What’s Emerging

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

CONSERVATION:
Our conservation and restoration projects are in full swing. Here are a few of the highlights:

Lapp Farm - Flyway Excavating has created the new stream channel and water is running through it. The project is about 50% complete and is scheduled to be complete by September.

Stoltzfus Farm - Flyway Excavating is planning to start this project in August.

Woe Property - This project is currently being designed and permits will be applied for by Rettew Associates this summer.

In addition we have four projects that are in the planning phase: Metzler, Camp Andrews, Peters Creek, Phillips Farm and Stoltzfus Farm bridge. We have begun to expand our water quality testing in both the Fishing Creek and Conowingo Creek Watersheds. Chapter members Dennis Blevins, his wife, Garland Gingrich and volunteers from the Willow Valley Retirement Community will perform the testing. The data they collect when combined with data from the Lancaster Conservation District will be used to evaluate the effectiveness of our restoration projects.

Greg Wilson agreed to lead a field trip each month for Board and interested Chapter members to see our conservation projects. Greg led a trip in July for members of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation which included stops at the Millport Conservancy, the Banta Farm, Warwick Township and Landis Homes.

The Board agreed that all future grant applications should include funds to build signage. In addition the Board will look for opportunities to develop signage for our legacy projects.

Garry Longenecker reported that he and his nursery volunteers planted 2,346 Outer and Inner Buffer trees and shrubs. Our current inventory includes Tulip Popular, River Birch, Redbud, Button Bush, Speckled Alder, Sassafras, Sycamore, Winterberry, Silky Dogwood, White Spruce, Swamp White Oak, White Oak, Red Oak, Red Osier Dogwood, Black Willow and Black Cherry.

Our Chapter was invited to participate in planning the 2017 Pennsylvania Land Conservation Conference which will be held at Willow Valley May 4, 5 and 6 next year. I attended the first planning meeting at the Lancaster County Conservancy’s Office on July 21. The 2017 Conference will add an emphasis of...
Chapter Planner

**August**
- 10th: 7 pm Board Meeting
- 17th: 6 pm Chapter Meeting

**September**
- 14th: 7 pm Board Meeting
- 21st: 7 pm Chapter Meeting

**October**
- 12th: 7 pm Board Meeting
- 20th: 6 pm Chapter Meeting

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PROGRAMS

AUGUST

We will have our Family Picnic at Millport Conservancy at 6 pm on August 17. Another chance to relax, chat with friends and fellow members and enjoy some good food. Chef Stan has brats on the menu. A folding chair would be a good thing to bring.

SEPTEMBER

On September 21, we return to our usual meeting time and place at 7 pm at the Farm & Home Center on Arcadia Road. Our speaker this month will be guide Ben Rogers on the topic of Fishing for Smallmouth Bass in South-Central PA. Smallies are on the feed in the Fall, preparing for the long winter. Get some tips on pursuing them from an experienced guide

OCTOBER

The OctoberFest this year will be held at a new location, Liederkranz near Mount Joy on Thursday, October 20, starting at 6 pm. Plan on joining us for this event, featuring the election of new Board Members, Raffles, and our featured speaker for the evening, author Tom Gilmore. Tom’s latest book, Flyfisher’s Guide to PA, will be hot off the presses. Cost for the dinner will be $50 per person, and attendance will be limited to 75. Contact Treasurer Dan Van Buskirk to reserve your seats.

Derek Eberly
Program Chairman

CONSERVATION

The following is a report on our many present & future projects.

1. Lapp Project: Flyway Excavating is beginning to create the new stream channel and is moving along very well. Completion date is scheduled for September 2016. This $442,901 project is completely funded by the Conservation Fund. This will be DTU’s largest project to date & I urge everyone to visit the site.

2. Metzler Project: The construction of this project has been moved back to 2017. All parties acknowledged this date change along with our funding source. The Conservation Fund will fund all construction with their $40,000 grant of which DTU already has an upfront 50% payment in hand.

