



# Tertiary Treatment

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## Pitch in on this year's habitat projects

It is that time of year again. We are in the third and last summer of our three year habitat grant project and we have an ambitious schedule. We will be working with the PA Fish and Boat Habitat Division at:

**Spring Creek Park** in Houserville: beginning July 6 - 3 to 5 days.

**The Sheep Farm:** Across Puddintown Road from Spring Creek in Houserville: beginning July 12 - 5 to 7 days.

**The Paradise:** beginning

July 19 - 3 to 5 days.

The work will include the construction of deflectors and in-stream structures. Most of the work will be completed during the day; 8 am to 4 pm. Evening seeders may also be needed. SCTU needs to provide 6 volunteers per day.

We truly need your help to complete what has been a very successful project.

Please contact Bill Brusse if you are available at: [wcbusse@gmail.com](mailto:wcbusse@gmail.com) or at 814-234-8851.

Thanks!



A crew installs logs at one of SCTU's previous stream improvement initiatives, the 550 Project.

### Steak Fry a delicious success

The 2010 Spring Creek TU Steak Fry sizzled June 12 at the Group Tenting Area at Poe Paddy State Park.

Chef Jay Lynch organized the day and cooked for about 30 or so SCTU members and their families.

Thanks to Jay for a job well done!



Jay Lynch mans the grill at the Steak Fry.

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## SCTU now on Facebook!

The Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited is tapping the power of social networking with our very own Facebook page.

Our page will serve as a sort of interactive newsletter.

We'll be posting event notices, photos and other information on the page.

TU members and friends of the page can make com-

ments and even have discussions on the page.

To view our Facebook page, you must have a Facebook account, which you can arrange at [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com).

Once you have an account, search for Spring Creek TU and become a fan of the page! Updates will automatically show up on your Facebook newsfeed.



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## A thanks for service to Spring Creek and TU

When Ted Trostle resigned from the Board of the Spring Creek Chapter of TU, he left behind a legacy of service to the Chapter and to Spring Creek.

He served as President of the Chapter from 2001 through 2003, a period of strong activity on the part of the Chapter. It was during this time that Ted led the efforts to establish the popular First Cast program, an

activity that continues to introduce young people to the joys of fishing and makes them aware of the need to protect our coldwater fisheries. Ted was active in that program until his resignation, and was instrumental in obtaining grants to offset the cost of the program.

Ted was also the editor of Tertiary Treatment and was a member of the Watershed

Watch, a committee of the TU Board that monitors the condition of Spring Creek, especially near construction sites.

Ted was politically aware and had contacts in Pennsylvania TU that served the Chapter well.

He was always an outspoken defender of Spring Creek and its trout.

Thanks, Ted, for all you did.



**DIGGING IN...** SCTU members and their families get started on their meals at this year's Steak Fry at Poe Paddy State Park earlier this month.

## History 101: In-stream projects

*(An excerpt from "A Brief History of the Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited," by Frank Zettle)*

### In-stream Projects

The first in-stream project was accomplished the first year the Chapter organized, 1973. For the regular September meeting, members met on upper Spring Creek under President Joe Humphreys' leadership. The group repaired several jackdams and replaced some bank cribbing in the Neidigh quarry area and later had a picnic lunch at the Humphreys place.

Several years later, similar work was done in the quarry area. A group from the National Guard Unit on Fox Hollow Road assisted with manpower and trucks to help move the heavy timbers and rocks in building jackdams and stream cribbing. Those first projects were done with little involvement of the Fish Commission.

A more involved project of installing a large mud sill at the lower end of Neidigh's quarry area was organized by Dan Shields in 1981 and 1982.

The project was designed by the Fish Commission.

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES: May 17, 2010

**Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited Meeting of May 17, 2010 at 7 p.m. Comfort Inn Suites, State College, PA.**

**Board Members present:** Judi Sittler, Bill Brusse, Rick Van Horn, Ron Shealer, Chris Hennessey, Bob Donaldson, Jim Purtell and Bob Eberhart.

**Approval of March Minutes:** Two editorial changes to the draft minutes of the meeting of April 19 were requested and the minutes were approved as amended.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Rick Van Horn reported that as of April 30, 2010, the net worth of the Chapter was \$34,073. Note that this figure does not include grant funds held in separate accounts that must be spent on habitat projects. Rick noted one of the Chapter's CDs had matured and that those funds were added to a larger CD owned by the Chapter. The Treasurer's Report was approved as submitted.

**Old Business:** Memorials: Chris Hennessey will follow up on the possibility of carrying out stream improvements on the Carson property in memory of Dave Carson. Bill Brusse will discuss the status of a memorial, possibly at the McCoy dam access, for Tony Gerace. A plaque that was to have been

erected near the Duck Pond to commemorate the diversion of Thompson Run around the Duck Pond may have been given to Dan Hawbaker; Jim Purtell will follow up.

**Sympathy Card:** Judi Sittler reported that the Chapter had sent a sympathy card to Charles Meck on the passing of his wife.

**Habitat Project:** Bill Brusse reported that Katie Ombalski of ClearWater is trying to resolve a few issues with DCNR. The Pa. Fish and Boat Commission will have adequate manpower to carry out the stream improvement projects planned for this summer. Bill will consult with Rob Cooper of PSU about the erosion of the dike between the Duck Pond and Thompson Run.

