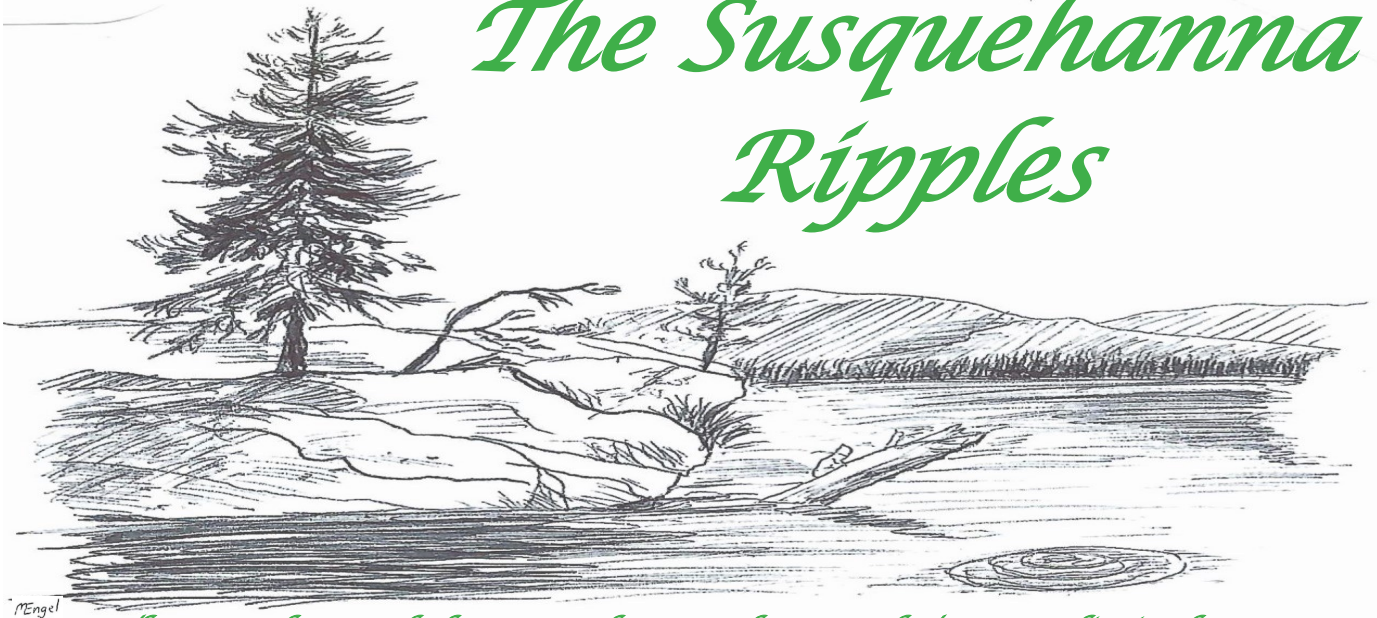


The Susquehanna Ripples



The Newsletter of the Susquehanna Chapter of Trout Unlimited #044

Susquehanna Chapter of Trout Unlimited to Host the Underwater World of Michael Kinney

The public is invited to a program featuring amazing underwater videos of trout, bass and other interesting aquatic life in our local waterways presented by Michael Kinney, professional freelance photographer. Michael grew up in Williamsport and enjoyed rafting and fishing nearby streams. He purchased a waterproof camera in 2013 and began to enjoy capturing underwater sights on his trips more than actually catching the fish. His videos became popular online and across the region, showing views of an underwater world most have never seen. Michael says he's now captured way more fish with a camera than he could ever imagine with a fishing pole, and shares his experiences as a story, explaining how he does it with a mix of comedy, amazement, and educational awareness.

