presentation.

### **Down the Rabbit Hole of Bamboo**

Chapter gather presentation in March by Mtich Marsden. A captivating presentation on the local history of bamboo rod making.



### **Sauquoit Trash**

### **Pickup**

Organized by on Don Hahn, over 25 volunteers spent the morning of April 18th collecting trash along Sauquoit Creek access areas.



## 2026 Northeast Regional Rendezvous

Alvin Montana and Stu Miller gathered with several hundred conservationists in Roscoe for the Annual Northeast Regional Rendezvous. Presentations from TU professional team, DEC's Steve Hurst, and several chapters included stream habitat restoration projects and techniques, future plans for NY priority and home waters, and upcoming improvements at TU National. The weekend also provided opportunities to share local learning experiences with other chapter representatives from West Virginia to

Maine. Topics included:

Priority Waters and Home Waters Initiatives

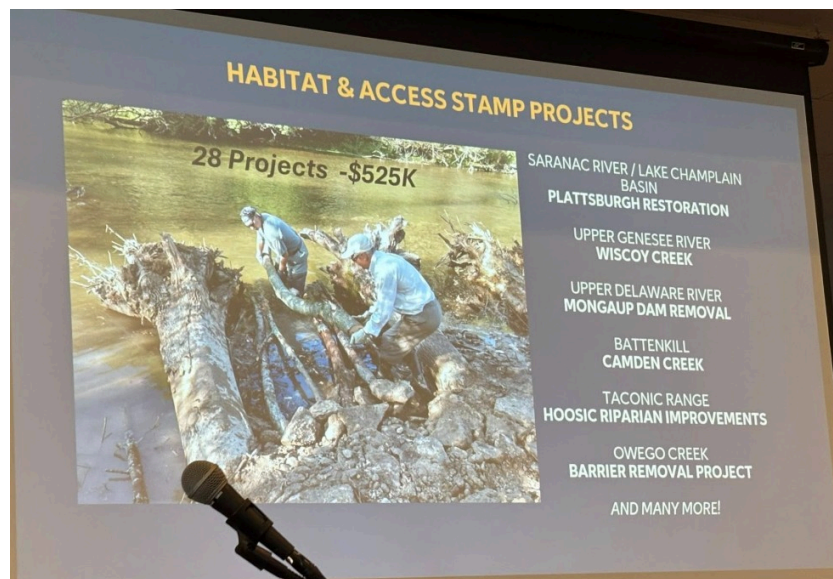
Thermistor placement techniques

Successful introductory events for chapters - Youth fishing days

Brook trout surveys in the Catskills - focus on small tribs

DEC plans for Wild Trout and Trek for Trout update

Challenges and plans to increase TU membership



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## ***Membership Information***

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

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## ***Share the Fun***

Submit photos or inspirations of your recent fishing adventures.

Submit your fishing, nature photos or other items for the next newsletter.

“Brook Trout”

We come to the mountains... to search.  
Not for answers, not for glory —  
just to feel something true.

We wander the streams,  
the hills,  
the quiet folds of the world  
where the map thins out  
and the water begins.

Our nights are held by campfires,  
embers drifting like stories,  
and our dreams...  
our dreams are of the speckled.

Salvelinus fontinalis.  
A name that sounds like a prayer.  
A beauty nature created  
like the strokes of an artist’s brush.

It’s the places —  
the mountain vistas,  
the quiet streams,  
the dancing clouds on a mountain pond.

We search for what we think is a fish,  
only to find our soul.

The gentle moor of a mountain sunrise,  
a sip of coffee,  
a slow ponder of what lies ahead.

Brook trout are more than a fish.  
They’re an adventure.  
They are the Buddha of the mountains.  
They refresh us,  
bring us back to where we belong.

They quiet the mind  
because of the quiet places they live.

There may be other fish.  
There may be other places.  
But there will never be another  
combination of flora and fauna  
that awakens the soul  
and shows us how to live.

— Adirondack Trout Bum





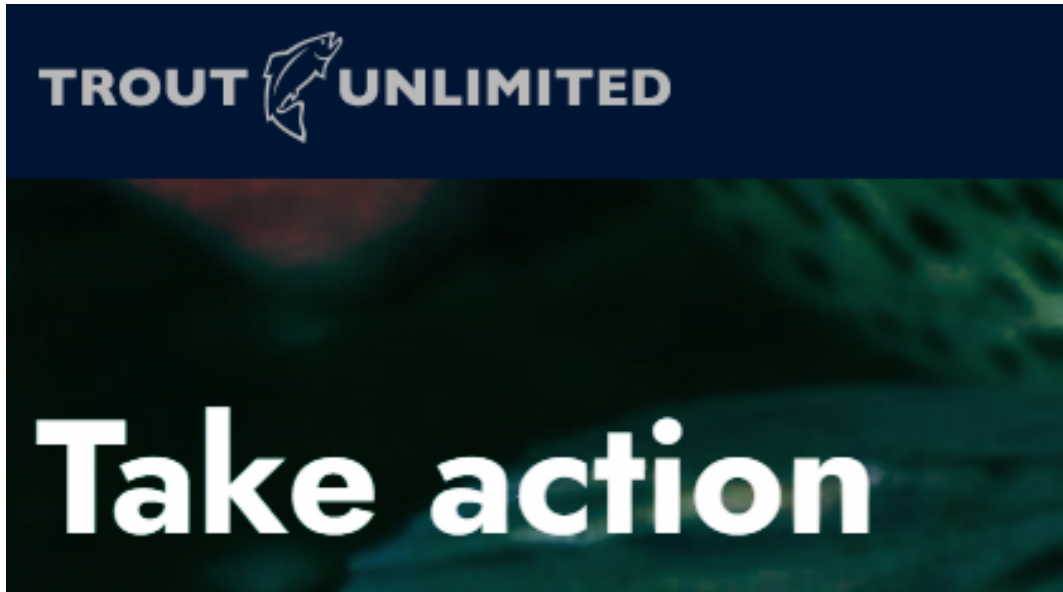
Submit a Photo

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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/>

## *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.**

Contact J.Manion NY-22

Contact E Stefanik NY-21

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