



Streamside Asides

The newsletter of the Brodhead Chapter #289 Trout Unlimited

September 2022

Upcoming Events:

September 10, 2022 10 AM to 3 PM. Tabling at Pocono Township Community Day

September 14, 2022 at 7:00 PM MCCC Gen. Membership Mtg. Presentation on the Sand Spring Run Project – **KCEEC**

September 17, 2022. PA Council TU State Meeting

September 19, 2022—Tying October Caddis. Brodhead Creek Heritage Center, 6 PM

September 23-25, 2022 Kettle Creek Chapter Fishing Trip

October 2, 2022 Polk Township Community Day

October 11: (TUESDAY)
General Membership Mtg: Guest Speaker Frank Nale: Spin Fishing for Wild Trout 7 PM.

General Membership Meeting Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at 7:00 PM Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center

◆ MCCD Presents an update on the Sand Spring Run Streambank Restoration Project.

Lori Kerrigan, is currently the Head Resource Conservationist and supervisor of the permitting/technical section at [Monroe County Conservation District](#). She holds a

Bachelor of Science in Sustainable Watershed Management and an Associates in Forest Technology. Recently, Lori has facilitated the development of a partnership with the PA Game Commission and DEP. Through this partnership, MCCD obtained a two-part Growing Greener Grant, to improve water quality, restore the natural stream functions, minimize bank erosion and restore habitat in a headwater reach of Sand Spring Run in the Upper Pocono watershed. The project came about to address an historic stone box culvert failure, below the 75-foot high impoundment that supported the Wilkes Barre and Eastern (WB&E) Railroad crossing.

When completed, the “Sand Spring Run Streambank Restoration Project” will provide a significant reduction in sediment loading to the Pocono and Brodhead Creek Watersheds, restore riparian buffer and enhance in-stream and riparian habitats.



◆ Chapter Officer Elections

◆ Update on Pomeroy-McMichaels Project

The Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center is located at the Monroe County Conservation District offices, 8050 Running Valley Road, Stroudsburg, PA 18360.

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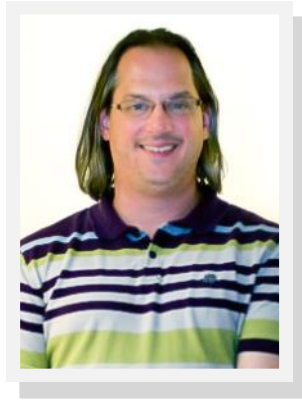
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Dear Members and Friends,

Like everyone else I'm hoping for some rain and cooler weather. I'm also sadly looking forward to my term as the president of our Chapter coming to an end. I know I'm leaving our Chapter in good hands and with Russ Thrall steering the helm, a strong plan forward and I plan to continue serving in a leadership position as our Chapter's Vice President for the near future. It's been an interesting 4 years having to lead the Chapter through the trials and tribulations of a global pandemic from which our Chapter is still recovering: both fiscally and socially. I hope the coming year brings us a little closer to normalcy.

Next year, if the volunteers are available, we are looking forward to getting our hands dirty with some smaller scale stream projects, along with invasive plant removal and tree planting projects. But this work can't happen without our Chapter being able to come together and put all our shoulder against that stone. I look forward to seeing some of you again for the first time in a while and having the pleasure of meeting many of our new members.

Tight Lines,

Eric



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MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

New Members

Brodhead TU welcomes new members Mira Giunta and Benjamin Minchhoff. Thank you for joining us in our efforts and if you have any questions, please let us know. We hope to see you soon!

Renewing and Contributing Members

The chapter extends a sincere thank-you to those who have chosen to renew memberships or contribute to TU's mission. Your efforts in supporting our education, conservation, and advocacy efforts are greatly appreciated.

James	Apgar	Marie	Ricker
Patrick	Calpin	Gloria	Rubino
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Free 1-Year TU Memberships for First Responders

Are you a first responder? Fire Servicer? Law enforcement? Military? Is someone in your family? TU is offering free 1-year memberships to those who serve our communities and our country in these capacities. If you or a family member is interested, please [follow this link](#) for more information.

