

Tertiary Treatment

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Spring Creek TU President Judi Sittler with the TU teens.

First TU Teen Summit held

This year National TU held it's first Teen Summit designed to elicit ideas from the youth of our nation to develop ways to incorporate young people in TU conservation activities. Over a four day period in August, 14 teens from across the country gathered at the Stackhouse at Fisherman's Paradise to share opinions and ideas, meet local fisherman like **Joe Humphreys** and **Owen Welch**, himself a teen, help with a stream-side project, and do some fishing.

The youth were very positive and came up with some great ideas. The national TU staff will keep in contact with these teens and incorporate their ideas in promoting more youth involvement in TU. The teens will also be giving suggestions to their local chapters for ways to get that age group involved. Our chapter had **Corey Stoner** from Port Matilda, represent this area and he has already approached us with ideas for getting the local scouting troops involved in our chapter. We can be proud of our young people, knowing that they are eager to get involved in conservation projects.



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SCCTU nets NFWF grant

SCCTU, with strong leadership by President **Judi Sittler** and Board Member **Bob Vierck**, proposed projects to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) as part of the Chesapeake Bay Small Watershed Grant program for the 2013 - 2014 period. NFWF approved of this plan and funded the proposal for the full requested amount \$69,800. Planned projects include 1) Milesburg above the Commercial Street Bridge, 2) Fisherman's Paradise riparian planting and parking lot improvement, 3) Rock Road parking area, and 4) Oak Hall riparian work.



The project will reduce stream bank erosion, develop riparian buffer zones, and reduce sediment run-off from streamside parking areas. Highly visible sites will demonstrate best management practices. The proposed plan will restore eroding streambanks, reduce sediment pollution and improve in-stream fish habitat. Methods will include installation of stream bank stabilization devices which include mud sill cribbing and multi-log vane deflectors, buffer planting of trees and shrubs to aid in bank stabilization, improve buffering capacity of runoff, and reduce thermal impacts. Three dirt surface parking areas will be graded, repaired, and stabilized with a permeable rock surface to reduce sediment and thermal impact. SCCTU will work with the PA Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC), ClearWater Conservancy, local agencies and private land owners to complete work on four sites. PFBC has designed the Milesburg site. Wetlands Habitat Management has designed the Oak Hall site. PFBC is providing oversight for the Fisherman's Paradise plantings and parking area improvements and will provide design and construction effort at the Rock Road location.

All permits required will be in place before construction begins. It is estimated that 600 feet of eroded bank will be repaired, run-off from three unimproved parking areas will be eliminated, and 1.5 acres of good quality riparian buffer will be established.

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Upcoming Member Meetings

On **October 4**, our speaker is **Cory Miller**, Executive Director of the University Area Joint Authority. UAJA is the largest wastewater treatment facility in the immediate area. Cory will talk about UAJA's beneficial reuse project as well as other related topics of interest to those who enjoy Spring Creek.

On **November 1**, our speaker is **Caleb Tzilkowski**. Caleb's talk is titled: "Common Nymphs for Eastern North America: A Primer For Flyfishers and Fly Tiers". Caleb has an office at PSU but works for the National Parks Service monitoring stream health in several eastern states. Caleb, along with Jay Stauffer, has written a book describing nymphs we should all recognize, and he will discuss some of this topic as well as talk about a few problems with the macroinvertebrate population mix on Spring



Representatives of SCCTU and ClearWater listen as PFBC Executive Director John Arway tells a personal story about George Harvey.

Harvey honored at dedication

ClearWater Conservancy and the Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited installed a plaque commemorating **George Harvey's** lifetime of service to Spring Creek and the local conservation community August 29 at the PA Fish & Boat Commission's Bellefonte Fish Hatchery flyfishing museum at Fisherman's Paradise. About a dozen people, including PA Fish and Boat Commission Executive Director **John Arway**, attended the ceremony.

"The George Harvey Memorial Spring Creek Heritage Award is given each year by ClearWater and the Spring Creek Chapter of TU to a volunteer deserving of the conservation community's praise and thanks," said **Jennifer Shuey**, Executive Director of ClearWater Conservancy. "Since George spent some of his early years working for the PA Fish & Boat Commission down at Fisherman's Paradise, our volunteers thought that the hatchery's museum would be an appropriate place to remember him and continue to share his story with generations of environmentalists yet to come."

Information about George Harvey can be found at www.joehumphreysflyfishing.com/harvey.htm.

In addition to Harvey, the award's inaugural recipient in 2004, other past award winners include: **Tony Gerace, Bob Carline, Bob Donaldson, Rob Brooks, Joe Humphreys, Bob Eberhart, Don Hamer, and Dan Shields**. Each has contributed in important ways to the protection and enhancement of Spring Creek over the years.

Youngsters enjoy Trout Camp

Creek and other nearby streams.

Our **December 6** program will feature **Bob Morgan**, who will present "Combating the Introduction and Spread of Aquatic Invasive Species".

Our membership meetings, free and open to all, are held the first Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the first floor meeting room at the Comfort Suites on North Atherton Street in State College.

Board meetings, open to all chapter members, are held the two Mondays after the first Thursday of the month, also at the Comfort Suites, at 7 p.m.



Our chapter once again teamed up with the good folks at Millbrook Marsh to hold the annual CRPR / SCCTU Youth Fly-Fishing for Trout Camp. The youngsters, in grades 5 through 8, learned the basics of casting, tying, reading water and catching fish, along with lessons on sportsmanship and conservation. In the photo, above, two fisherman, admire a bass caught at a private pond during. Thanks to all who planned, volunteered, or donated funds for the camp.

New website up and running

Your SCCTU Board is happy to announce a new website. It is still at the same address: www.springcreektu.org. The new website has a new format with both dropdown and side menu linkages. Some of the features include, but are not limited to:

1. Meeting Information - page for speakers, as well as separate page for complete calendar and a page for directions to the meeting.
2. Separate page of links to Conservation Organizations, Commercial company supporters, and other local fly fishing organization.
3. Pages for the National Trout Unlimited Organization, "Brief History of SCCTU", Mission of SCCTU, the Board of Directors including brief biographies, and Archives of prior Tertiary Treatments and Board of Directors Minutes (still being populated)
4. Chapter Programs including Trout Camp, Watershed Watch, Stream Projects, and Trout Camp. The Stream Projects page includes a copy of the PDF File containing National Fish and Wildlife submission for the recently approved grant. It also includes "before pictures" of the planned projects.
5. The fund raising pages include the Annual Community Gives page, Banquet Page, and On-line Giving page via PayPal or

directly via credit card.

6. It also includes pages regarding joining, volunteering, or contacting SCCTU.
7. The home page is up to date with the Tertiary Treatment information.

We hope that you will visit the site and that it will be useful in keeping up with our activities. You may make contributions of pictures, information that you would like to see on the site, and/or other suggestions regarding the web site by emailing [Robert Vierck](mailto:Robert.Vierck@springcreektrout.org).

Volunteers needed for TIC prep

On Monday, October 1 at 10 AM at the Benner Springs Hatchery at the end of Shiloh Road, help is needed to pack fish food in preparation for shipping to the various classrooms across Pennsylvania who are participating in raising brook trout in a coldwater tank in their classroom.

Also on Monday, November 5 at 9 AM at the Benner Springs Hatchery help is needed to pack the brook trout eggs for shipping to the TIC classrooms across Pennsylvania.

Our Mission

The mission of Spring Creek Trout Unlimited is to conserve, protect, and restore Spring Creek's coldwater fishery and watershed.