

# Streamside Asides



October 2019

The newsletter of the Brodhead Chapter #289 of Trout Unlimited

## Meetings:

**October 9**—General Membership Meeting. **Dam Removal presentation w/ Jessie Thomas-Blate** of American Rivers. KCEEC, 7 PM

**October 12-13**—Tabling at **Quiet Valley Harvest Festival** at Quiet Valley Historical Farm

**October 26**—A Day for Environmental Advocacy and Awareness Workshop  
Info forthcoming.

**November 24**—General Membership Meeting: **Don Baylor's "Fishing the West—Off the Beaten Path."** KCEEC, 7 PM

**December 12**—General Membership Meeting: **Pies and Flies.** KCEEC, 7 PM

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## The Dam Removal Process Explained



On Thursday, October 9, 2019, Jessie Thomas-Blate of [American Rivers](#) will be speaking on the process and procedures for removing a dam from a river or stream. With many old, unused industrial dams currently in place that serve to block the free movement of trout into spawning areas, the dam removal process plays an important part in reconnecting trout habitats—a part of TU's mission.

[Jessie](#) is an Associate Director of River Restoration at American Rivers, a national environmental organization focused on protecting and restoring rivers across the country. Since 2010, Jessie has been working with partners across the country on a variety of river restoration and protection work—from advocacy and outreach to coordination with local communities to restore and protect their rivers and streams. Jessie manages river restoration projects throughout the mid-Atlantic region, and provides advice to local individuals and communities interested in dam removal. Prior to her work at American Rivers, Jessie worked for the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, Atlantic Coastal Fish Habitat Partnership, and Natural Resources Defense Council. Jessie has a B.S. in Biology from Mary Washington College, and an M.S. in Natural Resources from Delaware State University. She lives in Virginia with her husband, 7-year old, and sweet old dog.

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Greetings Members and Friends,

As many of us have been hoping for, we are finally getting some rain just in time for our native trout to begin spawning. And with that being said, those of us who enjoy fishing in autumn are reminded to watch where we put our feet so we don't do any damage to those recently created redds. As the trout are getting busier we are starting to wind down before the holiday season. But we still have some events coming up!

On Saturday and Sunday, October 12 and 13, we will be participating in the Quiet Valley Harvest Festival at the Quiet Valley Historical Farm. We are looking for some additional volunteers to help at the booth on Saturday the 12th. So if you enjoy wearing old-timey looking clothes and helping your chapter contact Eric Baird at [ericrobertbaird@gmail.com](mailto:ericrobertbaird@gmail.com).

On October 26, 2019 the chapter is co-sponsoring the Day of Environmental Advocacy and Awareness with the Brodhead Watershed Association and Penn Future. We will be looking for volunteers to help with parking and registration for the event at the Brodhead Creek Heritage Center. We will be setting up around 9 AM and the event runs from 10 AM to 5 PM. If you are able to help contact Eric Baird at [ericrobertbaird@gmail.com](mailto:ericrobertbaird@gmail.com).

All of the above volunteer activities go towards an opportunity to earn a Flymph hat.

As we continue through 2019 please feel free to let me know how you think we can make our Chapter better.

We are currently looking for volunteers to step into additional leadership roles. We would like to fill our Events Coordinator position and Meetings Coordinator positions so if you would like to step up into a leadership role with the chapter here are some opportunities.

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#### MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

##### New Member

We are pleased to welcome new member Cindy Covington to our chapter. Cindy, we look forward to working with you on our mission and if you have any questions, please reach out to us.

##### Renewing Members

Thank you to Dan Baugess and Fred Freeman who have chosen to renew their memberships with us. Your efforts in supporting our education, conservation, and advocacy efforts are greatly appreciated.



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##### Contributing Members

Thank you to our recent contributing members. Your continuing support of Brodhead TU's mission is gratefully acknowledged.

Wayne	Babcock
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thank you!

## News Notes, Advocacy Opportunities, and Items of Interest

**A Day of Environmental Advocacy and Awareness:** On October 26, Brodhead Watershed Association, Penn Future and Brodhead TU will sponsor a workshop entitled “A Day of Environmental Advocacy and Awareness.” We will be sending out more information when the program is finalized. Keep checking that email and mark the date!

