



# Streamside Asides

The newsletter of the Brodhead Chapter #289 Trout Unlimited

September 2025

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## General Public Meeting Environmental Roundtable Discussion

Brodhead Creek Heritage Center

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

7:00 PM.



Brodhead Chapter #289 invites our friends, members, and the community to learn about and interact with representatives of some of our local environmental organizations. This gathering will provide opportunities to discuss the environmental issues facing the greater Pocono area today and the challenges they create. Attendees will meet the partners the Chapter works with on a regular basis including:

[Pocono Heritage Land Trust](#)

[PennFuture](#)

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Members and Friends,

As we turn the calendar to September, cooler nights and the start of fall fishing remind us why we value the Pocono's cold, clean waters. It's also the month for one of our most important fundraisers.

Our Summer Slam Online Auction is September 7–14. I'd like to thank Todd Burns for organizing this year's event and extend our gratitude to all who donated items. Their generosity makes this fundraiser possible. Now we need your help to make it a success—please take a moment to visit the auction site, browse the listings, and bid on some great items. Proceeds directly support our habitat work, riparian plantings, youth education, and outreach. Every bid helps us continue the mission.

In addition to the auction, September is filled with opportunities to get involved. On Wednesday, September 10 at 7 p.m., we'll host our monthly public meeting at the Brodhead Creek Heritage Center. This Environmental Roundtable will bring together local partners to discuss the issues facing our region and the conservation efforts underway.

On Saturday, September 13 at 9 a.m., volunteers are needed for an invasive plant removal workday at the Larsen Lane Tract of the Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge.

A pair of gloves and sturdy shoes are all you need to make a difference.

Other activities this month include Brodhead Fly Tyers on Monday, September 15 at 6 p.m., and our Scouting Fishing and Fly Fishing Merit Badge Weekend at Camp Minsi on September 20–21. These programs continue to inspire the next generation of conservationists and anglers.

I hope you'll join us at one of these events and take part in the Summer Slam Auction. Your support keeps our streams healthy and our community strong.

Tight lines,  
Russell

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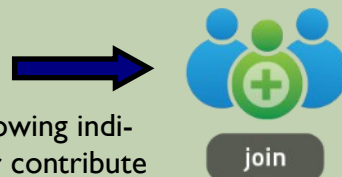


#### MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

**Half-price membership for new members!** We welcome new members Chris Hansen to our Brodhead TU membership roll. We look forward to seeing and working with you on our many activities.

#### **Renewing and Contributing Members**

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



Todd	Burns
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#### **Free 1-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 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:**

**239 Adults + 3 Youth**



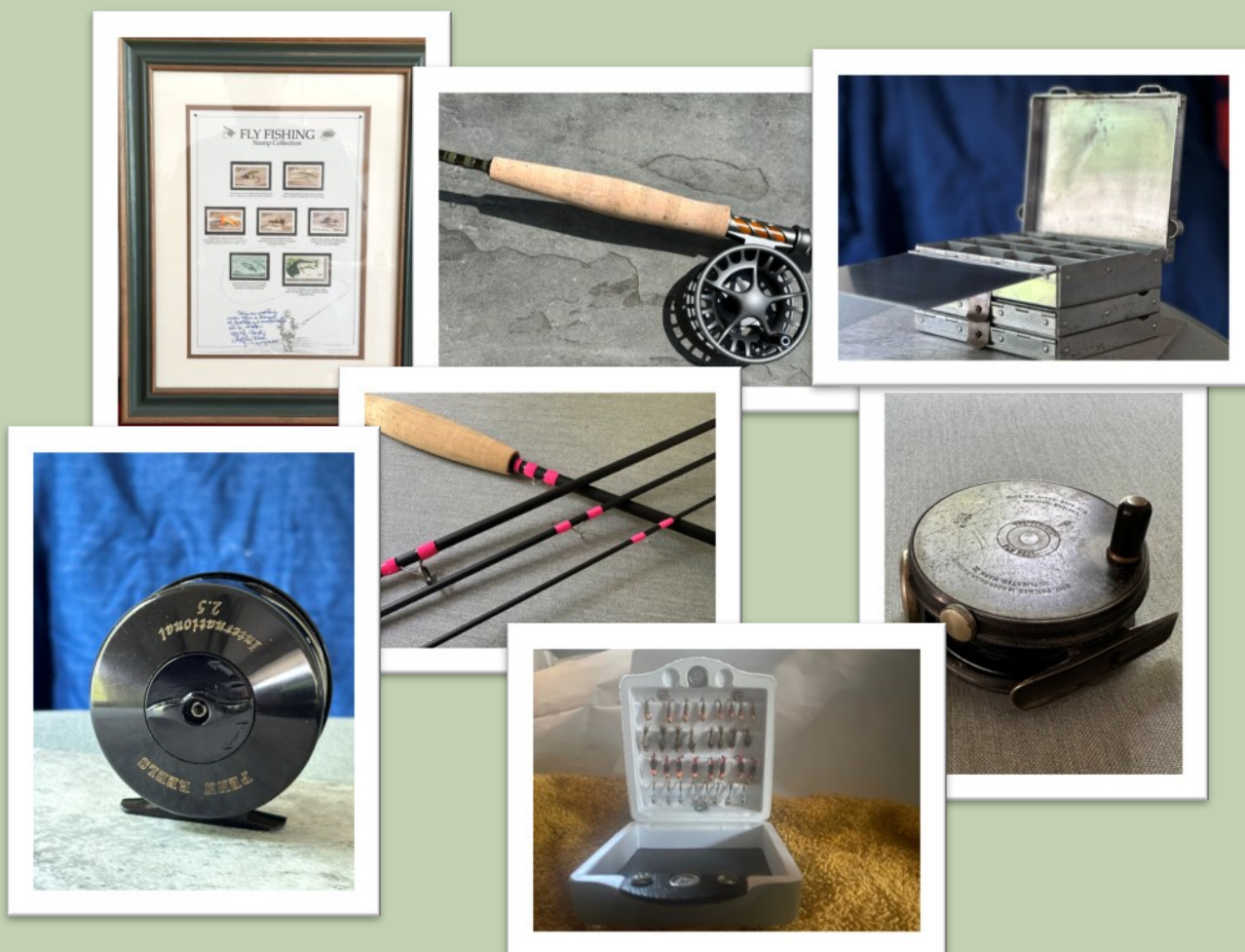
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## Summer Slam On-Line Auction