Current Membership: 309 Adults + 9 Youth



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Material Delivery Starts for Pomeroy-McMichaels Habitat Improvement Work

Late August saw the delivery of over 200 logs needed for Phase I of the Brodhead TU chapter's habitat improvement work on McMichaels Creek. Three tri-axle truck loads, some 68 tons of hardwood, were delivered to the site on the Pomeroy-McMichaels Nature Preserve. BTU members Tim Fretz, Jim Connor, Don Miller and Todd Burns helped with site preparation, flagging, and clearing overhead tree limbs so the deliveries could occur. Thanks to Matt Schultz, Pocono Heritage Land Trust, for his assistance in identifying storage areas and in clearing brush.

The logs will be used to frame most of the devices proposed for the in-stream work. These include 17 log-framed stone deflectors and one log-framed, stone-throated cross vane. Additionally, many boulders will be placed in the main channel. Collectively, these devices will narrow and deepen the channel, increase flow velocity, and provide much needed shelter and feeding lanes for the wild and stocked trout. These changes should help moderate stream temperatures, improve habitat for macro-invertebrates, and provide safe havens for the fish. A start date for the work is still being determined.



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Sand Spring Run Rehabilitation Project

For years the old railroad embankment along Sand Spring Run, upstream of the confluence with Wolf Swamp Run and Dry Sawmill Run, eroded during high water events. The affected portion of the stream bank was extremely large and this erosion resulted in muddied water downstream with the deposition of sediment throughout the Pocono Creek watershed.

The Monroe County Conservation District acquired Growing Greener funds and partnered with the PA Game Commission (the site is on State Game Lands) and DEP to develop a plan to remediate the damaged area. The comparative photos shown below reveal the progress to date. On the left is an initial photo taken prior to any work being done. The photo on the right shows the area as of August 22, 2022. The slope angle has decreased, anti-erosion barrier put in place and vegetation is recovering along the stream bank.



Whereas the work area is in the headwaters of Pocono Creek, reduction of sediments and restoring the riparian buffer will be exceptionally beneficial for the downstream areas. Excessive sedimentation negatively impacts the growth and reproduction of macro-invertebrates. Reducing this sediment load should result in improved populations of the insects that help feed the trout and other organisms.

More information will be provided at the General Membership Meeting on September 14th so bring your questions and be ready to learn what this project has accomplished to date.

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BREAKING ADVOCACY NEWS

Statement from Pocono Township September 6, 2022



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW)

The Pocono Township Board of Commissioners took action at their regularly scheduled meeting this evening (9/6/22) to do the following:

1) The Board of Commissioners declared the Pocono Township Zoning Ordinance “defective,” per the PA Municipalities Planning Code, as it pertains to uses including “warehouses,” “logistics centers” and “fulfillment centers.” Several specific ordinance provisions were mentioned as to why the Ordinance is defective and inadequate to address new uses and definitions. This effectively gives the Township options on proposed future land development projects pertaining to these uses while the Township addresses these deficiencies through a curative amendment to the Township Zoning Ordinance. The Township now has 180 days to develop zoning language that better addresses and provides for these proposed uses. Please note that this does not “stop” existing land development plans that have been or are being actively reviewed. However, the Board of Commissioners is focused on addressing the increase in these large-scale land development plans and the concerns of our community. Please stay tuned for more information.

2) The Board formally moved to explore the purchase of the Pocono Elementary Center property with Pocono Mountain School District. Pocono Township indicated interest several years ago in the purchase of the facility for a proposed new municipal complex and community center. At that time it was stated that the School District was not interested in the sale of the property. In the meantime, the Township has undergone, and continues to undergo, architectural feasibility studies to assess options for rehabbing the Township’s municipal complex – a facility that was last renovated in 1989 – for today’s needs.

The Township recently became aware that the School District is considering the sale of PEC and is entertaining offers on the property. Pocono Township will now contact Pocono Mountain School District leadership and work to prepare an offer on the property for the purpose of establishing a new municipal complex, developing a community center and preserving a community asset. We thank the members of the PMSD School Board who were in attendance at the Township meeting and we look forward to engaging in a mutually-beneficial conversation with the District.

