

# 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 August 20 5:00pm - Brook Trout Celebration at Fulton Chain Brewery in Old Forge***

***Come out to Old Forge for a fun celebration for Brook Trout Day in NY. Refreshments, updates on the DEC and TU culvert replacement project on the Moose River watershed, fly tying and good conversation. Bring your friends too.***



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### ***Thu August 27 6:00pm - Women's Fly Casting Clinic - Location: Town of Paris Park***

***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.***

***Focused on teaching women of all ages to fly fishing and improving your casting skills.***



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**Thu Sep 10 6:30 PM**

**Chapter Meeting**

**69 Steakhouse,  
Whitesboro, NY**

**Guest Speaker Rob Streeter -**

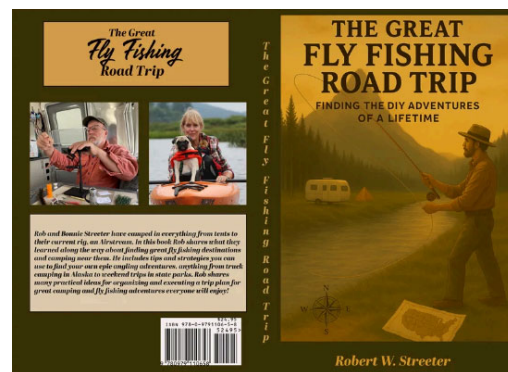
**The Great Fly Fishing Road**

**Trip: Finding the DIY**

**Adventures of a Lifetime**

***Join us for an evening for an introduction to Rob's newest book.***

***We will also be examining the macroinvertebrates collected from area streams for the DEC WAVE program.***



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**Thu Oct 8 6:30 PM**

**Chapter Meeting**

**69 Steakhouse,  
Whitesboro, NY**

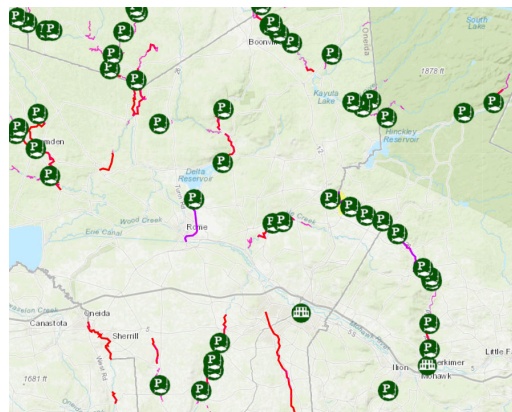
***Trout in the Classroom update  
for 2026-27.***



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### **Adopt an Access Site**

***Ongoing monthly litter pickup  
by 20 volunteers at 27 local DEC  
access sites. There's still time  
to participate through the fall  
season, contact the chapter to  
adopt a location.***



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**Sat Oct 24 10 AM**

**Redds Survey on  
Oriskany Creek  
Deansboro, NY**



***See if you can spot a trout nest  
on the Oriskany, we are trying  
to determine the extent of  
spawning habitat on this local***

***stream. Check out the event for more details.***

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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

Chapter  
Events  
Nationally

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### ***Presidents Line***

Hi All,

Hope all are enjoying the summer and some fishing time. With the warmer weather think bass and other species that are fun on a fly rod. The cooler August nights are just kicking in which should help stream temperatures.

The chapter activities have continued all summer mostly through our MVTURK program of stream monitoring and WAVE macroinvertebrate collecting.

We have a couple of fun upcoming events planned in August too. The first on August 20 is a celebration of New York Brook Trout Day in Old Forge. We will be a fly tying and Jesse Vadala from TU will be giving an update on the Moose River plains culvert removal project. In addition, we are hosting another free fly-casting clinic specifically for girls and women on August 27. If you have a daughter or granddaughter or female friend who may be interested in learning to fly fish, here's a great opportunity to get some casting pointers from a group of experts. Our events page has more details.

Our chapter meetings are coming back soon. The September meeting should be very interesting for those considering a travel angling adventure. Rob Streeter will return to talk about his new book and some other fishing stories.

If you are interested in joining the board, elections are coming up soon. Please contact me for more details on chapter positions.

Finally, our mission to help trout and cold-water fisheries is not limited to New York. TU national needs help with action on many fronts. Click the link to the TU website's Take Action Page (below) to see what is at stake nationally.

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

Have a great rest of summer!

Stu Miller

President, Mohawk Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited #112

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## **Youth Education News**

### **Trout in the Classroom**

The MVTU Chapter gave out two financial awards to area high school seniors. The first was the \$500 Joseph Corr award for a local New Hartford Senior interested in conservation and environmental science.

The second one honored Molly Southwick, a recent graduate of Remsen High School, with its Trout In The Classroom – Service and Leadership Award in recognition of her extraordinary commitment to the Trout in the Classroom program. Molly, who graduated from Remsen High School one year early, received the award along with a \$250 check from the Mohawk Valley Chapter. The award recognizes her leadership, mentorship and passion for conservation, as well as the positive influence she has had on younger students involved with Trout in the Classroom.