3. Drumore Township Park: This $103,279 project is scheduled to begin in November 2016. USF&WS & Cal U. will donate $33,405 towards the project, Drumore Township will donate $10,000 from their Susquehanna Riverlands Grant and the Lancaster County Conservation District will fund the rest. The kiosk materials and labor, as well as planting of 200 trees, will be donated by a partnership of DTU, Friends of Fishing Creek and Drumore Township Supervisors. Kiosk materials should be under $1,000.

4. Stoltzfus Project: Flyway Excavating is planning on starting this project in August. This approximately $80,000 project will be funded by a 319 Grant.

5. Woe Project: This project (design & permitting by Rettew Associates) of $67,500 is currently being designed. Once the design is finished, DTU will then request a 319 Grant to fund the construction. Again, this will be a large undertaking, as the property is very long. I believe the design will be completed this summer.

FUTURE PROJECTS

1. Camp Andrews: This $95,020 project will be designed, permitted & built by Adam Smith & the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service next year. US Fish & Wildlife & Cal. U. will donate $15,000, PA Fish & Boat will give a $32,000 grant & the Lancaster County Conservation Service will fund the remainder.

2. Peters Creek: This $69,855 project will be designed, permitted & built by Adam Smith & the US Fish & Wildlife Service next year. The US Fish & Wildlife Service & Cal U. will donate $15,000, the PA Fish & Boat will give us a $35,000 grant, Exelon Co. will donate $10,000 and the Lancaster County Conservation District will fund the remaining cost. There will be another additional cost to replace an old culvert, which was not included in the original quote. Greg & I believe the cost not to exceed $5,000 as Fulton Township will donate a 20-foot black pipe as well as a cement culvert head to the project. Final culvert costs will be addressed in the near future.

3. Stoltzfus Bridge Project: No more announcements are available at this time as DTU is trying to register with the US Treasury. The funding for the bridge will come from a federal grant that will cover the entire cost on this $84,580 project. We will have 2 years to build & complete this project.
MAYFLYER ADS

If you are a business owner and would like to reach over 560 members with a common interest, please consider running your ad in the Mayflyer. There are 6 issues each year. Cost of the ads are $150 for a business card size and $300 for a half page ad.

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We could not have written a more perfect script for our 2016 Annual Membership Picnic. The weather, the location, the food, the speakers and the guests were all perfect!

On the evening of June 22, with bright sunshine and no rain in sight, over 40 members and guests gathered at the Lancaster County Conservancy’s (LCC) Climbers Run Nature Preserve, the site of our Chapter’s award from PA Council of Trout Unlimited for the best conservation project of 2015. The evening started with a welcome from Phil Wenger, the Chief Executive Officer of LCC. Phil talked about LCC’s mission, land acquisition, and how that mission fits perfectly with DTU’s mission, cold water conservation. He stressed the value of the partnership we began at the Climbers Run Nature Preserve project and committed to doing his part to leverage that partnership in the future projects.

The members and guests were then treated to what has become a highly anticipated meal, Chef Stan Shenk’s picnic. This year with the help of his Sous Chef, Zach, Stan served cheeseburgers with sautéed onions, pasta, fruit and cookies. It is safe to say most people went back for seconds.

After everyone was finished eating, Chris Wood, the President of Trout Unlimited spoke and answered questions. He talked about TU’s mission and projects. He complimented the partnership between LCC and DTU and called it a model that could be applied at TU Chapters across the country. He praised several of the Chapter’s initiatives, including Trout in the Classroom and the Veterans Program. Perhaps his words that meant the most to our members and guests were these: “In this age of chaos and uncertainty we know that we are making a difference by making the world a better place to live.” We were very honored that Chris took time from his very busy schedule to come to our picnic and to talk to our members.

After Chris’s inspiring words, most people took a tour of the section of Climbers Run which was restored by DTU and LCC at the Preserve. The tour was led by Bob Kutz and Greg Wilson who were the DTU project leaders for the restoration. A perfect way to end a perfect evening!