The Brodhead Chapter Trout Unlimited will once again be sponsoring their [Summer Slam Online Auction](#). Running from September 7 through September 14, the auction offers new, used, and collectible items for members, friends and the general public.

Some of this year's items include an original Fye (now Richardson) chest fly box from the 1951-1961 era, a new 10' 3-weight Euro rod with a blank directly from Bulgaria (with Lamson reel), a new 7' 6" 4 weight fly rod, a used Hardy Perfect reel, a framed fishing stamp collection autographed/inscribed by Lefty Kreh, and a nice selection of nymphs.

Initiated in 2020, the auction has evolved into the second largest fundraiser for the chapter. The proceeds will help fund our habitat work, riparian plantings, educational activities, and public outreach. A link to the auction page will be sent at the start of the auction so we hope you'll stop by when it opens and check it out. We've included some photos below.



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## Newsletter Editor Needed

Brodhead TU is looking for a new editor for its chapter newsletter starting January 2026. If you or someone you know would be interested in keeping our members and friends up to date with our newsletter, contact any board member. Thanks!

## Photos from BTU 2025 Activities...to Date!



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## Data Centers Arrive in Latest Development Push

As the push for construction of more distribution center space continues in the Pocono region, a new land use is also gaining attention: Data centers.

While a small data center may fit into a room of a building, the data centers being proposed encompass an entire building or a series of buildings. They are designed to house large-scale computing systems associated with various enterprises such as e-commerce and telecommunications. With the explosion of artificial intelligence (AI) in the past decade, the demand for data centers has grown rapidly.

The tremendous scale of the computing designs within these complexes requires large amounts of energy. The bigger the data center, the more computing power is at play, and the greater the amount of energy required. The more energy used, the more heat that is generated and the need to cool these systems grows. The two largest uses of energy within a data center are the energy to run the servers and the energy needed to keep them cool. There are several methods currently in use to cool the systems so they function optimally. Some can be cooled via traditional air conditioning while other may utilize a closed-loop or other heat-transfer method. These methods may need to access local freshwater resources.

Data centers may tie into existing high-voltage power lines or they may use on-site gas turbines or other means to generate the electricity they need. The energy source used will depend upon the scale of the facility and the energy resources available.

Currently, the largest proposal that has progressed in our region is located in Covington and Clifton Townships. This proposed data center along I-380 would possibly involve more than 30 buildings and 1,000 acres of land.

Recently, [Pennsylvania Senate, SB 939](#) was referred to the Communications and Technology Committee on July 14. This bill would establish an Office of Transformation and Opportunity and the Artificial Intelligence and a Data Center and Emerging Technology Regulatory Sandbox Program.

From a cold-water conservation perspective, several concerns arise with the proposal of large-scale data centers. As with any large-area construction, removal of trees, shrubs and grasses that hold soils in place may lead to downstream sedimentation. Additionally, the capture of runoff from large roofs or parking areas produces warm waters that must be cooled prior to entering our surface waterways. And if a cooling system utilizes cold surface waters or lowers an aquifer level via high-volume wells, diminished cold-water flows will be an issue.

