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The Newsletter of the Muddy Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

September 2005

Next Meeting September 21, 2005; 7 p.m. at the MCTU Co-op Nursery

Upcoming Chapter Events

Sept. 21, 2005 - General Meeting
7:00pm at the MCTU Co-op Nursery

Sept. 24, 2005 - *Watershed Weekend
Riparian Buffer Planting*
9am - 4pm; Meet at the MCTU Co-op
Nursery and dispatch to planting site.

Sept. 25, 2005 - Incubator Work Day
8:00am at Co-op nursery.

October 7, 2005 - DHFFO Stocking
11:00am at the Muddy Creek Forks

Early October - North Branch Phase-1
Project begins and buffers need planted.

October 19, 2005 - General Meeting
7:00pm at the Collinsville F&G Club

November 16, 2005 - General Meeting
7:00pm at the Collinsville F&G Club

December 21, 2005 - General Meeting
7:00pm at the Collinsville F&G Club

Make some time to lend a hand at the numerous riparian buffer plantings to be scheduled for the North Branch Phase-1 Growing Greener project.

We are very excited to finally begin this and will require lots of volunteer help planting trees and seeding the banks as the project takes shape. Contact Ron Heuston or email the website with your availability so we can get you in the schedule. Get involved, Volunteer!

Get Your 2005 Patch!

Presidents Message

Patience?

Being patient has been the name of the game this summer for MCTU. The Officers and Directors have been busy working hard to get several projects going but have been held in check due to agency procedures and lack of materials.

MCTU has been eagerly awaiting the start of construction on the North Branch Phase-1 project. Originally scheduled to start in June or early July, we received Watershed Obstruction & Encroachment Permits in June from DEP. Permits were signed, with a scheduled starting date as August 1, 2005. Since June we have been waiting for confirmation from DEP to start construction. Aquatic Resource Restoration Company has done some survey work and dropped some materials at the project site. **Be Patient? We will Get ER Done.**

For the new building at the nursery we need to back fill to get the elevation needed to keep out of harms way during flood events. On April 19th back fill began to be hauled to site. We were looking to have a building on site by July 4th. However we are still in need of several truckloads of back fill before the building can be delivered. **If anyone knows of any available back fill please let us know!** The floor in the trailer is in really bad shape and we would like to get into new facility before winter. **Be Patient! We will Get ER Done.**

We had planned to have a plant nursery installed this fall to house plant material, but delays with building project has set us behind on this project. **Be Patient! We will Get ER Done.** (Patience is getting thinner!)

Sorry we had the set backs and delays, but I guess that is part of doing business with agencies and volunteer help. **Be Patient We will Get ER Done!**

I would like to thank everyone who attended the PIG ROAST on August 6th. It was a great time to meet with friends, partners and landowners. A special thanks to the committee and Myles Gipe for providing the meal. We even had a slight delay with the Pig Roast but we **Got ER Done!**

We would like to welcome new member Henry Burden to the chapter. Henry is a gracious landowner who provides anglers access to the Delayed Harvest Fly Fishing Only section on Muddy Creek.

As you can see with the glitches along the way everything may come together at once. So be prepared for a call of duty this fall as man power will be needed to finish the new building, assemble and install incubators, plant riparian buffer and place cattle fencing on the North Branch Phase-1 Project. We will **Get ER Done! BE PATIENT**

Ronald Heuston

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Leaders & Partners Recognized

On Saturday August 6, 2005, the chapter recognized several leaders and partners who have made significant contributions to the Muddy Creek #575 Chapter during our 16 year history.

The event was held at the Collinsville Fish & Game and featured a pig roast, raffles and a silent auction of fishing gear. In attendance were 49 members, landowners, partners and guests.

Roger McWilliams was the recipient of the C. Jay Lehr Memorial Award to honor his many hours of devoted service to the chapter. Roger has played a significant role in fund-raising efforts including sandwich sales and the opening day food stand at High Rock. He has also been instrumental in our newsletter mailings.