JIM WELLENDORF
First off I want to thank Matt Koffroth and his intern Kate for coming out this on Tuesday, June 28 to do some electro-fishing surveys. The results were very encouraging. In 3 fairly short stream reaches we found over 50 streambred brown trout in several age classes. I am always happy to see this year’s new fish, showing we made it through another spawning cycle. We also found several other species; Tesellated Darters, Rosyfins, Creek Chubs, White Suckers & Dace to name a few. We were happy to see that diversity.

In the afternoon Jenna Mitchell arranged a site visit with Dan Aungst and Todd Mosses, both with the firm of Skelly and Loy. They do stream restoration projects and Todd is a big fan of using large wood to create the roughness needed to provide trout refuge. I totally agree with him on this approach. In our survey as we would walk along I could only imagine what kind of trout population this stream could have if we had better cover.

We looked at several severely eroding stream bank sections and many areas where the stream appears barren with a silt-covered bottom. Amazingly even with those conditions the trout are surviving. I took the temperature of 2 tributaries that run in to the stream within 100 yards of each other, one comes through a forested shady area, the other through an eroding pasture without trees. The forested stream was 57 degrees in mid-afternoon, the other came in at 70 degrees. The problems with Lancaster County streams are enormous. Bob Kutz has great job security.

Photos courtesy Bill Henry, Bob Kutz, Greg Wilson & Gerry Rife
Flyway & Rettew are making great progress on our Lapp Project on the lower Conowingo. At over $400,000, this is one of our largest projects, and much further downstream than we have worked until now. But the condition of the stream was so alarming that we decided to work on it before still more of this farm ended up in the Chesapeake Bay. Much of the scale of the project is due to the need to relocate the stream to its historic bed. Here are some before, during and after photos. The project is expected to be complete by September.

Photos courtesy
Bob Kutz &
Mark McMaster
New Members

Two members attended their first Membership Meeting on Wednesday June 22 at our annual Membership Picnic which was held at Climbers Run Nature Preserve. Pictured left to right are: Fran McElhinney, Membership Chairman and new members Bud Ullmann and Dave Radcliff. They are standing in front of the banner that the Chapter received from PATU for winning the Best Conservation Project of 2015 for the restoration work the Chapter completed on Climber Run at the Nature Preserve.

Vets Initiative Fishing Outings

On Saturday, June 25 our veterans group tried their hand on the Yellow Breeches for the first time. No trout were caught, but the guys had a good time and they’re making progress.

Other recent outings have been to Fishing Creek in Lancaster Co, as well as 2 more trips to the Yellow Breeches, the last of which was cut short due to the heat.

Our outings are every other Saturday, from 8 am until 11 am. All volunteers are welcome. If you are interested, or know someone that is interested, contact Bill Nolan at 717-875-7426 or wnolandtu@gmail.com

Millport Badges

Badges to fish Lititz Run on the Conservancy are still available to members of DTU or Millport Conservancy. Badges are $20 at a meeting or DTU function, $22.50 if they need to be mailed. Contact Tom Hall (phallcat@comcast.net) or Donegal Chapter of Trout Unlimited, Attn: Millport Button Sales, PO Box 8001, Lancaster, PA 17604 to request a badge. Please provide proof of your membership.
water conservation to the existing emphasis of land conservation. The conference
is run by the Pennsylvania Land Trust Association.

COMMUNICATIONS:
For our Calendar of Events electronic mailings we experienced the following
“open” rates (%):

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While our “open” rates compare favorably with industry averages we are
looking for ways to improve them. The Board recognizes that if we are to achieve
our full potential we must continue to improve our marketing skills and methods.

Mark McMaster and I are developing a brochure that will be available at
various community and Chapter events. Our preliminary design is a four part
brochure which includes sections: Who We Are, What We Do, How We Do It
and How You Can Help.

ENGAGEMENT:
On June 22 the Chapter held our annual Membership Picnic at Climbers
Run Nature Preserve. Our very special guests were Phil Wenger, Chief Executive
Officer of the Lancaster County Conservancy, and Chris Wood, President of
Trout Unlimited.