**New Business:** **Gubernatorial Candidate Summary:** There has been some email discussion about a summary of information concerning gubernatorial candidates' positions on drilling for natural gas in the Marcellus shale in Pennsylvania. The information had been prepared by PATU and was forwarded to individual chapters for distribution to individual TU members. The question was whether this material was in violation of National TU policy; that policy is based in turn on IRS regulations about political activity by non-profit organizations. The consensus among Board members and Chapter members who commented

to President Judi Sittler was that the information distributed did not support or oppose any individual candidate and hence was not in violation of National TU Policy.

**Order of the Sulfur Patches:** Judi Sittler will consult with Collegiate Pride about the design and purchase of Order of the Sulfur patches.

**Back-up bulb for Chapter Projector:** Allen Phillips requested a back-up bulb for the projector used at membership meetings at a cost of about \$200. The Board tabled this request until fall.

**Request for donation for tagged trout tournament:** the Board chose not to honor a request from the Glendale Sportsman's Club for monetary support of a tagged trout tournament.

**Raffle Tickets to Support Trout in the Classroom:** Pennsylvania TU has asked each Chapter to purchase \$200 worth of raffle tickets in support of the Trout in the Classroom project. The Board agreed to order these tickets; it may then sell them to Chapter members or others.

**Removal of a fallen tree from Spring Creek:** Pa. Fish and Boat Commission will remove a large fallen tree from the Creek at the 550 project site.

**Resignation of a Board Member:** President Judi Sittler reported that she had accepted the resignation of Ted Trostle from the Chapter Board of Directors and from his

positions as editor of Tertiary Treatment and as the Chapter's coordinator of the First Cast program.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Banquet Committee:** Jim Purtell presented a final accounting for the 2010 Banquet. Net income was \$9615, about 2% higher than in 2009.

Attendance was about the same as in 2009. Jim reported that he made several contacts with potential new donors at the Film Festival.

**Public Relations:** Chris Hennessey will take over as Editor of Tertiary Treatment following the resignation of Ted Trostle. Chris has also prepared a new brochure describing the Chapter's activities; it will be useful in attracting new members to the Chapter. In addition, Chris has established a Face Book page for the Chapter and is soliciting photos. Chris reported that Dan Kerstetter, webmaster of the Chapter's website, is reluctant to post photos of individuals whose identity is given. Dan will take down any pictures if he is asked to do so.

**Membership:** It was reported on behalf of Chris Haser that he had signed up several new Chapter members at the Fly Fishing Film Festival.

**Youth:** Ron Shealer reported that fish raised in his Trout in the Classroom (TIC) program will be released by his students on

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Thursday into Laurel Run. After the release, the group will go to Fisherman's Paradise for fishing. Chris Hennessey will take over as the Chapter's Coordinator of the First Cast project. This year's First Cast program will be held during the weeks of July 12 and July 19. Volunteers from the Chapter will be needed to assist. It was suggested that Mike Lyle, a teacher in the Bellefonte School District who leads this program, should be invited to a Board meeting to discuss it.

Conservation: Bill Brusse reported that the NPDES permits issued to PFBC's hatcheries are to be reviewed. The process will include a public comment period. DEP's goal is to limit discharges to the point where the Section 303 impaired status designation of the receiving streams can be removed. Bill suggested that Bob Wilberding of PFBC should be invited to discuss the present status of the hatcheries at a Board meeting. Bob Donaldson reported that legislation to divest Rockview lands is being drafted. The draft includes a provision that Benner Township will form a Technical Advisory Committee to make recommendations to the future owners on management of the area. The Chapter is not included on the present list of Committee members. The Board agreed that we should ask for a seat on that Committee. E-mails requesting representation on the Advisory Committee will be sent to Senator Corman and Representatives Hanna and Benninghoff.

Steak Fry: This event, led by Jay Lynch, will be held on June 12 at a picnic pavilion at Poe Paddy State Park. The cost per person will be known within a few days. Attendees are asked to bring their own drinks and a side dish. Kids will eat free.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Eberhart  
Secretary

(These Minutes were approved as amended on June 14, 2010)

**Still opportunities to help out at First Cast camp!**

This year the CRPR / TU First Cast Fly Fishing Camp will be held from Monday July 12 through Friday July 23.

The camp runs from 8 a.m. to Noon. As always, we are in need of volunteers, especially on tying and on-stream days. We would appreciate your help any of the below days or even part of a day. Volunteers should be at Millbrook Marsh Nature Center at 8 a.m. sharp with their own equipment, drinks, snacks, etc. Come out and help some youngsters learn the art and science of flyfishing!

We need extra help on the tying and field trip days below:

Monday 12th:

Intro to Fly Fishing, Tying, and Casting

Tuesday 13th:

First Fly Tie : Beetle

Video: Fly Fishing on Ponds

Wednesday 14th:

Tying all morning (Woolybugger, Spider, Beetles, Ants)

Thursday 15th:

Field trip to Tussey Pond

Friday 16th:

Electro-fishing demo w/ Bryan Swistock

Entomology w/ Gregg Hoover\*

Monday 19th:

Field trip to Robbins Paradise Ranch

Tuesday 20th:

Tying Trout Flies (Green Weenie, Muskrat Nymph)

Video: Anatomy of a Trout Stream

Wednesday 21st:

Walk to Spring Creek Park

Lesson on Stream Etiquette

Fish the Stream

Thursday 22nd:

All day Tying!

Friday 23rd:

Field Trip to Fisherman's Paradise!

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