

## STREAMSIDE HAPPENINGS

The Newsletter of the Perkiomen Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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### From the Desk of the President

The Chapter has had a busy summer and fall. We conducted our annual angler's survey (in the midst of a severe thunderstorm) in May. As the Longacre section of the West Branch continues to be an area of focus for the Chapter, we had three workdays along that stretch of creek. The first took place in observance of Earth day and involved maintenance of sections of fencing damaged by recent storms. The second project involved installation of new fencing and a gate to contain a parking area for anglers off Route 100. The third workday was the beginning of a three-year plan for improvements in habitat and stream stabilization also on the Longacre property funded by the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission. This particular site involved installing log deflectors to prevent bank erosion and also would provide some habitat in the stream.

The Chapter held elections at the December meeting, giving us a good slate of officers and board members to carry out the work of the Chapter for the next year. It's good to see another year ahead where we will have both seasoned leadership and new blood to help the Chapter achieve its goals of preserving and restoring the watershed.

We have many projects planned for the spring and summer of 2009. Continuing the tradition of the angler's survey and work at another site on the West Branch Perkiomen creek just to name a few. Again, there is plenty of work to go around. We are limited only by the number of dedicated people willing to get involved. Please come out to a workday or meeting to give your suggestions. We have a great lineup of speakers for the spring as you can see detailed in this newsletter. I look forward to a new year to serve as President, moving the work of the Chapter forward.

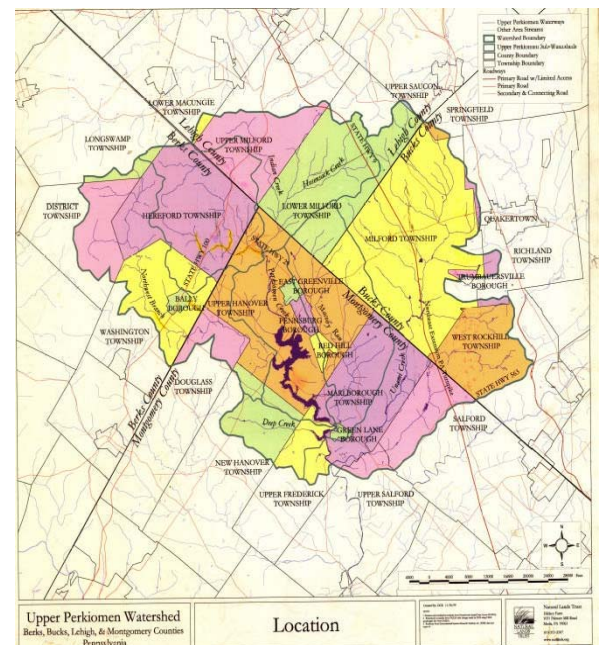
Mike Lindenmuth



### The Upper Perkiomen Watershed

The map to the right is the Upper Perkiomen Creek watershed. This is the area that our chapter of TU is protecting. As you can see it is quite a large watershed. There is a saying that I've heard that states "we all live downstream". Well if you take a good look at the map and figure out where you live, I'm sure that this statement makes a lot of sense. This is why it is so important to keep our streams clean. We are very fortunate to have so many streams in the watershed that hold wild trout. Who could imagine that an area located between two large cities (Allentown and Philadelphia) could have water clean enough to sustain a good population of wild trout? If you haven't caught a wild trout yet, I suggest that you get out there and try. They are a lot of fun. Once you do catch one it might inspire you to get out to a TU meeting. It is very rewarding to know that you are involved with helping this part of the environment.

Chris Ulmer, Editor





## PAFBC and Perkiomen Valley TU Project

As mentioned in Mike Lindenmuth's column, the chapter has been working with the PA Fish & Boat Commission on a stream bank restoration project. During the summer months many chapter members gathered at the Longacre farm in Bally, to help protect the stream bank. Mr. Jim Longacre has been most gracious in allowing us to help keep the West Branch of the Perkiomen Creek in good shape where it runs through his property. Together with the PAFBC, we were able to start installing large log deflectors and stone ballast on a section of stream bank that was in danger of washing out and eroding. We plan to continue with this type of restoration/preservation over the next few years. Thanks to landowners like the Longacres, this is possible. Take a look at the photo's to see what we have accomplished so far.



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## Get out to a TU Meeting

During the winter months, when cabin fever sets in, why don't you plan on attending a meeting? There is a good group of core members that participate in the chapter. It's a good place to meet new friends with the same interest in fishing and conservation. The meetings are interesting and there is a guest speaker scheduled for each meeting into April. You can learn about the Perkiomen watershed and what the chapter is doing to protect and restore it. Did you know that there is a healthy stock of wild trout in the water shed? Come out and learn about them.

Participate on a workday and find out how rewarding it is. Better yet bring the kids along and have them participate too.



## We have a new website!

The chapter has a new website. The new web address is <http://www.PVTU.net>. We are looking for someone to maintain the site and update the information. If you have web experience or think that you can help, please contact Mike Lindenmuth ([mike.lindenmuth@verizon.net](mailto:mike.lindenmuth@verizon.net)) or Chaz MacDonald ([chazmac1949@rcn.com](mailto:chazmac1949@rcn.com))

Currently the site is up and running, but the information is not current. Keep checking back for updates.

The Yahoo site is still up and running also.

Yahoo Group: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/pvtu/>

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All Monday night chapter meetings will be held at 7:30 PM at the UPV Library in Red Hill, PA. Business meeting for Board precedes general membership meeting at 6:30 PM. Parking is available at the rear of the building. All chapter sponsored workdays, and programs are open to the public. For more information on any chapter event please contact the chapter via mail or e-mail at the addresses listed above.



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## Perkiomen Valley Trout Unlimited Calendar of Events —

These beautiful wild browns are from the Perkiomen watershed.

### January 19

Montana fishing trip report  
Dave Doll

### February 16

Wet fly fishing  
Don Bastian



### March 16

Riparian buffers and native flora  
Brad Turberville, DCNR

### April 20

Bamboo rod making  
Mike Canazon

6:30-7:30 Business Meeting  
7:30— Program begins

