

MUDDY MATTERS

The Newsletter of the Muddy Creek Chapter #575 of Trout Unlimited

TO CONSERVE PROTECT AND RESTORE THE MUDDY CREEK WATERSHED.



Winter/Spring 2014 Issue

From the President's Vest

This Chapter continues to be a very productive, enthusiastic group preserving and conserving the Muddy Creek Watershed. Last year Chapter members participated in completing multiple projects. MCTU provided and planted over 300 shrubs and trees in



the riparian buffer zone of Pine Run. 304 volunteer hours went into the Pine Run Project which is located at the intersection of Blouse and Brownton Roads. We stabilized an eroded section of stream bank along the main stem of Muddy Creek on Owad Road, seeded and stabilized repair sites along the North Branch, phase 1 project in Felton, planted trees, live stakes and branch packs along the North Branch, phase 2 project in Felton and conducted another successful streamside incubator project. As I've frequently stated, we are very fortunate to have talented, experienced members in this chapter who can organize and through their "hands on" work can see these types of projects through to completion.

Chapter elections were held at our membership meeting last October. Brita Runkle was elected Chapter Vice President. Beth Boyd and Fred Wilt were elected as Directors. Thanks to Brita, Beth and Fred for accepting these positions. Also thanks to Glenn Dasher for his past service as Director and to Billy Boyd for his long time service as Vice President. Both of these gentlemen continue to be very active in our Chapter.

Many projects and fundraisers are in the works for this year as noted elsewhere in this newsletter. This is an easy to get along with group. Please consider joining us in these activities. And bring a friend! New members are always welcome.

Kind Regards,

Fred

Upcoming Events

March 19 - General Meeting
Collinsville Fish & Game Club
7pm

**March 29 - SE Regional
Opening Day of Trout Season**
Volunteer or visit a food stand
in High Rock or Woodbine.

April 16 - General Meeting
Collinsville Fish & Game Club
7pm

**May 3 - ForSight Vision
Fishing Day**
Toms Run Handicapped Area
9 am

**May 5 - Sweet Frogs
Fundraiser Day**
Mention Muddy Creek Trout
Unlimited when purchasing any
Yogurt products at Sweet
Frogs in Shrewsbury.

May 21 - General Meeting
Cooperative Nursery - 7pm.

June 18 - General Meeting
Cooperative Nursery - 7pm.

July 16 - General Meeting
Cooperative Nursery - 7pm.

FISHING NEWS

**C&R FFO AREA OF MUDDY
CREEK WAS FLOAT STOCKED
FEBRUARY 18 BY THE PF&BC.**

**REMEMBER: FROM MARCH 1
TO OPENING DAY FISHING
IS PROHIBITED IN APPROVED
TROUT WATERS UNDER
GENERAL REGULATIONS.**

**STREAMS NOT ON THE
STATE STOCKING LIST ARE
SUBJECT TO NO HARVEST
DURING THIS PERIOD.**



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newsletter, help make it the best it
can be. Thank you.

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Protection

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After Hours: 877-333-1904

**Report Fishing Regulation
Violations**

PF&BC Waterways Conservation Officer
SC Regional Office (717) 486-7087

Chapter Project Reports Around the Watershed

by Ron Heuston

North Branch Phase1 Close Out.

North Branch Phase-1 is a 3,200 foot restoration project completed in March 2006. MCTU has been required to monitor the North Branch Phase-1 project five times after the completion of construction. On December 28, 2013 the fifth & final monitoring was completed on the project.

The entire 3,200 foot project area was reviewed and monitoring data collected. MCTU volunteers located and identified and evaluated 32 structures. In addition we estimated the riparian buffer survivability to be 70-80%. Invasive species of Multiflora Rose is sparse on right bank of both properties.

In the Spring of 2013 maintenance and repairs were made by Aquatic Resource Restoration Company at several locations. No signs of erosion found throughout the project area upon final review. Excellent habitat for both aquatics and wildlife throughout the project area.

The Monitoring Report was submitted to DEP on December 31, 2013. and included 12 photos:

- 7- required as built photos.
- 3- repair site photos.
- 2- wetland photos.



The NB Phase 1 Project was first identified as a high priority area for restoration in 2001 under the North Branch Assessment. From grant

application to final report this project took over ten years and countless hours of volunteer effort to complete. But the results are well worth it. Prime habitat and erosion protection were constructed in addition to the planting within the streambank fencing corridor.

It should also be noted that since the initial construction the main project area was converted to a Catch and Release "No Kill" area with no stocking that has demonstrated the impressive results of improved habitat and cessation of stocking on small headwater streams.

Owad Road Project

One Rock and Log Deflector was constructed on August 17, 2013 on the property of Matt and Jenn Riley along Owad Road. The project objective achieved a stabilized streambank where there was extreme erosion. The PF&BC Designed and permitted along with funding the 66 tons of stone for the project at a cost of \$1,311.19.



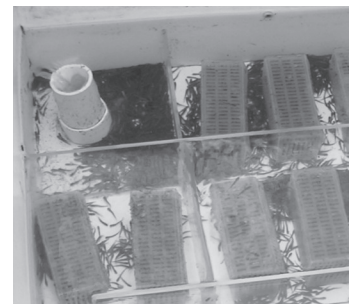
MCTU will plant a riparian buffer consisting of 40 plants including; willows, dogwood, and trees. This project only cost the Chapter roughly \$100. All labor was through Chapter volunteers while heavy equipment was donated by ARRCO and Scott Runkle. Stabilization materials were donated by Ecostruction LLC.

