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The Mohawk Valley Trout Unlimited Chapter
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Upcoming Events

5/28 MVTURK training - Oriskany Cr
5/30 Farm Fest - TIC
6/2 MVTURK Training - Sauquoit Cr
6/12 MVTURK Training - Little Black Cr
May/June Trout in the Classroom
releases

Upcoming Meetings

6/11 Streamside - Oriskany Cr
7/10 (Th) Streamside - West Canada
8/13 Streamside TBA

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**Monthly Meetings, 6:30 PM 2nd Wednesday of each month (September to May)
(confirm location and date on website or Facebook)**

[View Local Events](#)

Stream Monitor Volunteer Training

We will be holding three opportunities for on stream training.

Wednesday May 28 - Oriskany Creek,

Monday June 2 - Sauquoit Creek

Thursday June 12 - Little Black Creek

If you are interested in volunteering for Mohawk Valley TU's new water quality monitoring project on our local trout streams, please contact Stu @ 315-272-7866 or mohawkvalleytu@gmail.com.

Stream Monitoring Volunteer Info

Wednesday June 11 - Oriskany Creek

Streamside Greet and Fish

DEC access site on 12B Franklin Springs

Come out and catch a few stories and the evening hatch

Welcome to non-members and beginners



**Thursday July 10 - West Canada Creek
Streamside Greet and Fish**

DEC access site Rte 28 / Partridge Hill Rd Barneveld

Learn more about the evening hatch on the West Canada

Welcome to non-members and beginners



Additional Mohawk Valley TU Upcoming Activities

May 30 - Farm Fest TIC event for grade school students

May-June - Trout in the Classroom Release Field Trips

May-October - MVTURK's stream monitoring field events

Click the buttons below to link to the list of activities at other chapters including expos, film festivals, surveys, improvement projects, outings, stream explorers, etc.

Chapter Events in New York

Chapter Events Nationally

2026 CNY Fly Tying Symposium and Outdoor Celebration

SAVE THE DATE! The 2026 CNY Fly Tying Symposium and Outdoor Celebration will be Sunday March 15, 2026 at Harts Hill, Whitesboro, NY



Presidents Line

Hello everyone,

Looking out my window these last few weeks has left me wondering where spring has gone. It's the end of May and my furnace is still on, and I fight for a dry time to mow the lawn. I've convinced myself that it is temporary and I'm not going to let it get to me!

Reading this newsletter, you can see the many areas that our TU Chapter is involved in that you could participate in if you choose. Trout in the Classroom has added many new volunteers this year as our program under Gary Bartell continues to expand. The schools are in the middle of their releases of the trout they have nurtured this school year. These are exciting events not only for the kids and teachers, but also for parents and grandparents that attend. The kids love it when family and friends show an interest in their studies. The future release dates are listed in this newsletter in hopes you can attend one that's close to home.

Our stream monitoring program led by Stu Miller is also gaining traction and training classes are listed if you are interested in participating. With funding cuts in certain programs, we feel that it is especially important now that as residents, we help wherever possible to protect our streams and wetlands. If our citizen science can help spot potential issues, it is worth it. DEC and other agencies do a great job, but they can always use a little help from the public. On May 17th many brook trout fishers headed into distant ponds to help DEC place signage to help gather valuable information they will need to help them formulate the upcoming Brook Trout Pond Management Plan. These signs have a QR code that can link you through your phone to leave comments and questions regarding pond conditions. Your comments will help them decide what approach they should take to help preserve and protect our native brook trout populations in NY. Thank you to all that participated in this event.

We realize that in today's world it is not easy to find time to volunteer. Getting involved to whatever degree you can is what's important. Our recent tree planting on Sauquoit Creek was a good example. Folks that could help that day got 100 trees and shrubs planted in less than two hours. Volunteering with us is not a long-term commitment, unless you want it to be. Whatever time or support you can extend, whether it be manual labor or financial assistance, is much appreciated and does make a difference in helping to protect our local natural resources.

