



# *The Mayflyer*

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Donegal Trout Unlimited will join most other organizations this year by searching for its “new normal”. Oxymoron, anyone?

Chapter Leaders continue to monitor the news, government bulletins, and TU protocols in planning for as many safe projects and activities that can be offered. There are few givens. Masks are here to stay for now. Outdoor activities will be safer than indoor. Zoom will be added to the dictionary. Polluted streams will continue to be a major problem.

Hope seems to lie in vaccinating enough of the population that herd immunity –a term never used when talking about trout-- will start us on the road back to congregating once again in groups. Stay tuned, please.

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## Emerging

Up until a couple of weeks ago, it looked like we would be up to our eyeballs in alligators, or trout, by now. The funding was in, the stream restoration projects were planned, and our volunteers were anxious to get on with installing buffers. And then bureaucracy, permitting, and lockouts raised their heads. Plan A was scrapped along with parts of Plan B.

DTU has good partners, though. And we have the best Conservation Co-Chairs in TU. Together, they kept working to put together Plan C. We did not get to start our field conservation work the first week of January, but we are working – finally! – with two projects on Climbers Run. From there, we move back to Fishing Creek for a significant project on a farm. With a little luck, we will finish three projects this spring and at least that many in the fall. Say “thanks” to Bob and Greg when you see them.

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Understory grasses and flowers native to Pennsylvania are planted on newly disturbed soil to hold soil while trees and shrubs put out their root systems to filter ground water runoff while providing more permanent stabilization for banks and floodplains. Only native species are planted

### *The potholes and pitfalls of stream restoration planning*

Skeptical landowners, politics, skilled subcontractors, funding, logistics, design and permitting – these are just some of the issues and details that must line up before any stream restoration work requiring morphology can be started. There are rules and regulations that must be followed as well, creating a very narrow window during which the work can be done. Kutz recently made a list of lockouts.

1. Jan. 1 to June, bald eagle nesting
2. March 1 to June 15, stocked trout
3. March 1 to Aug 31 (pending), Chesapeake logperch
4. May 31 to Oct. 1, bog turtle
5. Oct. 1 to Dec. 31, wild trout
6. Oct. 1 to April 1, Class A wild trout



## *Did you know . . .*

Pennsylvania is, by far, the largest Trout Unlimited state in the country with 15,000 members and 49 chapters.

Donegal Chapter Trout Unlimited is one of the most active chapters in Pennsylvania and boasts a membership of 822.

The mission is to conserve, protect, and restore the coldwater fisheries of Lancaster County and their watersheds.

All Chapter members are volunteers.

Since 1980, Donegal TU has raised and spent more than \$5 million on 41 projects to improve 16.875 miles of Lancaster County streams

**T** **There will be no winter fly tying events this season.**

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**As of January 15, The Fly Show is still scheduled to be held on March 6-7, 2021 at the Lancaster, PA Convention Center.**

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*The Mayflyer* will be changing.

We have been without an editor for the newsletter for nearly a year. Chapter member Claire Landis has stepped up to the challenge of renewing the publication to its former glory.

She welcomes your comments, questions, and suggestions for articles. Her email address is [claire.dtrout@gmail.com](mailto:claire.dtrout@gmail.com)

## Activities

### January 2021

13<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors Meeting (Virtual)  
20<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting (Virtual) Speakers: TU  
Council President Greg Malaska and Dusty Wissmath

### February 2021

10<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors Meeting (Virtual)  
17<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting (Virtual) Conservation  
Committee on *Restoring Coldwater Streams in Lancaster  
County*

### March 2021

10<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors Meeting (Virtual)  
17<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting (Virtual) Speaker: Brian  
Shoemaker

## General Information

DTU will continue to follow all government and Trout Unlimited National protocols. For the present, there will be no indoor meetings. Membership meetings, director meetings, and committee meetings will be conducted using Zoom. Notification about how to join in meetings will continue to be sent directly to members for whom the Chapter has email addresses. Also, see Facebook for information.

Outdoor activities will be held, again following all protocols. Opportunities will include buffer plantings and maintenance plus tree nursery work. In order to control numbers at a given event, those wishing to participate will be required to register.

Trout in the Classroom will continue to depend on school scheduling. Community meetings and speaker requests are postponed indefinitely. The traditional banquet fundraiser will not be held in the Spring. More information will be posted about the event later.

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