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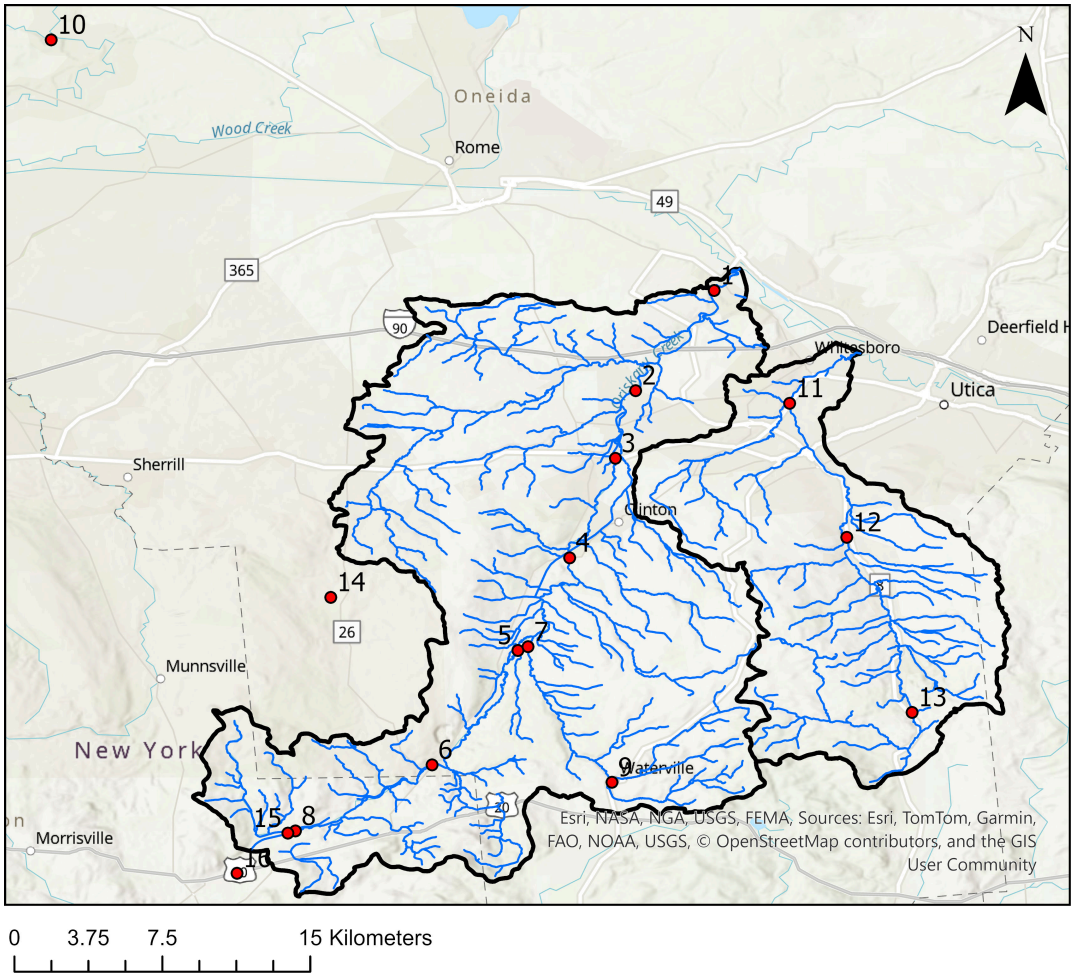
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Upcoming Events and Chapter Gatherings

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

Thursday, November 12 6:30 PM - General Meeting at 69 Steakhouse, Whitesboro - MVTURK Report

Join us for two informative presentations on the temperature profiles study this summer of Oriskany Creek, Sauquoit Creek and other streams. Our guest speaker is Dr. Emily Baker from Hamilton College. In addition, we'll be presenting the results of our MVTURK monthly surveys on fifteen local stream reaches.



Sunday, November 15 11:00 AM - MVTU Film Festival at Valley Cinema in Little Falls.