**BTU Strategic Plan:** The Strategic Plan for the Brohead Chapter is finalized will be available shortly for your review. This five-year plan will help guide our activities as we move ahead and we look forward to your participation.

**Cherry Creek Update:** No news on opening up the stream for fishing. Be patient...and besides...it's spawning season with low water.

### **PA Legislative News:**

The state legislature is on recess until October 21, 2019. There are quite a few bills in committee or heading to the floor that have the ability to directly or indirectly affect our mission. We'll keep you in the loop and supply information as it becomes available. The following link is a good resource for everyone and I'd bookmark the site and check back often. You can also visit the PA Senate and House pages for full text of the bills.

<http://www.paenvironmentdigest.com/newsletter/>

**Federal:** No change from last month. Still lots and lots of regulatory “roll-backs” occurring or planned works. We've mentioned the Clean Water Rule and Act and the recent action on the Endangered Species Act. Here is a TU resource to check up on what is happening

<https://www.tu.org/action-center>

And a Georgetown Law source for environmental legislation:

<http://guides.ll.georgetown.edu/c.php?g=209325&p=3611206>

### **Local and State Resources:**

**Brodhead Watershed Association**

**Monroe County Conservation District**

**PA Fish & Boat Commission: Rulemakings**

**Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited**

- **DEP Water Quality Information.** This [link](#) will take you to the PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) website that focuses upon water-related issues. You will find links for existing stream uses, proposed rulemaking, anti-degradation measures and more.



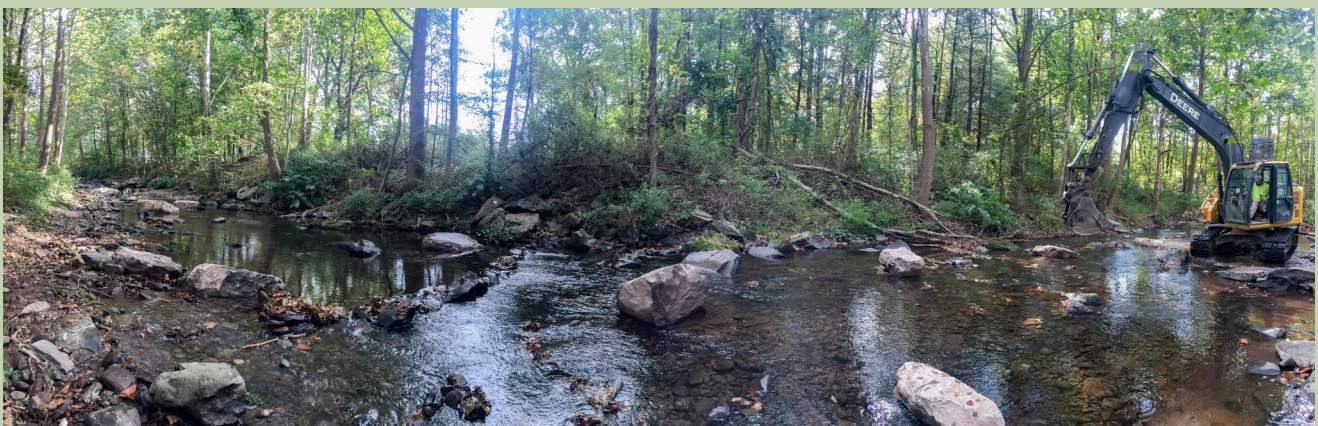
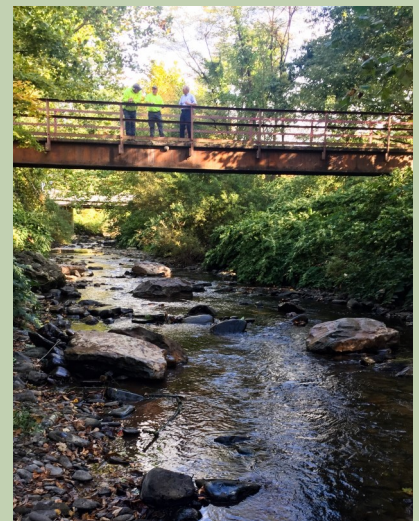