Stream Side Incubators

On November 22, 2013 100,000 eyed Brown Trout

eggs were planted in the stream Side Incubator Systems throughout the watershed. Eggs were provided by the PF&BC from the Huntsdale Hatchery.

Approximately 85% of the 100,000 eggs hatched into the watershed. Many thanks to those volunteers who donated their time in various tasks including; preparing the sited and vibert boxes to picking up the eggs and planting them. Total volunteer participation of over 20 people.



(Photo shows Witlock-Vibert Boxes, Swim-up Fry and the discharge pipe where fry escape into stream.)

ForSight Vision Fishing Event May 3rd

On May 3, 2014 MCTU will host the folks from ForSight Vision for a fishing event at the Tom's Run Handicapped Area on Kennedy Road.

Our guests will arrive at 9:00 am. And the day usually last into the early afternoon. Volunteers are needed to help with the fishing and grilling.

Those wishing to help with the fishing can bring rods, reels and tackle to supply our guest anglers.

MCTU will supply food, beverage and bait for the event. A rain date May 10, 2014 should the weather not cooperate. You won't regret volunteering for this fun and rewarding event.

Muddy Creek Trout Unlimited 25TH Anniversary T-Shirt Sale

by Beth Boyd

MCTU is excited to introduce our 25th Anniversary T-Shirt! Our special anniversary design will be printed in silver

on a black t-shirt. We are once again purchasing Gildan brand t-shirts in the Ultra Blend of 50/50 so post

washing shrinkage won't be a problem! The shirts will be available by the end of March, 2014 in the following sizes: Small, Medium, Large, XLarge and XXLarge. These shirts will cost \$12. If you're interested in purchasing a shirt please contact Beth Boyd at ycpnurse@gmail.com. We are more than happy to ship shirts as well for a shipping fee of \$5.95.

We still have long sleeve shirts available for \$14 as well with our original design and on a sandstone colored shirt.



Opening Day Food Stand Volunteers Needed

by Bob Shaffer

Opening day food stands have proven to be a very profitable fundraiser for the club over the years, and we would like to continue that tradition. We will be running our usual stands at High Rock and Woodbine.

Our presence on opening day not only provides some additional revenue to help cover the costs of feeding and raising 7,000 fish, it also helps us educate anglers and landowners on our mission in

the Muddy Creek watershed.

Help is needed to operate the stands, prepare food items and sell patches, hats, t-shirts, buttons, etc. You don't have to be there all day; volunteer for a 2-3 hour interval is usually all that is necessary. In the past we have had donations of chile, cookies and soft drinks which helped reduce our costs, anything you are able to contribute is always appreciated.

These can be very profitable ventures for the club, especially for those who don't want the on-stream hassle of opening day!

Help will be needed at various times from 6:30 am until 2 pm. Contact Bob Shaffer at 717.817-9746 or bshaffer412@yahoo.com if you can volunteer for a few hours.

Coop Nursery Report

by Fred Wilt

Wow, what a winter! Starting in December and through February we have experienced nothing but cold and snow. That has created a minor problem. Anchor ice, or ice that forms on the bottom of the stream and then moves upward, has frozen on the screen covering our intake pipes. That restricts water flow into the raceway. Fortunately, the screen can be cleared of ice and the water flow returns to its normal flow. Overall, the fish are doing very well. Mortality rate is very low this year.

Presently, we have approximately 7800 brown trout in our nursery. These are all lighthouse brown trout meaning they were hatched earlier and therefore bigger in size when we received them in September. Example: hatched normally equals about 5 to 6 inches; lighthouse fish equals about 7 to 8 inches. So, we already have a nursery with some nice fish.

Stocking will begin in early March. Dates will be established as soon as conditions allow. Otherwise,

the club stocking schedule is almost completed. If you are interested in helping please email me with your email address and telephone number. I will see that you get our schedule with dates, times, and section(s) of Muddy Creek to be stocked. My email address is bonwilt@aol.com and cell number is 717-309-8098.

Thanks to everyone for your continual support and help!

HELP SUPPORT THE MCTU CO-OPERATIVE TROUT NURSERY

If you have not returned your sponsorship donation this year please consider doing so. Costs have been increasing and contributions have been decreasing.

Lets try to reverse this trend and keep the Co-op Nursery running. Also consider an additional donation through the Trout Fund Letter. Contact an Officer or Steve Francis to help with funding.

Sweet Frogs Fundraiser Day

On Monday May 5th Mention Muddy Creek Trout Unlimited when purchasing any Yogurt products at Sweet Frogs in Shrewsbury and MCTU receives 10% of purchase.

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MCTU 2014 3rd Annual Spring Fling Event Transformed

Due to conflicts this spring by several members on the Planning Committee we decided not to have a Spring Fling event this year but rather a fall event to celebrate our 25th anniversary.

If you would like to volunteer to be a part of the planning committee we would welcome your effort or contributions toward raffle items.

Mark your calendars!

MCTU 25th Anniversary Celebration
When: Saturday, September 20, 2014
Location: MCTU Trout Nursery

More details coming soon. Any questions, or if you would like to help please contact Brita Runkle.

2014 25th Anniversary Collector Patch

Muddy Creek Trout Unlimited is committed to continuing the collectable patch fund raiser. Our 2014 Patch boasts a Colorful Rainbow Trout on light blue with a dark blue ring and silver trim to commemorate

our 25th Anniversary. These can be purchased for \$7.00 at Chapter meetings, and on our website.

Visit our web site to see the 2014 Collector Patch in color or to place an order.