MVTU is having another exciting film festival. There will be five fishing films produced by Gray Ghost Productions and well-known film makers. In addition, we'll be giving away door prizes and refreshments will be available. Bring the whole family for fun day in Little Falls. Suggested donation $10, children 12 and under free.



Thursday December 10 at 6:30 PM General Meeting

69 Steakhouse, Learn a Local River Series - The Raquette Lake Region

Our guest speaker will be Jordan Ross, of JP Ross Fly Rods and Co. Outdoors, who present his insights on this vast Adirondack wilderness area. A great opportunity to learn about this beautiful, unique watershed.



Embrace A Stream Grant Challenge - Nov 30 - Dec 7

You can help, Big Creek Needs Trees. Please donate to support the full funding of our tree planting project. Any amount will help.
Our chapter received a $1000 Embrace A Stream grant for a tree planting project on Big Creek next spring. Big Creek is an important tributary of Oriskany Creek. Keeping this stream's temperature cool all summer is critical for trout in the Oriskany to survive. Trees help provide cooling shade all along the stream. The challenge donation will help us fully fund the project.

Embrace A Stream Challenge



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

Presidents Line

Hi All,

It's been a beautiful fall in upstate NY, which is my excuse for being a bit late on the newsletter. I've been out enjoying the late season fishing opportunities instead of tapping on the computer by a fire.

But it hasn't been all fishing, our volunteers have busy getting ready for one of most important chapter activities, Trout in the Classroom. It's the time of the year when we help local teachers and classrooms prepare their tanks for egg delivery. We have about 30 tanks in action this year, spread all across the Mohawk Valley and nearby communities, with hundreds of students participating. The students are excited to receive their eggs and begin their yearlong project.

A key reason that TIC is so important is that we are helping educate the next generation about the importance and impact of water quality to their natural environment. This includes pH, ammonia and other chemicals and especially temperature. Whether they become farmers, teachers, lawyers or any other profession, many of these students will remember the TIC experience and reflect on these lessons and the field trip experience as they grow older and can impact the world themselves.

The importance of temperature, in particular, is a critical lesson, because we continue to experience increasing stream temperatures which have a dramatic effect on cold water fisheries. Our battles and efforts as the cold-water fisheries preservation organization in the Mohawk Valley will be to enhance our streams to keep temperatures cool throughout the summer. How can we do that? We can:

Plant trees in exposed reaches of trout streams to provide summer shade and bank protection. Our chapter received a $1000 Embrace A Stream grant for a tree planting project on Big Creek, an important tributary of Oriskany Creek, next spring.

Be an advocate. Talk to landowners near streams and other community leaders about the importance of buffers, so streams don't erode and trees can grow. Don't cut lawns or fields right to the water's edge, this includes intermittent streams too.

Support riparian projects that keep streams from spreading out and heating up.

If you can't participate, then try to help fund these projects and TUs mission.

The droughts and warmer temperatures are predicted to continue to get worse in future years. Regardless of the causes, we can help our ecosystems and native fisheries survive for the next generations to enjoy. At the next meeting, we'll learn what the temperature

proflie looks like along the full length of Oriskany Creek and Sauquoit Creek throughout the summer in 2026.