Modern Landfill received the 2005 Partnership award in recognition of their support of the chapter's conservation efforts. They have provided financial and in-kind support for several clean-up projects in the watershed.

Dustin Boyd was presented the 2005 Fingerling Award for his efforts over the years helping to raise and stock trout, as well as mowing and other maintenance at the nursery. The Fingerling Award is presented to youth who have made significant contributions to the chapter.

The chapter also recognized four charter members who have remained active and continued to support chapter functions: Ron Heuston, Jan Pickel, Steve Knopp and Jim Hershey.

Ron Heuston was also presented an Orvis Fly Reel for his leadership as president of the chapter.

We hope to make this an annual event to demonstrate our appreciation to the volunteers, land owners partners and members who directly or indirectly contribute to make our chapter and its activities successful.

Make time to lend a hand at the PF&BC stocking on October 7th for Muddy Creek DHFFO area. We'll need lots of help carrying fish over the hill in Bruce. Meet at the Forks at 11:00am. Enjoy fishing afterward.

We are in need of a steady feeder for Thursdays this fall up to the end of October. If you would like to help out feeding the fish and tending to the fish at the Co-op Nursery and be a part of this great program, contact Maurice or Bob Shaffer with your availability.

Co-op Nursery Report

Our last stocking occurred on May 29th with 350 fish being planted below Woodbine, Most of the brown trout were in the 12-13" range providing some good fishing there into June. Unfortunately the summer temps brought trout fishing to a halt by July on Muddy Creek. We are happy to report that fishing this fall should be good as well because many fish held over the summer thanks to spring seeps, cool tribs and low angler pressure. Reports from below Woodbine and the South Branch are positive.

The chapter decided to hold over 255 fish for Fall and Spring stockings. Unfortunately, a power outage in July took 109 fish from our nursery. However we are pleased to report that the remaining fish are healthy and large. Some fish are over 16". We plan to stock a portion of them during the Fall stocking of the DHFFO area. We also plan to hold the remaining fish over until Spring depending on the growing season this fall and winter.

We received our 2006 crop of fingerlings on September 12th. To our dismay, our usual order for 7,000 browns were substituted with Rainbows and Brook trout. This presents a myriad of issues we are challenged with. Our hope is that we can get them replaced with Brown trout. MCTU raises browns and in the numbers we do because it fits our watershed for summer holdover rates and conditions at our nursery. If we are expected to raise these Bows and Brooks we expect we'll need to stock all of our holdovers this fall as well as a portion of the larger fish we just received for fall and winter fishing. This may sound like exciting news but the caveat is these fish will be a great challenge to raise due to their poor track record with high water and siltation, an eminent condition we face each fall and winter. It will be imperative that we are able to more closely monitor the conditions at the nursery daily as well as during storm events. We hope our efforts to replace these fish are successful but if not, we will have our hands full. We could use a few more hands to monitor the nursery this winter, if you would like to assist, contact an officer or director.

North Branch Phase-1 Project Growing Greener

Aquatic Resource Restoration Company is scheduled to start construction the second week of October. However if construction is completed at one of the present job sites a crew will be moving to the North Branch. So it is possible construction could start before the scheduled time frame.

Survey stakes have been installed, roads have been placed on site and several loads of rock have been delivered. Project is to take 4 to 6 weeks depending on weather. MCTU volunteers will be responsible for planting trees and seeding grasses as the project is being constructed.

It is important that we get the trees planted and seeding done as project moves along. Especially if a rain event is in the forecast. Volunteers will be needed on a regular basis to keep up with construction. It is suggested that it will take several hours of planting and seeding for every two days of construction. With this formula we will need to have volunteers at project site every two days or so.

We will fine tune the scheduling once construction starts and try to post by web site, emails, and phone calls to keep everyone informed. To help with the communication process we would appreciate anyone who can help with this project to contact the officers or email the web site so we can start a list of contacts so you can be notified of work schedule.

Keep your calendar open for the month of October volunteers are needed for the biggest restoration project ever constructed in the Muddy Creek Watershed.