We hope you enjoy reading this Mohawk Valley TU Newsletter. We will do our best to keep you informed of local issues and events that we think you should be aware of. This area has bountiful streams and wetlands that need protection

from harm, now and in the future. Please consider helping us whenever and wherever you can.

Best regards,

Ken Ziobro

President, Mohawk Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited #112

Conservation News

Mohawk Valley TU River Keepers (MVTURK) Stream Monitoring Kickoff

Here's a great opportunity to engage in local stream conservation and also bring in youngsters and non-fishermen interested in citizen science. Our goal is to establish an online database of baseline water quality characteristics. Do you have an extra hour or so a month for conservation volunteering? If so, please contact mohawkvalleytu@gmail.com

Based on volunteer interest, we will be starting our first series of field monitoring events at 5-6 local watersheds.

Wood Creek, Oriskany Creek, Sauquoit Creek, Little Black Creek and S. Branch West Canada Creek

Monitoring Characteristics include
Temperature, Transparency, Biotic Index, Flow Rate, Dissolved Oxygen and Flow

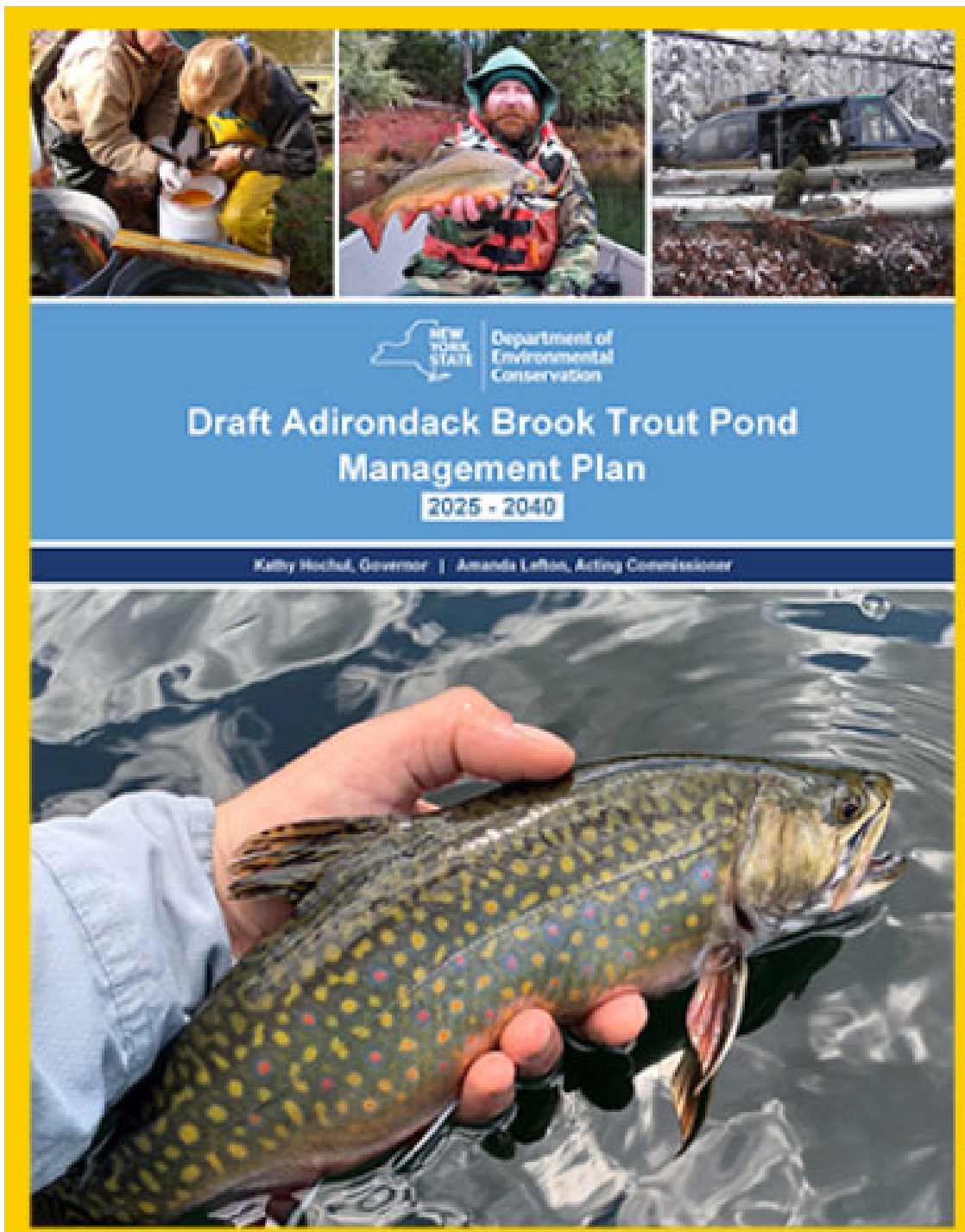


Initially we are modelling the stream monitoring project after the Wisconsin Water Action Volunteer program. For more info on this successful program visit [Water Action Volunteers](#)

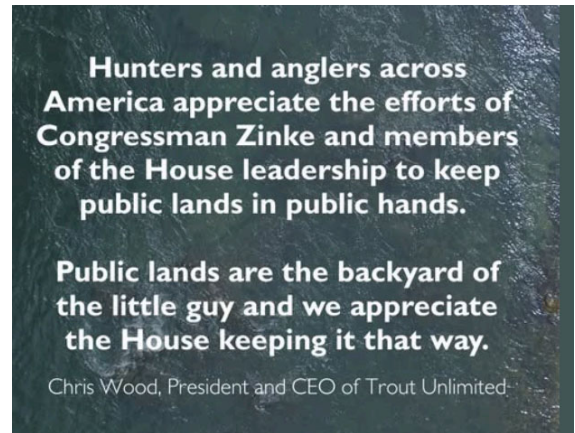
So far, we have one stream monitoring set. We'll add more as we gain volunteers. If you aren't able to volunteer but want to help out financially, please send a donation to purchase more MVTURK stream monitoring equipment please send a check to Mohawk Valley Chapter Trout Unlimited.

Stream Monitoring Volunteer Info

**DEC Releases Draft Adirondack Brook Trout Pond
Management Plan for Public Comment
Click image below to submit public comments**