3) The Board moved to require the Pocono Township zoning officer take an active role in all land development applications submitted to the Township to ensure full compliance with all existing Township zoning requirements.

More detailed information and a formal press release will be forthcoming.

News Notes, Advocacy Opportunities, and Items of Interest



Comment Period: Here is the link to the [PFBC Regulatory Changes](#) page so you can review these and other proposals and leave a comment.

PA Legislation: If you want to keep track of these and other bills coming up within the Environmental Resources and Energy Committees (ERE) here is the link for the [House](#). Here is the same information for [Game and Fisheries](#). On the Senate side, here are [ER&E](#) and [G&F](#) committee assignments and meeting schedules. Be advised there are usually multiple bills being considered that could ultimately affect the quality of our streams and ground-water.



Local Updates:

- The [Monroe County Planning Commission](#) will be holding a public meeting to show the results of **Return on Investment** report on September 13, 2022.
- [Coolbaugh Township Zoning \(Big-box warehouse proposal\)](#) Tobyhanna Conservation Assoc., PennFuture, PHLT, a homeowner's association and one immediate neighbor were allowed to comment/testify at a public zoning hearing board meeting. No final resolution yet—another hearing will be scheduled.
- Meeting held Monday, August 29, 2022 in [Pocono Township](#) regarding proposed Core5 warehouse.
- [Our Pocono Waters](#) released an Economic Impact Report on the value of HQ and EV waterways.

BTU Position Statement on Distribution Centers/Warehouse Construction

Currently, preliminary plans or discussions are being carried out concerning the construction of massive distribution centers throughout the greater Pocono region. Projects are being considered and are in various stages of planning, review, comment and hearings. Several of these are in the Pocono Creek corridor in Pocono Township and also in Coolbaugh Township along Tobyhanna Creek.

Brodhead Trout Unlimited understands warehouse development will occur, and it believes that such development must be done in areas that do not impact the absorption, retention, filtration and free movement of rain water and other precipitation near cold-water resources. It should not reduce the size or quality of wetlands, provide damaging thermal and/or saline stress due to runoff, or cause increased siltation in our streams. The cold, clean trout waters for which the Poconos is known should not be degraded and BTU is willing to work with residents and local governments to achieve this goal.

What's Up In PA Environmental Legislation

This link provides a broad overview of conservation and environmentally related news stories that affect PA. [Conservation Leadership 2022 NEW LINK!](#)

Be aware there are bills and amendments being put forth that would affect funding, enforcement and regulations within agencies that are charged with protecting the clean, healthy environment guaranteed in our state's constitution. We encourage you to visit: <http://www.paenvironmentdigest.com/newsletter/>

Federal:

TU's Chris Woods' WOTUS article is [HERE](#).

More information on issues can be found at these links:

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

This Georgetown Law source provides a comprehensive overview of pending 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](#)

[PennFuture](#)

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 rule-making, anti-degradation measures and more.

Harassment Reporting

As a member or volunteer, if you believe you are being harassed or if you have witnessed harassing behavior towards other volunteers, members or TU employees, you should report it immediately to Beverly Smith, bsmith@tu.org, Vice President for Volunteer Operations, or Julisa Edwards, jedwards@tu.org, TU General Counsel. If, at anytime, you would feel it would be unreasonable to use this procedure to report harassment, TU encourages you to submit an anonymous and confidential report using the new Trout Unlimited Ethics hotline.

<https://secure.ethicspoint.com/domain/media/en/gui/68191/index.html>

or call 1-844-896-9121.

This "hot-button" link leads directly to the reporting hotline.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Women's Introduction to Fly Fishing

Saturday October 1, 2022 at 9:00 AM

Brodhead Creek Heritage Center

1539 Cherry Lane Rd, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301

Ladies, if you were ever curious about learning to fly fish then join the Brodhead Chapter Trout Unlimited in a fun and education event. We will once again be hosting the class portion at Brodhead Creek Heritage Center. Instruction includes: basic equipment, knot tying, fly casting, types of flies and what they imitate, and reading the water. After the classes we will then head over to Zacharias Pond for an afternoon of fishing so students can apply what they've learned. Pre-registration is required and we have a 40 student maximum! Women can register at <https://tu.myeventcenter.com/event/Ladies-Introduction-To-Fly-Fishing-63640>. If you are interested in assisting with the class let us know.