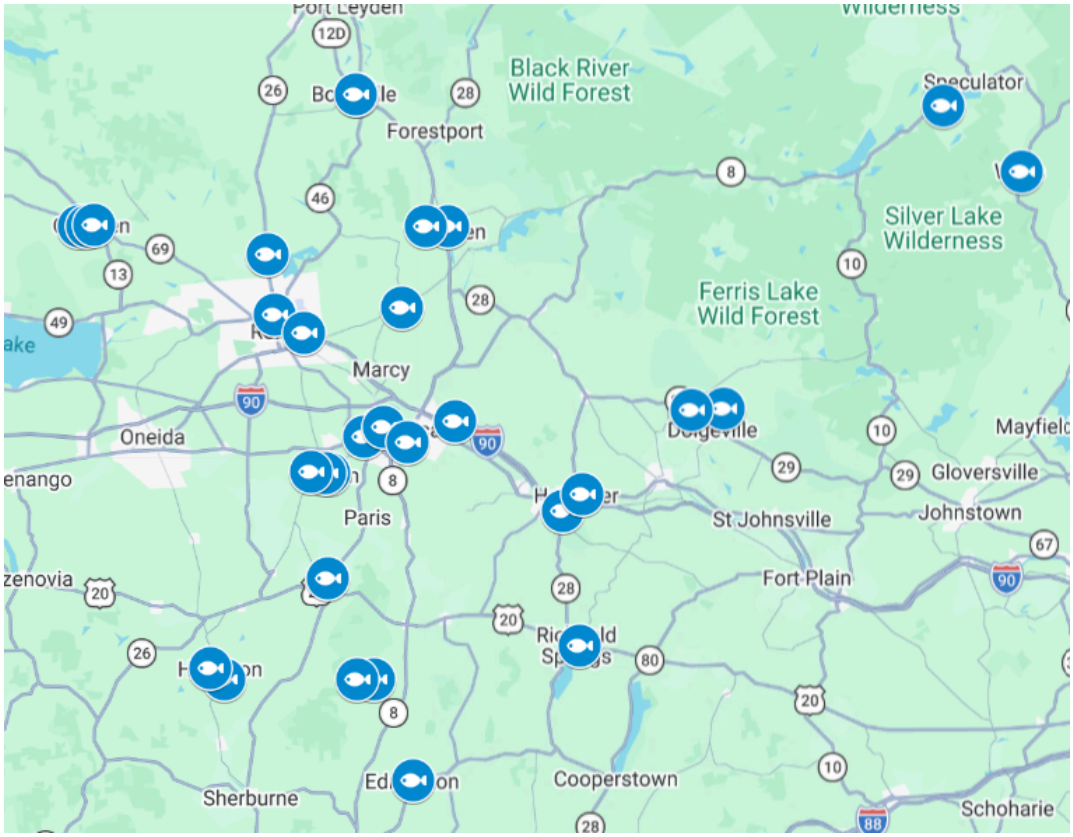
Also, if you want to hear what's happening at the state level of TU, the next meeting is November 14, See the link below to attend the zoom meeting.

Stu Miller
President, Mohawk Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited #112

Youth Education News

Trout in the Classroom

Our classrooms and tanks have grown to about 30 this year and we're busy getting ready for egg delivery day. We have a team of eight volunteers supporting this important chapter initiative. If you're interested in volunteering or would like to recommend a classroom teacher for next year please let us know. We also support classrooms with chillers ($660 a pop), other equipment and field trip costs where needed. A donation for TIC is a great way to support the program.



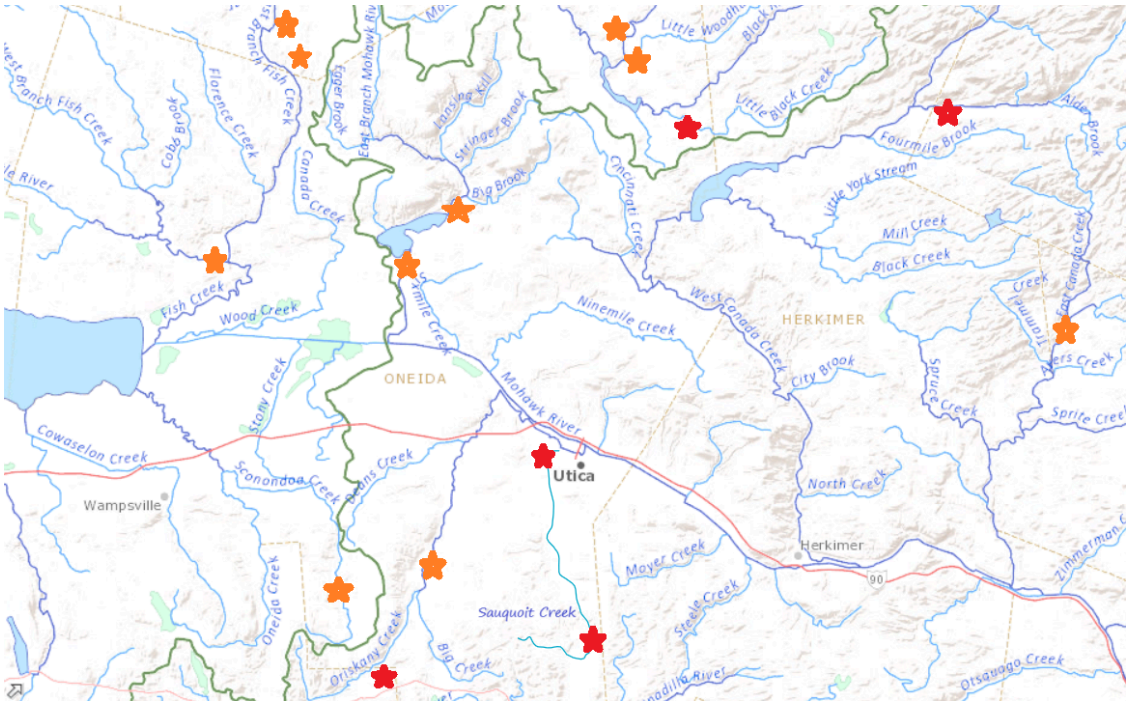
Interested in helping with Trout in the Classroom?