**TU National takes a stand against the
sale of public lands**



TAKE ACTION NOW

West Canada Creek New FERC License Application (link)

A group named Stone Ridge Hydro is evaluating the refurbishment and restarting of the hydro dam on the West Canada Creek near Herkimer. This dam has not operated since 2006.



Oriskany Creek Watershed Commission

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

2025 Meetings
Schedule

OCWC
Website

May 2025
Minutes

Sauquoit Creek Basin Commission

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

SCBC Website

May 2025 Minutes

Sauquoit Creek Tributary Solar Farms

A moratorium was proposed for solar projects in New Hartford due to pending litigation from project developers that had been rejected. A committee was formed to review the proposal.

New Hartford Planning Board Agendas

Youth Education News

Trout in the Classroom

It's a busy time for Trout in the Classroom classes, teachers and volunteers. Field trips to local streams for trout release and insect investigations are underway. So far for 2025-26 we have 4 or 5 new classrooms participating in the program.

If you know an educator interested in this rewarding program, or would like to volunteer please email mohawkvalleytu@gmail.com.

2025 Trout in the Classroom Field Trips

Rome Hatchery

Wood Creek

Pixley Falls



Conservation in the Classroom

We offer another education initiative that brings elementary students to their nearest waterway to explore insect life and other creatures. Contact the chapter or Jordan

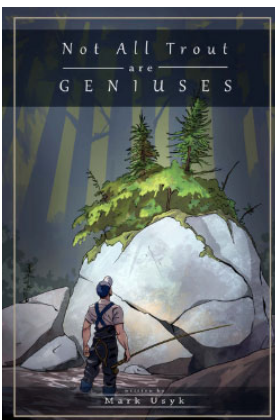
@315-708-3471 to learn more about this great one-hour nature experience for young students.

Trout Waters Youth Camp

Do you know a teen (girls or boys age 14-17) that would be interested in Trout Unlimited Summer Camp? The Mohawk Valley Chapter will help pay for the 2025 summer camp on the West Branch of the Delaware River from July 6-11. Contact mohawkvalleytu@gmail.com for an application.



