

Streamside Asides

The newsletter of the Brodhead Chapter #289 Trout Unlimited

February 2023

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Did you:

Upcoming Events:

February 8: Pies and Flies at BCHC 7 PM

March II Advocacy Workshop, 10 AM Pocono Mt. Library

March II General Membership Meeting; Pocono Mt. Library Advocacy Updates, Time- TBD

March 24 Annual Spring Banquet at Stroudsmoor 5:30 PM "Woodsgate"

March 25: Introduction to Fly Fishing Workshop. BCHC

April I 8 AM Trout Season Opens

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

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- Buy your 2023
 PA fishing license
 - and trout stamp? No? Go <u>here</u>.
- Register/renew your boat, canoe or kayak permit/license? No? Go <u>here</u>.
- Clean, repair and tidy up your gear?
- Reserve the following dates?
 - February 8: Pies and Flies General Meeting at BCHC (Wednesday 7 PM)
 - February 19: Stocked trout streams close to fishing at end of day.
 - February 20: Brodhead Fly Tyers—6 PM BCHC—Blue winged olives
 - March II:Advocacy Workshop at Pocono Mountain Library (Morning)
 - March 11: General Membership meeting (afternoon)
 - March 24: Annual Spring Banquet at Woodsgate, Stroudsmoor Country Inn. (Friday evening) Go <u>here</u>.
 - March 25: Mentored Youth Trout Fishing Day
 - April I: Opening Day of Trout Season (8AM)

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Members and Friends,

I hope everyone has been able to take advantage of the relatively mild winter so far to get out and do some fishing in our creeks. While our ice fishing friends haven't had the best season yet, the forecast for early February is for some colder weather, so they might get some time on the ice this month up on the Pocono plateau.

As you page through this edition of the newsletter, you'll see the numerous advocacy opportunities the chapter is tracking, and the full schedule of events planned for the next few months.

I hope you will be able to join us on February 8th at the Brodhead Creek Heritage Center for our Pies and Flies meeting. Bring your fly-tying gear and enjoy some pizza courtesy of the chapter. It's a great time to relax, socialize and maybe pick up a few fly-tying ideas to take home to your bench.

Our members tell us that the most important reasons they join TU is to impact their local rivers and streams through their chapter and advocate for the conservation of these precious resources. On that front, Chapter Secretary Ann Foster worked with TU National staff to schedule a Conservation Advocacy Workshop on Saturday, March II at the Pocono Mountain Public Library in Tobyhanna.

The workshop will provide training by our professional TU advocacy staff and others to help our members and friends locally become more effective advocates for the places we love to fish and the resources we are so fortunate to have in the Poconos. The more people we can engage in our advocacy efforts, the more impactful that work will be to conserve and protect our resources for our children and grandchildren to enjoy.

The workshop will be followed by our March Chapter meeting that will feature speakers from TU and other local organizations on specific local conservation issues, many of which you can read about in this issue.

Finally, don't forget to purchase your tickets for our March 24 Annual Banquet at Stroudsmoor!

Tight lines,

Russell

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

We welcome new members Todd Kemmerer and Ken Sandri to our

chapter. We're glad you chose to join us in our work to preserve the coldwater resources throughout the Pocono region. If you have

any questions, let us know and we hope to see you soon.

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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.

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David	Beers
William	Brinker
ohn	Burrus
Colman	Danges
Mark	Exeter
ay	Galaini
Karen	Gee

New Members

Joseph Greco Jeremy Hartenfels Glenn Hessler David Katsock Robert Labar David Mengle Thomas Rumore

Free I-Year TU Memberships for First Responders

Are you a first responder? Fire Service? Law enforcement? Military? Is someone in your family? TU is offering free I-year memberships to those who serve our communities and our country in these capacities. If you or a family member is interested, please <u>folow this link</u> for more information.