Veterans and First Responders Fishing Day

Saturday October 1, 2022 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM

63 Meckes Ln, Lake Harmony, PA 18624, USA

Veterans and first responders are invited to enjoy a free day of fishing on the waters of the Black Creek on private veterans retreat owned by VALOR. Chapter members and friends are welcome to assist with the program. For more information please feel free to respond to this email and we will put you in touch with our Service Coordinator

Polk Township Educational Day

Sunday October 2, 2022 Noon to 4:00 PM

Polk Township Walking Park

121 Polk Township Rd, Kunkletown, PA 18058

The Chapter is going have an educational booth at the Polk Township Education Day. If you are interested and available to help represent your Chapter you can respond to this email. Polk Township is holding a family Environmental Education Day on Sunday, October 2, 12-4 pm. This free event will feature activities such as a petting zoo, face painting and a pumpkin patch. Community organizations will be on hand with informational displays and demonstrations.

Spin Fishing for Wild Trout

General Membership Meeting on TUESDAY, October 11, 2022. Location TBD.

Would you like to learn the secrets of how to catch more trout than most anglers think is possible? If so, you won't want to miss Frank Nale's PowerPoint program on fishing spinners for wild trout. Frank is from Blair County and casts his homemade lures in large streams such as the Little Juniata River, Penns Creek, and Spring Creek in Centre County, as well as numerous small streams, both limestone and free-stone. This fast-paced program will cover proper spin fishing tackle, correct technique and stream selection,

September Fishing Outlook



Yes, we've had our first appreciable rainfall in over a month and our streams and ponds got a bit of a drink. The weather forecast for the next two weeks shows some more showers and cooler temperatures. If those two predictions are correct, we just might get some trout fishing done! Expect water conditions to remain low, even with some rain, but the cooler daytime and evening temperatures will help activate the trout.

Terrestrial patterns will remain a good bet as ants, hoppers, and inchworms will be moving about. Don't be surprised if you come across some *Isonychia* (Slate Drake) duns or Blue-winged Olives. This late in the year, they may be a bit smaller than usual. Also, don't forget the October Caddis (Okay, it's September, but you get the idea.) Small stonefly nymphs are always a good bet in the Poconos and of course you should break out your trusty streamer box.

Under these low water conditions, don't be afraid to go with small tippet or leader sizes for dries and nymphs. Unless you hit it the day after a rain or are fishing streamers, the clear stream waters may require that 6x or (gasp) that 7x that's been in the bottom of your vest pocket. Be gentle.

Whatever the case, try to get out and enjoy some late summer and early fall fishing this month. With the leaves predicted to turn early, a day on the stream can be a beautiful experience.

Tight lines.

ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Brodhead Trout Unlimited Activities for 2022/2023

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October 8-9, 2022. Quiet Valley Harvest Festival

October 2022. Pomeroy McMichaels Creek Habitat Improvement Work

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November 12, 2022 at 1:00 PM Hike – Pomeroy-McMichaels Nature Preserve.

December 14, 2022 at 6:00 PM Holiday Party – Location TBA

April 12, 2023 at 7:00 PM John Maclean (virtual presentation) - KCEEC

Stay tuned for updates!

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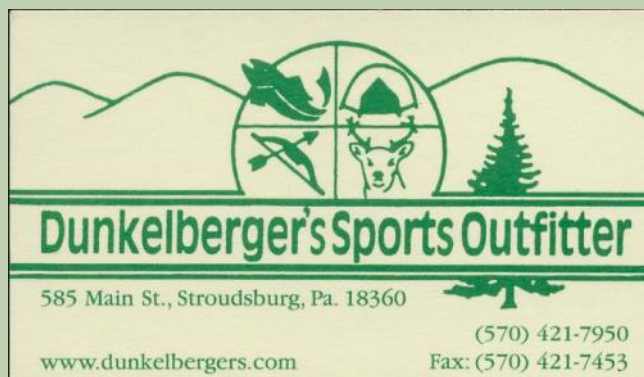
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