Conservation News

Mohawk Valley TU River Keepers (MVTURK) Stream Monitoring 2026

We had a great season of cooperative activities and assessment projects on fifteen ADK, Tug Hill and Mohawk Valley streams from planting thermistors to collecting water quality data, macroinvertebrates, redds data and 60 water samples for chemical analysis. This year our chapter collaborated with scientists at Hamilton College and SUNY ESF, and also participated in the DEC WAVE study. We'll be presenting the results of the stream monitoring activities at the next chapter meeting with a report to be published on the website soon after. We'll also be discussing plans for 2027. If

you would like to join our stream monitoring team in 2027, please contact mohawkvalleytu@gmail.com.



Stream Monitoring Volunteer Info

MVTURK 2025 Report



Oriskany Creek Watershed Commission

The Oriskany Creek Watershed Commission meetings are open to the public.
Next meeting Nov 17 4:00 Whitesboro Town Office.

2026 Meetings Schedule

OCWC Website

2026 Minutes

Sauquoit Creek Basin Commission

The Sauquoit Creek Basin Commission meetings are open to the public.
Next meeting Nov 17, 3:30 PM Whitesboro Town Office.

SCBC Website

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 9709

- 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.
- 10/26 Trafalgar Power has expressed interest in restarting the Herkimer project
- 10/30/26 Conservation organizations file motion to intervene.

State TU News

The next state TU meeting is scheduled for November 14. If you are interested in hearing about activities around the state, please feel free to join the meeting.

Topic: NYS Council Mid-Year Meeting Time: Nov 14, 2026 09:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89454193152?pwd=hhGM9DvOqphOKXbGHabvCLrbsZXnPa.1
Meeting ID: 894 5419 3152
Passcode: 189262

Also if you would be interested in representing the Mohawk Valley and Tug Hill Chapters at the state level, please contact mohawkvalleytu@gmail.com.

DEC News

DEC Announces Proposed Rulemaking for the Protection of Adirondack Brook Trout Ponds

DEC Opens the Lower Fly Fishing Area of the Salmon River to Public Fishing

Recent Events

Redds Survey

Oriskany Creek

Six volunteers walked three sections of the creek and found several redds, one with trout in action.

TIC and Board Meetings

Several meetings organizing Trout in the Classroom for the year and board meetings to plan upcoming events and activities. Anyone is welcome to attend the board meetings; most are on zoom these days.

Membership Information

If you have any questions or issues with your membership or if you would like to volunteer to coordinate memberhship for the chapter please contact mohawkvalleytu@gmail.com.

Share the Fun

Submit photos or inspirations of your recent fishing adventures.

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










Not a trout but still fun on a fly.



Hamilton TIC Class Field Trip to SUNY Morrisville Hatchery

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/

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.

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