Current Membership:

303 Adults + 9 Youth



THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING PAST- DIRECTORS FOR THEIR RECENT SERVICE:

Gerry Bortz

James Connor

Tim Fritz

Jeff Heberley

Greg Malaska

John Smith

Daniel Steere

Arie VanWingerden

Tom Van Zandt

News Notes, Advocacy Opportunities, and Items of Interest



<u>Comment Period</u>: Here is the link to the <u>PFBC Regulatory Changes</u> page so you can review these and other proposals and leave a comment.



Plans Moving Forward on Development of the former Hawthorne Inn Property and the Wicassett Golf Course



The image above is a photo of the master plan for development of land between Rte 611 and Indian Run and Swiftwater Creek. These two beautiful streams are headwater streams to Brodhead Creek. Indian Run is home to brook and brown trout and Swiftwater Creek has a healthy population of wild brown trout. This development is primarily in Paradise Township with small portions in Pocono Township and Mount Pocono Borough. A Paradise Township conditional use Hearing will be held at 6 PM on January 30, 2023. Information on the meeting can be found => HAWTHORNE Mt. Pocono Resort.

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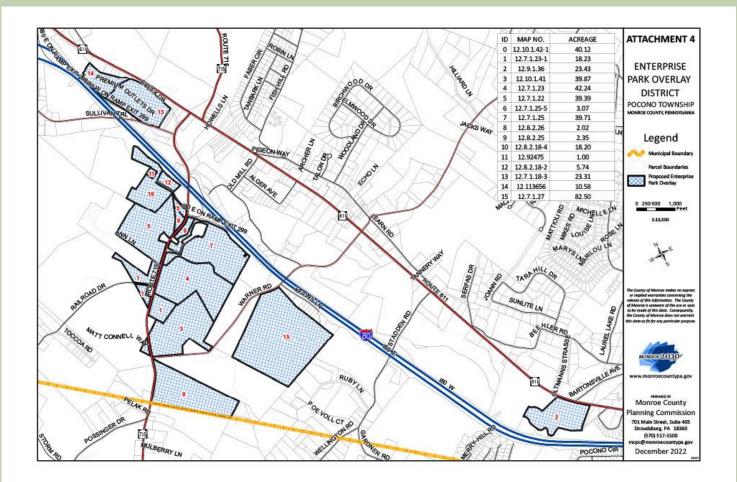
and Items of Interest



NEW Pocono Township Public Hearing

On February 6, 2023, the Township will hold a hearing at 6 PM for consideration and potential adopting of Ordinance 2023-01 establishing regulations for Truck Terminal/Distribution and Warehouse Uses and adoption of an Enterprise Park Overlay District. The tracts of land involved with these proposals are within the Pocono Creek watershed and one parcel borders the creek. You can review hard copies of the ordinance text and images at the Township Office on Route 611 in Tannersville. The overlay district map is shown below and you can also view the documents via these links:

- Truck Terminal Ordinance Text \Rightarrow
- ⇒ Ordinance Exhibit A Enterprise Park Overlay District



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Camp Trexler

UPDATE: Here is the link to a 1/23/2023 article from the Philadelphia Inquirer regarding the upcoming sale of Camp Trexler. <u>Inquirer Article.</u>

The Minsi Trails Council of the Boy Scouts of America is engaged in discussions to sell their 900+ acre Camp Trexler near Jonas, PA. This beautiful wooded area produces the headwaters of Middle Creek, a wild trout stream in which BTU will soon undertake a riparian buffer project in Polk Township. If the camp is sold for development, the headwaters of Middle Creek will be susceptible to significant degradation and not available for public use. One local group looking to purchase the property and protect it from development and provide for public access is the Pocono Heritage Land Trust. If you would like to see this land, and the Middle Creek, preserved for future generations, you can contact <u>rich-</u> <u>ardd.christ@scouting.org</u> and let the Council know the importance of preserving this land.

BTU Position Statement on Distribution Centers/Warehouse Construction

Discussions are being carried out concerning the construction of distribution centers throughout the Pocono region. Projects 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. BTU 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.

