



# Streamside Asides

The newsletter of the Brodhead Chapter #289 Trout Unlimited



**OCTOBER, 2026**

## **QUICK CALENDAR**

**October 7: Speaker Series Larry Ott on Waterfalls of DWGNRA**

**October 10-11: Quiet Valley Harvest Festival**

**October 14 and beyond: Rod Building 101 SOLD OUT**

**October 17: Cherry Valley Fall Fest**

**October 19: Brodhead Fly Tyers**

**October 21: PennFuture LEAF fundraiser**

**October 24: Invasive Species Work Day**

**November 11: Speaker Series: Pennsylvania Stream Science**

**November 16: Brodhead Fly Tyers**

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Dear Members and Friends,

Another summer has passed and the long, lazy, hazy days of summer have transitioned into shorter, cooler days with crisp, clear nights. This change serves to invigorate us as we enjoy the cold-water resources throughout the Poconos and beyond.

Of course, with this seasonal change came our chapter officer and board member elections. I want to thank Russ Thrall, III, our past President, for all the work he oversaw during his tenure. As President it is my goal to continue to ensure the chapter meets the high standards he and previous leaders have set.

As a cold-water conservation organization in an area with abundant resources, it would be easy to stand by and assume everything is “just fine.” But we, and the community at large, know better. It seems every month a new threat to the health of our wetlands, headwaters and streams emerges that requires our attention. You, our members and friends, provide the needed vigilance to prevent potential degradation to our beloved waterways. As a result of your efforts we can review, comment and advocate for remedies to the appropriate agencies. This has led us to address proposed wastewater treatment permits, data center plans, state and federal legislation and distribution center development, among other concerns. The rivers and streams don’t have a voice, but we do. Keep up the good work!

Our October schedule is a busy one, and I hope you’ll find something in our schedule of events that interests you.

October 7: October Gathering – “Waterfalls of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area” presented by Larry Ott. Brodhead Creek Heritage Center, 7 PM.

October 10/11: Quiet Valley Festival tabling. Drop by our table for a chat.

October 14/21/28: Rod-Building 101 – Fly-rod building classes at BCHC. (FULL)

October 17: Tabling at Cherry Valley Fall Fest, Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge. Come on out and say, “Hi.”

If you are getting out into our streams to fish, please remember that our wild and native trout begin to spawn this month. Be careful where you wade so the redds aren’t disturbed.

Sincerely,

Todd Burns, President

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**MEMBERSHIP UPDATES, SINCE JULY 16**

**New members!** We welcome new members or changes to membership types to our Brodhead TU membership roll. Since our last newsletter, Joshua Lepley and Jared Alvord have joined our Chapter. We look forward to seeing and working with you on our many activities.

If you know of someone who shares our interests, please send them the link at right. New memberships are half price!



**Renewing and Contributing Members:** The members listed have renewed their membership, changed membership type, or contributed to the mission of the Brodhead Chapter of Trout Unlimited. Your efforts supporting our education, conservation, and advocacy efforts are greatly appreciated and are critical to our future success.

**Stephen Schroettnig  
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**Current Membership:**

**228 Adults + 4 Youth**



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## A Few Announcements...

October 7, Speaker Series, Larry Ott Presents Waterfalls of Delaware Water Gap NRA. 7 PM. BCHC.

October 10-11, Quiet Valley Harvest Festival, 9 AM to 5:30 PM: Quiet Valley Living History Farm. Brodhead Chapter has a booth at the Festival. Many other local conservation groups will also be there, along with living history demonstrations, live music, and great food! Stop by if you can.

Learn to build a fly rod. The session for 2026 is **SOLD OUT!** If you are interested in learning how to build a fly rod, this class is held each year in October. Look for the 2027 session.

October 17: Cherry Valley NWR Fall Fest, 10 AM - 2 PM. Cherry Valley NWR Visitor Center, 2138 Croasdale Rd, Stroudsburg. Brodhead TU will have a table, exhibits and demonstrations.

October 19: Brodhead Creek Heritage Center, 6-8 PM: Brodhead Fly Tyers. Wulff style flies. Getting the proper proportion of tail, body and wings of these hair wing flies can be challenging. Come out and get some pointers on tying these correctly, or at least as others tie them!

October 21: PennFuture LEAF Fundraiser. Brix Brewhouse, Brodheadsville. 5:30-7:30. PennFuture is a critical partner in protecting the Poconos HQ and EV headwater streams. Come out and help fund their work through food, drink, a silent auction and raffle.