For the past three years, Molly has been one of the key students responsible for caring for the trout raised at Remsen High School. Raising trout from eggs is a seven-month commitment each school year, and Molly routinely checked on the fish daily. Her responsibilities included feeding, performing water changes, monitoring the health of the trout, and helping diagnose and resolve problems that arose. Molly's involvement went well beyond caring for the trout at the high school. She also worked with third-grade students and teachers at Remsen Elementary School, helping the younger students learn about trout, their habitat and their care. Molly participated in the third graders' trout release, sharing trout raised at the high school and her knowledge and experience with the elementary students. As she prepared for

graduation, Molly helped train younger high school students to assume responsibility for the trout, helping ensure the continued success of the program.

Molly's leadership and interest in agriculture extend into many other areas. She was a very active member of Remsen FFA, serving in multiple officer positions, competing in district and substate leadership contests, and representing Remsen FFA as a delegate at the New York State FFA Convention. She also became the first Remsen student to earn the New York State FFA Empire Degree since the school's agricultural program was reinstated. Her agricultural interests extend beyond school as well. Molly has operated her own goat farm business, producing goat milk soap and cheese. This fall, she will attend SUNY Cobleskill, where she will major in Agricultural Business.

The Mohawk Valley Chapter congratulates Molly on her accomplishments and wishes her continued success at SUNY Cobleskill and in her future endeavors.

We have several new schools and the Utica Children's Museum starting TIC tanks this coming year. More volunteers are needed to help support the increasing activity of this valuable program. 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?*



# *Conservation News*

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

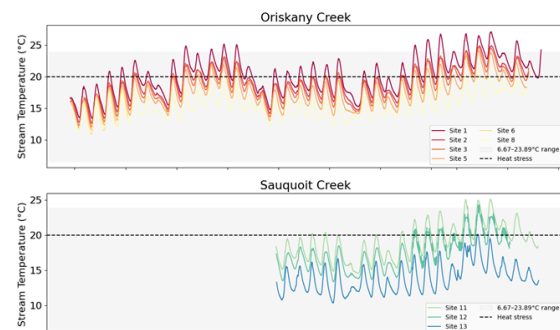
MVTURK volunteers have been active all summer on local waters.

- 18 volunteers have been gathering water quality data at 14 locations on area streams each month throughout the season.
- 16 Thermistor temperature sensors placed in cooperation with Hamilton College
- Dissolved oxygen sensors placed in cooperation with Hamilton College.
- Monthly chemistry sampling on Oriskany and Sauquoit Creeks in cooperation with Hamilton College.
- DEC WAVE macroinvertebrate collection at 9 area stream locations
- E-Coli testing and initial Rivers survey on Oriskany Creek

Details of our findings will be reported in the fall. If you would like to join our stream monitoring team, please contact [mohawkvalleytu@gmail.com](mailto:mohawkvalleytu@gmail.com).

***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 September 22 Westmoreland.

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.

SCBC Website

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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?
- 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
- **7/23/26 Stone Ridge Hydro withdrew its application.**

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

- Public comments due 4/21/26
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**DEC News**

## ***Recent Events***

### **Brews and Tying Symposium**

First try at a summer brewery gathering was lightly attended.

### **Fly Casting Clinic**

Several young anglers braved the stormy weather in June at Paris Town Park for some casting lessons and also trying to catch the little bass in the pond.

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## ***Membership Information***

If you have any questions or issues with your meembership 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.

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Submit a Photo

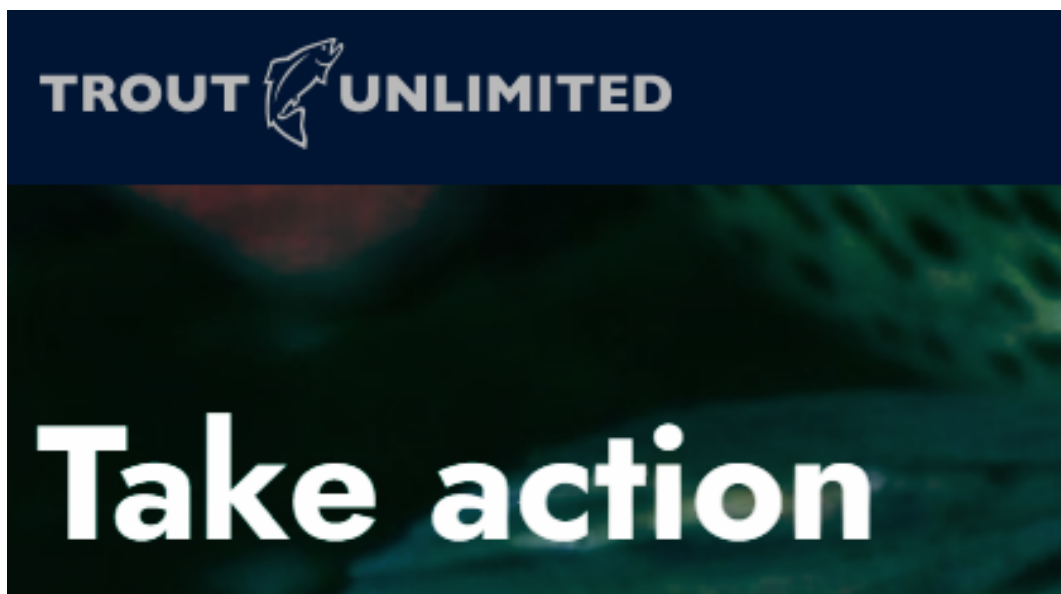
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## **Helpful Links**

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.**

Contact J.Manion NY-22

Contact E Stefanik NY-21

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