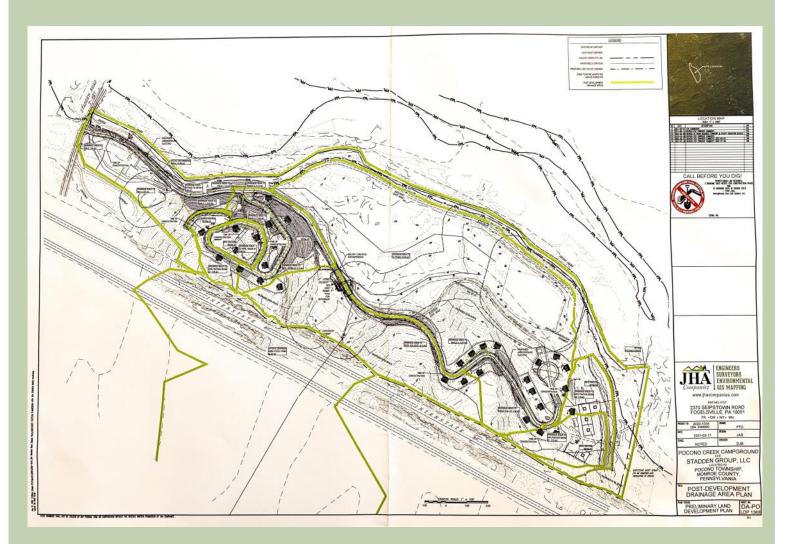
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Campground off Stadden Road

This development plan within the Pocono Creek watershed in Pocono Township has been submitted and **you will find an image of the proposal below.** (Stadden Road is to the left in the image.) The plan calls for the construction of 31 small, rental cabins in two clusters between I-80 and Pocono Creek, Access would be from the east side of Stadden Road, immediately south of the existing bridge over Pocono Creek. BTU is currently reviewing the plans. Because the creek is a Class A High-Quality trout stream, the chapter will be looking at runoff (thermal loading and salinity) the clearing of land (thermal effects and runoff) and other potential impacts to this local gem.



What's Up In PA Environmental Legislation

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

Federal:

TU's Chris Woods' WOTUS article is HERE.

More information on issues can be found at these links:

https://ww.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

PA Fish & Boat Commission: Rulemakings

Monroe County Conservation District 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.

Trout Unlimited Ethics Hotline



Brrrr.

Yes, it's cold outside and it looks like its going to stay that way for a few weeks. But hey, it's winter and that's the way it's supposed to be. There are lots of things to do before it gets warm again and now is a good time to do it. If you tie flies, create spinners, assemble leaders or other such activities, these cold winter days and nights are great times to stock up for the coming year.

If, however, cabin fever strikes, trout will still be hungry through these next few weeks. If temperatures get to the freezing point or slightly above, drifting nymphs through riffles and runs can be productive. You will need to get your offerings near to the bottom so don't be afraid of adding some non-toxic

weight. The strikes this time of year can be as gentle as your line just stopping—no jerk, twitch or sudden movement. Be attentive to any change in how your line or indicator is behaving.

Lakes should be icing or already be iced over so local streams may be your only option. Our local creeks can be exceptionally clear this time of year so be prepared to use fine line and tippets and that 30'-40' cast on a small stream may not be an exception! Oh, and since there may be ice out there, you might not want to use new line for a few months.





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lic Library. Advocacy Updates

March 24 Annual Spring Banquet at Stroudsmoor. Register at: <u>https://</u> <u>tu.myeventscenter.com/event/Brodhead-Chapter-Trout-Unlimited-Annual-Banquet-72206</u> Special presentation by Don Baylor, "Fishing Patagonia".

March 25: Introduction to Fly Fishing Workshop.

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

Fly-Fishing the Next Step begins on May 2

May 2023: Annual Stream Clean-up, Tannersville PA.

June 2023: Annual Picnic at Brodhead Creek Heritage Center

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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