Mark Ebner is preparing for our annual Youth Fly Fishing Clinic which will
be held on August 27 at Dr. Wenger’s pond just north of Elizabethtown. He
developed a poster which can be distributed electronically as well as in paper
form. He is looking for youths to attend the event and volunteers to help teach
and fish with them.

Our OctoberFest will be held on Thursday, October 20 at the Liederkrantz
just east of Mt. Joy. This membership meeting promises to be a very special event,
so put the date on your calendar and tell your friends. Check our web site,
www.donegaltu.org, for more details as the date approaches.

The Veterans Initiatives group continues to fish every other Saturday. Ad
Crable wrote a very nice article about our Veterans Program in the Lancaster
Newspaper.

FUNDING:
We received a check for $141,073 from the Conservation Fund which will be
used for the Lapp Farm project.

Because of the increasing complexity of conservation funding, we initiated monthly conservation
project cost meetings. The meeting includes representa-
tives from Rettew, Art Thorn and the Chapter
President, VP, Treasurer and Conservation Chair-
man. The purposes of the meeting are to insure that
all parties are on the same page and that the Board is
aware of how much “Uncommitted” money is avail-
able to fund various events and projects.

Alcoa made a $3,000 donation to our Chapter.
Garry Longenecker has invited them to attend our
Family Picnic so that we can publicly thank them for
their generous gift.

We have begun the process of applying to be
included in the Lancaster County Foundation’s Ex-
traordinary Give. Joy McMaster, Mark McMaster
and I are enrolled in an August 25 training class. This
is a new and exciting opportunity for the Chapter to
raise funds for its conservation projects. Please mark
your calendar for November 18, the day of the Ex-
traordinary Give. You will be hearing more about this
event at our meetings and reading about it in our
publications.

Our first attempt to complete the requirements
for Automated Standard Application for Payments
(ASAP) to electronically receive funds from the De-
partment of the Interior was not successful. We have
begun the process of reapplying.

CHAPTER DEVELOPMENT:
Joy McMaster suggested and the Board agreed
that we should have a monthly report that compares
each of the Board Initiatives’ annual budgets to their
actual year-to-date expenses. Wayne Boggs and Dan
Van Buskirk agreed to set up a Quicken program to
electronically produce the report which will be in-
cluded in the Treasure’s monthly report.

I am working with a legal firm that Fran McEl-
hinney recommended to see if they would be interest-
ed in doing pro bono legal work for the Chapter. I
have outlined the Chapter’s requirements in an email
to the firm but as of now have not received a response.
4. Phillips Site: This site is located just downstream from the Silimperi Project that we completed several years ago. DTU & Rettew toured the site & submitted a request for a Growing Greener (319) Grant of $58,000 to design & permit this site. We should hear within a few months if we will be successful.

**WATER TESTING**

DTU has several volunteers who will play an expanded role in testing water quality in both the Fishing Creek & the Conowingo Creek Watersheds. DTU members, Garland Gingrich & Dennis Blevens, will manage the testing. Garland has 7 volunteers from his Willow Street retirement home area enlisted to sample 3 sites within Fishing Creek while Dennis and his wife will monitor 4 sites in the Conowingo Creek Watershed. This data will be collected & sent to Matt Kofroth at the Conservation District.

**FISH SHOCKING**

A few weeks ago, Matt Kofroth & 5 DTU volunteers shocked 3 sites in the Fishing Creek Watershed. We found wild Brown Trout on the Herr farm, the Lancaster County Conservancy’s South Fishing Creek property & a stretch on Exelon’s property just ¼ mile from the Susquehanna River. We believe, with the help of stream improvements, that Fishing Creek could become an outstanding trout fishery.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The Nominating Committee is currently considering nominees for positions on the Board and Officers for elections to be held at the OctoberFest. Any member interested in serving should contact any member of the Committee: Mark Ebner, Mark McMaster or Chairman Tom Hall. Nominations will be announced at the September Board Meeting, on the website following that meeting and in the October issue of the Mayflyer.

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