Recent Events



**April and May
General Meetings:**
Thanks to our guest
Mark Usyk for his
interesting stories of
writing inspiration and
Stu Miller for
presenting the
upcoming plans for



stream monitoring on
our local trout waters.

Envirothon Day

TU TIC volunteers participated in the 2025 Envirothon at the Utica Zoo. It is a high school environmental club competition held each year by the Oneida County Soil and Water District.



Sauquoit Creek Cleanup

A rainy day for a cleanup members and volunteers were still out there helping cleanup this little urban trout stream.



Tree Planting

In what turned out to be a rare sunny day, ten TU and community volunteers planted 100 saplings (Willow, Winterberry, Red Oak, and Poplar) along the Sauquoit Creek at Washington Mills Park.





Paddlefest Old Forge

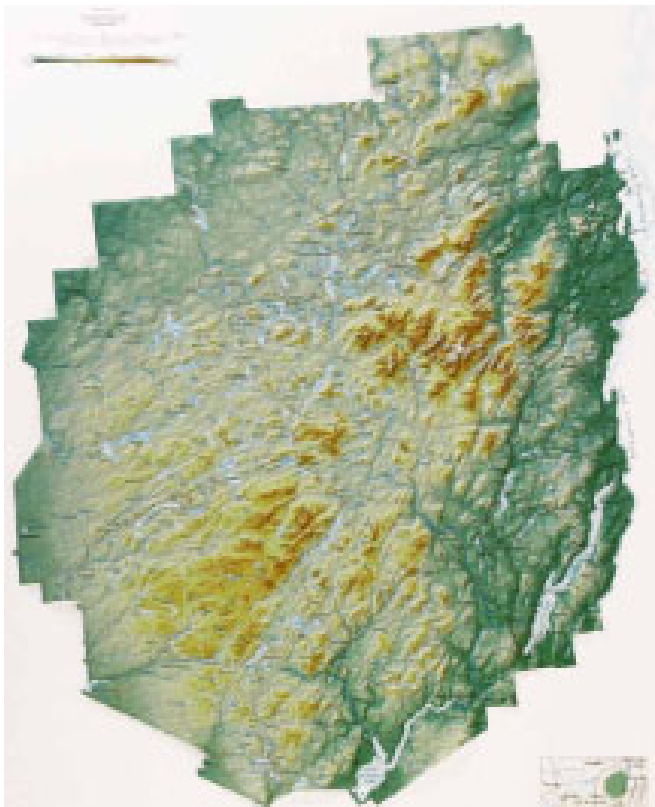
Mohawk Valley Trout Unlimited participated in the annual Paddle Fest at Mountainman Sports in Old Forge. Two soggy days for this year's events. Thanks to Mountainman for providing a table and chance to share our mission.



Trek for Trout

Volunteers, in collaboration with the DEC, Trout Unlimited and other organizations spread out to post information/survey signs at brook trout ponds throughout the Adirondacks.





Membership Information

Don't forget to renew your membership to TU. It's a critical time for cold water conservation and Trout Unlimited needs your support.

Mohawk Valley Chapter Member Survey

MVTU Chapter Survey Results

If you have any questions about your membership or would like to volunteer to participate in any chapter activities, please email mohawkvalleytu@gmail.com.

Field Trips

We are restarting monthly streamside summer outings at some of our favorite local streams this June 11 on the Oriskany, July 10 on the West Canada and August TBD. See meeting notices above for details.



Share the Fun

Submit photos of your recent fishing adventures.

Submit your fishing or nature photos for the next newsletter.

Email to mohawkvalleytu@gmail.com

Recent Action on our Local Waters



Fish Door Bell
(alerts the lock keeper)



The Fish Doorbell
(alerts the lock keeper)

Find the toad and centipede



Helpful Links

Mohawk Valley Trout Unlimited	https://mohawkvalleytu.org/
New York State TU	https://newyorkcouncil-tu.org/
National TU	https://www.tu.org/
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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