Kudos Korner

Special thanks to these members who Volunteered during recent projects.

And to the regular Nursery Feeders:

Dave Pickel, Jay Dietz, Maurice, Dean Snyder, Ed Keener, Bob Shaffer, Jan Pickel.

Pig Roast	Nursery Prep	Get listed in the Kudos Corner by volunteering for a project this Fall!
Bob Shaffer	for	
Ron Heuston	Fingerlings	
Billy Boyd	Dave Pickel	
Dustin Boyd	Maurice	
Cindy Boyd	Ron Heuston	
	Billy Boyd	

Watershed Weekend 2005

Once again the Watershed Alliance of York (WAY) is sponsoring a Watershed Weekend on September 24-25, 2005. This year there will be 15 venues for York Countians to participate in a watershed project or tour to help spread the awareness of knowing your watershed. This is the third annual event and MCTU is again participating with a riparian buffer planting.

We plan to meet at the MCTU Co-op Nursery and then dispatch to a planting site to plant trees and shrubs. Our venue will last from 9am-4pm on Saturday September 24th with a picnic style lunch provided. We'll also share interesting information regarding the Muddy Creek watershed for those with questions.

We hope to make this a successful event for our chapter and encourage the participation of our membership with the planting. Please try to make some time in your busy Saturday schedule for a few hours of commraderie and worthwhile work in the watershed.

If you think this event is for you, please contact Maurice prior to the event with your intent. The work will be light and you are encouraged to bring the family along to enjoy the day of planting and talking about Muddy Creek. Boots, long pants and gloves are good things to bring along. We hope to see you on Saturday September 24th.

For more on other venues in the York area visit the WAY website at: www.watershedsyork.org.

Streamside Incubator Project

We will be ordering eyed brown trout eggs this month for this year's incubator project. Several freezers need assembled and some repairs on existing incubators need done. Jim Bucher has been the main man in assembling and installing the incubators since 1999. Over the years we've have learned through trial and error what works best to assemble and install the streamside incubator systems.

Inventory of materials has been taken and a few purchases will need to be made to install the new systems. Materials can be pre-cut to size so the assembly process can go more efficiently. This step in the process can be completed before assembly begins.

Streamside Incubator Project (Continued.)

**Work Day- Sunday September 25, 2005
at Co-op nursery 8:00am.**

We will pre-cut and assemble what we can and inventory what we need to purchase. We can retrieve two damaged incubators and make necessary repairs.

It would be great to give several new people instruction on how to assemble the incubators so tasks can be given out to have the process move more efficiently. If you have an interest in the incubator program, step up and lend a hand. Contact Ron Heuston if you would like to help with this exciting program.

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North Branch Phase-1 Project Growing Greener

The North Branch project in Felton is scheduled to begin in early October. This means we need significant help with riparian buffer planting during the projected six week construction schedule. We will be seeding and spreading straw as well as planting trees and shrubs behind the constructions crews as the progress. Contact Ron Heuston with your availability if you can lend a hand. ***Volunteer!***

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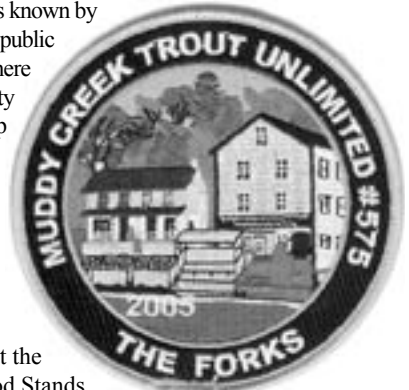
MCTU 2005 Collectors Patch

Muddy Creek Trout Unlimited has committed to continuing the collectable patch fund raiser. This years patch features one of the most popular areas along our stream, Muddy Creek Forks. "The Forks", as it is known by

local anglers is a public access area and where the Railroad society volunteers load up the train cars with trout to stock for nearly two miles along the North Branch and Muddy Creek.

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