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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Penn State Agriculture and Environment Center, I'm pleased to write this letter recommending the Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited for a National Gold Trout Chapter of the Year.

We have been partnering with Spring Creek TU for over a year and are extremely impressed with its dedication to the community and mission of protecting and restoring coldwater resources in the Spring Creek watershed. In the past year, our center has launched a "Sustainable Watersheds Program at Penn State," which builds broader relationships between local conservation partners and faculty and students at Penn State to work on our watershed issues together. Spring Creek TU has been an integral partner in that program.

TU members sat on our planning committee to develop a successful Centre County Watershed Forum in November 2014. Our students worked collaboratively with TU members to create a [video story](#) of Spring Creek TU's successful restoration and community outreach efforts. The chapter has also partnered with our center to provide stormwater workshops for homeowners. Chapter members helped plant a demonstration rain garden at a local elementary school. As part of its successful "Return the Roots" campaign, Spring Creek TU has distributed the [Homeowner's Guide to Stormwater](#) to every riparian landowner in the Spring Creek watershed, and continues to make this guide available at locations throughout the community like the local YMCA.

Spring Creek TU is truly a champion for clean water and coldwater conservation in the community and throughout Pennsylvania. We are blessed to have it as a local conservation organization and honored to count it as one of our strongest partners in watershed education and restoration efforts. The chapter is highly deserving of this award.

Sincerely,



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