October 24: Invasive Removal Workday, Larsen Lane Tract, Cherry Valley NWR. 1-5 PM. Come out and help us manage invasive woody plants invading the riparian and upland area along Cherry Creek.

November 11, Brodhead Creek Heritage Center, 7 PM: Speaker Series: Don Baylor Presents "Pennsylvania Stream Science". Don's presentation on Pennsylvania Stream Science will discuss how water quality standards in streams is determined and the science behind the regulations.

November 16, Brodhead Creek Heritage Center, 6-8 PM: Brodhead Fly Tyers.

December 9, Chapter Holiday Party, Lakeside, 6:30 PM.

Save the date: Our annual Chapter Conservation Banquet will be held on April 16, 2027. This is the Chapter's most successful fundraising event, and your attendance and participation are extremely important to our continued success. More information forthcoming in coming months.

Check the Chapter Calendar for more information and registration.

**We are selling Brodhead Chapter TU ballcaps, available in 4 colors. They will be for sale at most, if not all, of our public events.**

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

### DATA CENTERS

Since data centers were first mentioned in this newsletter, interest in the topic has only grown. The first link provided here was to data centers for Pennsylvania. In the months since, the developer has included 22 other states' data center development information, and quite a few additional states are planned for the future.

The link to the online GIS application tracking data centers across 23 states:

### [DATA CENTER PROPOSALS](#)

Trout Unlimited National and PA TU have policy statements relative to AI Data Centers. Links:

National: download from the TU.org website at: [Data Center Conservation Blueprint](#)

PA Policy Statement: <https://patrout.org/policy-statement-on-artificial-intelligence-data-centers/>

### **BRODHEAD CHAPTER STRATEGIC PLAN**

A steering draft document has been prepared to guide your Chapter's activities for the next 5 years. The Strategic Plan is broken into 4 broad categories: Conservation, Engagement, Communications, and Funding. All are critical to the success of the Chapter. To see what is planned, check out this link:

### [STRATEGIC PLAN](#)

### **TROUT UNLIMITED EMPLOYEE IN OUR AREA**

TU National has hired and placed an employee in Monroe County! Maddie Feaster is here as the Upper Delaware Watershed Project Manager (NJ/PA), to help protect brook trout populations in our area. Her project is designed to identify and hopefully remove barriers to free movement of these populations. The main impediments to free movement are dams and poorly designed culverts, structures that impede free upstream movement. The current focus is on brook trout streams in Pike County, but Maddie plans to focus on Monroe County for the next round. If you know of any brook trout streams with these restrictions, please pass on the information to us at the Chapter email address. We'll pass them on to Maddie.

### **EMAIL US!**

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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://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 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.

## 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 any time, 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**.

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## RECENT EVENTS



### **Speaker Series: Fishing Slovenia, Sept. 9.**



### **Stream Improvement Work Day, Tank Creek, Sept.26. (Pictures from Tank Creek Work Days grace the October and September issues of this newsletter)**



### **Polk Township Environmental Day, October 4**

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# ***FISHING, FLIES AND TYING FEATURE***

## **FEATURED FLIES FROM BRODHEAD FLY TYERS**

The October caddisfly, also known as the giant orange sedge, hatch is one of those enigmas. More people seem to have heard of this hatch than have actually seen and fished it. It is found in streams and rivers throughout the Pacific Northwest and sporadically found here in the East. Here it has been reported from the streams of Great Smoky Mountains area, and also in Penn's Creek the Upper Delaware River.

Unlike most of the caddisflies encountered locally, it is BIG. Imitations on size 10 and 8, 2X long, are not too large. Appropriately for the season, the insects are shades of orange. It is believed the orange coloration is to avoid being mistaken for upland birds, much as hunters and hikers are required or encouraged to wear blaze orange during hunting seasons. (Not really, of course. They aren't quite that large.) Anyway, the pupae and adults are conspicuously orange.

Here are some of the imitations our fly tyers came up with in September.



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## ***Brodhead Trout Unlimited Activities for 2026***



**EVENT DETAILS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE!**

**Consult the Chapter's website calendar for these  
and all upcoming events:**

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**October 17: Cherry Valley NWR Fall Fest. 10 AM to 2 PM. Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge. Free to all.**

**October 19, Brodhead Fly Tyers. 6-8 PM BCHC. Register**

**October 21: PennFuture LEAF Fundraiser. 5:30 to 7:30. Brix Brewhouse. Brodheadsville. INFO/TIX**

**October 24: Invasive Species Work Day. 1 to (about) 5 PM. Larsen Lane Tract of Cherry Valley NWR. Register**

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