

# Tertiary Treatment

News from the Spring Creek Chapter  
of Trout Unlimited

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## SCCTU Veterans Service Program Begins

Veterans and SCCTU volunteers met twice in July at Fishermans Paradise for the very successful inaugural fishing events in our new **Veterans Service Program (VSP)**. They were great nights teaching, learning, laughing and catching some fish. Veterans from all branches and eras attended.

The new VSP is our way to give back to local veterans by introducing them to the sport and watershed we love. The program is for all active and retired veterans who want to learn fly or spin fishing, improve their fishing skills or just spend time fishing with our talented volunteers and other veterans. No experience is necessary. We provide fly fishing equipment, flies and supplies.

Our local fly fishing community, including many veterans, quickly volunteered as program chairman, Jim Lanning, began planning the program. We truly appreciate the professionals and fly fishing enthusiasts volunteering their time and skills. They are the key to the program's success.

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## Our Mission

*To conserve,  
protect and  
restore  
Spring Creek's  
coldwater fishery  
and watershed*

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## Member Meetings

Join us the first Thursday of the month, 7:30 pm, to hear speakers on a variety of fishing and

The group meets the **second and fourth Thursday of the month, 5:30 to dusk** at Fisherman's Paradise, Bellefonte, PA. Fishing will be in the no wade and fly fishing only area or the all tackle and wade areas along the creek.

**We would love more veterans and volunteers to join us.  
Please share with any veterans you know!**

**Please contact Jim Lanning,  
at [jlanningvsp@springcreektu.org](mailto:jlanningvsp@springcreektu.org)**



conservation subjects.

Bring a friend, meetings are free and everyone is welcome.

[Complete Calendar of Events](#)

### **Board Meetings**

Board meetings are open to all members. They are held at the State College Comfort Suites

[Meeting Schedule](#)

### **Board of Directors**

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## Equipment Needed for Veterans Service Program

**Do you have fishing equipment that's gathering dust?**

**We'd be happy to put it to good use in the Veterans Service Program.**

**Contact Jim Lanning at [jlanningvsp@springcreektu.org](mailto:jlanningvsp@springcreektu.org) if you can help.**

**Thank you!**

## Volunteer Spotlight



Daniela Torrisi and Robert Fine are new to Trout Unlimited, but they are already making major contributions to our Chapter. Both are fly fishermen who are passionate about the environment. They have volunteered - and worked extremely hard - for our Backyard Makeover, multiple trips for upkeep and planting at the McCoy Dam and Milesburg riparian planting sites and the new Veterans Service Program. They are also working hard for our friends at the ClearWater Conservancy.

**Thank you Daniela and Robert!**

## Return the Roots – Runoff Pollutes Backyard Makeover Completed

The lucky winner of our streamside Backyard Makeover is now enjoying a yard that shows you can improve habitat and bank stabilization while adding beauty and interest to your landscape. The property we chose to makeover was a steep grass slope going directly down to Slab Cabin Run.

Volunteers removed grass, planted deep rooting native trees and shrubs and carted yards of mulch to finish the job. A side benefit of the project is that the two neighboring properties indicated that they will stop mowing to the edge of the stream.

After the planting the University Area Joint Authority helped us by planting the Red Bud and Dogwood trees along Slab Cabin Run in College Township. We will be planting additional native shrubs and bushes on the other side of the creek later in the fall.

The entire project which included educational mailings to streamside property owners, two local events and all plants and supplies was made possible by a WREN (Water Resource Education Network) grant from the PA League of Women Voters Citizen Education Fund.

We would like to thank our partners on the project: Harris Township, College Township, the University Area Joint Authority, ClearWater Conservancy, Green Horizon Landscape,

Horgas Landscaping and Tubbies for a furniture donation.



## Interpretive Sign Installed at the Milesburg Bank Stabilization Project



The final piece of the Milesburg Bank Stabilization project is now in place. The interpretive sign showing the process and explaining the project to the public has been installed. A big thank you goes out to [Veronesi Buiding and Remodeling](#) for donating the installation of the sign and Kitty Patterson and her team for their design



services. The sign is located above the Commercial St. Bridge at the Milesburg Community Park. The sign is clearly visible from the road and park and caps off a very successful project. A future dedication is planned.

### **Other project updates:**

The survival rate for the trees, shrubs and wildflowers planted at the site is very high. In fact, many of the trees have already grown enough for the bird nets to be removed.

Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission personnel and chapter volunteers leveled the ground and installed Coir Logs between the multi-log deflectors at the upper section to reduce erosion. In addition, 75 Black Willow seedlings were planted to help stabilize the bank where the Coir Logs were installed.



If you're near Milesburg stop and take a look at the results of the Chapter and our partners' hard work here and at the McCoy Dam riparian planting site.

## TU Teen Summit – Preparing New Leaders

Four Pennsylvania teens and our Youth Outreach chair Judi Sittler attended the **3rd annual Trout Unlimited Teen Summit** held in the "driftless area" of Wisconsin. Teens, invited from all over the country, participate in this leadership development experience. The 14-18 year olds are some of the future leaders of Trout Unlimited. They will start fly fishing clubs at their high schools or universities or get involved with their local chapters. Most already are involved in various aspects of TU. This year some of the teens who aged out returned to the summit as counselors.



During the summit they are taught how to communicate with congress, the media and their communities. Summit organizers, Franklin Tate and Rochelle Gandour, have a wonderful knack for letting the teens take the lead in discussions. This allows them to take ownership of their ideas. These young people have some terrific ideas for energizing the TU mission



Judi plans to keep in contact with these up and coming TU youth. We hope she will have more to report on what they are doing in the months ahead.

## Tony Gerace Memorial Bench

A bench honoring the memory of dedicated conservationist and avid fisherman Tony Gerace has been installed at Fishermans Paradise. Tony's leadership in SCCTU and ClearWater Conservancy and his dedication to preserve and protect the Spring Creek Watershed led to the immense improvement to the water quality of the stream. He was instrumental in negotiations with the University Area Joint Authority (UAJA) to limit the effluent discharge into Spring Creek resulting in the Department of Environmental Protection upgrading the stream designation to a high quality cold water fishery. The agreement with UAJA also resulted in the beneficial reuse project that is currently being carried out by the authority.



The bench was made possible by a partnership between SCCTU and ClearWater Conservancy. A dedication is being planned.

## Get Involved!

We're proud that SCCTU is a very active chapter, but that means we need you. We're always looking for new people to get involved. There are a variety of ways - attend meetings, volunteer for projects, help on committees or serve on the board. Whatever your strengths or interests, there is a place for you. You can spend as much or as little time as you want.

- Attend meetings

- Submit photos or article ideas for the newsletter or Facebook page
- Conservation (In stream work and riparian plantings, upkeep and monitoring)
- Youth and community outreach
- Veterans Service Program
- Committee member
- Board of Directors
- Administrative (mailings, event planning, etc)
- Fundraising (prize or donation solicitation, event staff, etc)

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