



2018 Activities and Achievements

The Spring Creek chapter of Trout Unlimited is an all-volunteer cold water conservation organization. Our members are devoted to improving water quality, stream conditions and trout health along the 22 miles of Spring Creek and its tributaries.

SCCTU has been busy conserving, protecting and restoring Spring Creek's cold-water fishery and watershed in 2018.

We do this through outreach, conservation and advocacy. Accomplishments are made possible by the hard work of many member volunteers and generous donations.



Community Outreach and Youth Education

- **General Meetings:** We had a fly-tying presentation from PSU students, covered the flora and fauna of Spring Creek, and then went to Montana to learn about fishing the famed Big Horn River. We heard a presentation from the Fish and Boat Commission and learned about the effects of climate change on PA fish and wildlife. We also hosted our popular wine tasting event at Mt. Nittany Vineyard and Holiday Party.
- **Veterans Service Program:** Open to all veterans, active duty military and their families, the VSP has served over 658 veterans and family members. The program features semi-monthly mentored streamside fishing sessions and winter learn to fish and fly tying classes. VSP volunteers also participated in; sixteen outreach programs and the annual PSU Veterans Tailgate.
- **Get Outdoors Day Family Fishing Picnic:** Organized alongside ClearWater Conservancy, this chapter event had over 250 people in attendance. Activities included fishing, fly tying, casting lessons, insect identification, kayaking, environmental education and a scavenger hunt for the kids.
- **Women Anglers:** A very active program for women of any skill level who enjoy or want to learn fly fishing and conservation. Monthly meetings or fishing outings include education and comradery that encourage women to participate in chapter activities and leadership.
- **Over 40 Youth Outreach** events, plus **Trout in the Classroom** and **Y Trout** programs.



Conservation

- **NFWF Grant:** The chapter began projects under our new National Fish and Wildlife grant to improve habitat of Spring Creek above the Rock Road parking lot, and from Trout Road to just above Houserville Bridge. The grant includes riparian planting at Gordon D. Kissinger Meadow. Construction of five log/rock diverters at the bend above the Rock Road parking lot are complete. Preparations for the Houserville bank stabilization and riparian plantings have begun. Completion planned for 2019.
- **Stream Cleanup:** The chapter partnered with ClearWater Conservancy to coordinate the annual Spring Creek Watershed Cleanup Day.
- **Stewardship Program:** The chapter oversaw maintenance and improvement of several riparian sites including the McCoy Dam riparian planting, Oak Hall, Rock Road parking lot, and Deer Creek lane. We continued to maintain much of the Fisherman's Paradise property.
- **Paradise Road Runoff:** There were very serious overland storm water flows into Spring Creek at the intersection of Paradise Road and Spring Creek Road. SCCTU lead negotiations with PennDOT to accomplish the road and culvert repair.
- **Citizen Science Projects:** The chapter supports the Water Resources Monitoring Project. Chapter volunteers braved high water levels to count and record trout spawning (redds) locations. Chapter volunteers participated in the revision to the Spring Creek Watershed Plan, the Watershed Atlas, and permit reviews for the Slab Cabin Run water reuse project.