## Pocono Creek Project—Phase IV Completed

On Thursday, September 26, 2019, Board members Jeff Heberley, Don Baylor, and Todd Burns directed the placement of boulders to complete the Phase IV Pocono Creek Habitat Improvement Project. This portion of the project was made possible with the help of the [Brodhead Creek Regional Authority \(BCRA\)](#) and [Pocono Heritage Land Trust \(PHLT\)](#) and we thank those organizations, along with [Pocono Township](#) and our members Jeff Heberley and Don Miller for their efforts in seeing this to completion.

Boulders were placed from just upstream of the footbridge on the old Tannersville Elementary School site to downstream of the foul pole on the baseball field. These boulders will create more habitat by providing cover and forcing the high waters deeper, thereby forming better holding and feeding stations for the wild brown and native brook trout in the stream. If nature accommodates our wishes, we'll have enough high water this winter and spring to see the effects as early as next year.

Stop on by and check it out but be careful as it may still be a construction zone! Below you will find some photos of the day's work.





## Fishing Report

If you've been out an about you'll know that stream flows are extraordinarily low. Cool nights are helping in keeping the O2 levels high enough for our brookies, browns, and rainbows but we need rain and lots of it. With spawning season coming up quickly, it is our suggestion you give the trout in the smaller streams a break—they need it. November and December are historically wet months so if we get the water table up and the streams get somewhat “normal”, we'll start providing some reports and updates.

Here is the link to the USGS water flow page: <https://waterdata.usgs.gov/pa/nwis/current/?type=flow>



In the meantime, if you're not heading into the woods to hunt, you can always head out to the local lakes and ponds to fish for the “Pocono Package” of bluegills, largemouth bass, perch, and chain pickerel. They're fun, there are lots of them and they like cold water, too. Locally, we have public access at Tobyhanna Lake, Gouldsboro Lake, Hidden Lake, and the Upper and Lower Promised Land Lakes. Plus, there are many development ponds out there. It's a great way to see the fall scenery and practice your casting. You may be surprised at how accurate you need to be on a pond!





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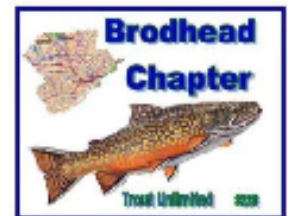
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## ***Fishing Buddies***

First, Last	Contact Phone	Contact email	Water(s)	Days-Times
Todd Burns	610-704-4549	<a href="mailto:salmofisher7@gmail.com">salmofisher7@gmail.com</a>	Brodhead and all smaller Pocono streams: Pocono, McMichaels, Devil's Hole, Cranberry, etc.	Almost any day or time
Eric Baird	570-355-0165	<a href="mailto:ericrobertbaird@gmail.com">ericrobertbaird@gmail.com</a>	Smaller wild trout streams - Devil's Hole, Cranberry Creek, Black Creek, Hickory Run or other small "blue lines."	Evenings after 6 PM and weekends
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Rich Staneski		<a href="mailto:Shadrock54@yahoo.com">Shadrock54@yahoo.com</a>	Easy wading Pocono streams	Weekdays and weekends

### The State of Our Membership:

Adult Members = 248

Youth Members = 6

*Total Chapter Members— 254*



## **Address Changes:    KINDLY NOTE...**

If you have moved you can effect an address change through National TU. You can do it directly on the TU.org website by logging in to your account with your TU member number, or you can call them up directly at one of the following numbers: TOLL FREE: 1-800-834-2419; National Office: (703) 522-0200; Fax: (703) 284-9400. If that proves problematic, drop us a line and we'll take care of it.

***Thanks for your understanding.—Ed.***

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*All material for submission for your newsletter  
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If your membership is about to expire, please take a few minutes to renew. We appreciate your support and assistance with our projects and outreach opportunities.

A sincere thank you is extended to the following supporters of our Chapter as we work to preserve and protect the cold-water resources in the Poconos.

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