BTU will be watching these developments.

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



### BTU Position Statement on Distribution Centers/Warehouse Construction

Discussions are being carried out concerning the construction of distribution centers throughout the Pocono region. Proposed projects are in various stages of planning, review, comment and hearings in Coolbaugh Township, Tunkhannock Township and Pocono Township. Potentially affected streams and their associated wetlands and tributaries are Mud Pond Run, Pocono Creek and 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.



### Monroe County Addition to Class A Trout Waters

**Forest Hills Run** is now proposed to be listed for inclusion on the Class A Wild Trout water listings by the PA Fish & Boat Commission. This proposal is published in the PA Bulletin ([Volume 55, Issue 53](#)) and is open to comment. **We strongly urge you to submit comments in favor of approving the listed stream sections. Deadline for comments is Sunday, September 14.** Forest Hills Run, Tank Creek, Yankee Run, Devils Hole Creek, Rattlesnake Creek and Mill Creek are vital tributaries to Brodhead Creek and serve as cold-water refuges and spawning areas. Lets be sure our voices are heard in support of identifying Forest Hills Run as the Class A water it truly is.

Comments may be submitted by mail to: Executive Director, Fish and Boat Commission, P.O. Box 67000, Harrisburg, PA 17106-7000, within 30 days after publication of the notice in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*. Electronic submission can be made to [RA-pfbcregulations@pa.gov](mailto:RA-pfbcregulations@pa.gov). As before, just be sure to identify which proposal you are commenting upon.

### Method to Comment On Proposed Regulatory Changes

To review the proposed changes in regulation, you need to navigate by following the steps below:

1. Click on this [Pennsylvania Bulletin link](#). (Or the link highlighted above. )
2. Under "BULLETIN", select the most recent volume.
3. Select the pertinent issue(s).
4. Select "Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission" from the menu. You will see any pending proposals as a hyperlink. Select the proposal and it will open so you can read it.

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## What's Up In PA Environmental Legislation

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://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](#)

[Monroe County Conservation District](#)

[PA Fish and Boat Commission](#)

[Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited](#)

[PennFuture](#)

[Pocono Heritage Land Trust](#)

**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.

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## 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 the Vice President for Volunteer Operations, or to 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://www.tu.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/E-Poster.jpg>

or call **1-855-662-SAFE**.

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

A blue square with a white border containing the text "Trout Unlimited Ethics Hotline" in white, bold, sans-serif font.

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# September Fishing Outlook



It's been a long, hot and especially dry summer in the Poconos and that hasn't provided conditions ripe for trout fishing. But air temperatures in the area are gradually dropping and we're getting some nice, cool evenings. Now we desperately need some rain, and quite a bit of it. And hopefully not all at once! If the current conditions last, trout fishing will be a challenge in the foreseeable future. However, since our weather is variable, let's look at what happens in a more "normal" year.

As September progresses and water temperatures cool, our brook and brown trout will begin to stock up on calories in preparation for the upcoming spawning seasons (October through December.) Now can be a good time to try some terrestrial patterns such as beetles, small hoppers, and ants. With some rain and elevated flows, streamers can be an effective way to generate some explosive strikes.

We can see some late season hatches with small Blue-winged Olives and Isonychia or Slate Drakes flitting about. As always, don't forget your nymph and emerger patterns for these insects.



Although we'll remind you in October, spawning seasons are right around the corner. That means being careful where you tread in the creeks. If our waters remain low, there will be less areas available to spawn and competition for the "right" areas will increase. We don't want to create any more issues for our wild and native trout.

Let's hope for some rain, cool nights, and many tight lines!

EVENT DETAILS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

## **Brodhead Trout Unlimited Activities for 2025**



Visit <http://brodheadtu.org/events-and-registration/> or click on the links below.

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**September 20/21: Scouting Fishing and Fly Fishing Merit Badge Weekend. Camp Minsi. Contact: Eric Baird at: [ericrobertbaird@gmail.com](mailto:ericrobertbaird@gmail.com)**

**September 27: Intro to Fly Fishing, Clymer Library. Volunteers contact: [jssmith@ptd.net](mailto:jssmith@ptd.net) Participants contact Clymer Library.**

**October 2,9 & 23: Fly-tying at Clymer Library. Volunteers contact: [jssmith@ptd.net](mailto:jssmith@ptd.net). Participants contact Clymer Library.**

**October 8: General Public Meeting. Don Baylor presents: “Pocono Streams”. 7 PM Creek Heritage Center. [Register.](#)**

**October 22: Rod-building 101: First Session in a 4-Session Class. 6:30 PM [Register.](#) Re-maining sessions are: October 29, November 5, November 12. (Wednesday nights.)**

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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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