The meeting will also serve as the official Annual Meeting of the Susquehanna Chapter, with annual election of Officers and Directors. It will be held on **Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the Covenant Central Presbyterian Church, 807 W. 4th Street, Williamsport.** Parking and entrance to the Church is at the rear of the building with access off of Campbell Street. The public is cordially invited to attend. For more information, please see our website at <https://susquehannatu.com/>.

Walt Nicholson

Will you help lead and guide your Chapter?

The Chapter's annual election will be held at the November 8, 2023 Chapter meeting. All positions are open as well as 4 Director positions. Please think about running for one of these positions or if you know someone who would want to serve, let us know. You can send us your nomination at susquehannatu@gmail.com or contact any of the officer's. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor prior to the election.

The nominating committee has provided the following list of candidates:

President OPEN
Vice President Steve Martin
Secretary Kevin McJunkin
Treasurer Bob Baker
Director (3 year term) Bill Worobec
Director (3 year term) Jim Latini
Director (2 year to replace Steve Martin) Dave Walters
Director (1 year to replace Dave Craig) Mike Ditchfield



Even if you do not want to serve in an elected position, there are many other ways to help. There are numerous committees that you can serve on. We can do much more work if you give us a little of your time. Any amount of time to help YOUR Chapter and to lead YOUR Chapter forward is appreciated by all.

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Treasurer

Bob Baker
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Bill Worobec (2023)
Dave Craig (2024)
John Kolb (2024)
Steve Martin (2025)
Joe Radley (2025)

Chapter Advisor

Steve Szoke

Past President

Charles Knowlden

Conservation/Legislative Affairs Chair

Dave Walters

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Asher Ulmer

Newsletter Editor/Webmaster

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Kim Novalis

Donated several fishing rods and reels (both spinning and fly), fly tying scissors, hemostats, framed duck stamp, PA trout stamps in Lexan, and several large posters / prints of outdoor related art.

We want to thank **Rich March** for helping to facilitate this donation

Barb Gates (Harrisburg, PA)

Donated a collection of misc.spinning and casting lures, reels, fishing line, life jacket and canvas creel and books on lure and tackle

Victoria Elliot (Washington DC)

Donated a fly rod, reels and assorted fishing gear and tackle

Tom Laylock (Maryland)

Donated large collection of Saltwater fishing gear and tackle as well as some freshwater items. Requested all items go to the Service Partnership Program.

Loyalsock Creek Watershed Association

Donated \$400

Welcome New Members

Thomas Brinton

John Livermore

Trish Moore

Current Membership stands at 314

Our Official Newsletter

The ***Susquehanna Ripples*** is the official newsletter of the Susquehanna Chapter of Trout Unlimited. It is published 8 times a year: January, February, March, April, June/July, September, October, and November. Please consider submitting something of interest to our readers; a story, stream report, recipe, photograph, gear review, etc. Submissions received will be placed in the next available issue. All submissions can be sent to susquehannatu@gmail.com / boblbaker@comcast.net.

Chapter meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month (unless otherwise noted) and are always free and open to the public and begin at 7:00 pm . Meetings are held at the **Covenant Central Presbyterian Church, 807 W 4th St, Williamsport, PA 17701**, in the Fellowship Hall (unless otherwise noted). Parking is at the rear of the Church and enter off of Campbell Street.

No meetings are held in May, June, July, August or December



Salmon Fishing
By Asher Ulmer

We got up at 2:45 in the morning and went with some of our friends to New York for salmon and brown trout fishing. It was at a spot we hadn't fished before, so we were unfamiliar with the lay of the land. We ended up catching several huge salmon, and my dad caught his biggest brown trout. It was over 26 inches long. It was a fun trip and I'm glad we now have a new spot to fish!



My Dad's big brownie



One of my massive salmon

Treasurer's Report
July 1, 2023 - September 30, 2023
Submitted by Bob Baker, Treasurer

July 1, 2023 Balances:

Muncy Bank General	\$13,399.86
Muncy Bank Project	\$20,854.82
Total Money in Bank	\$34,254.69

Income: Muncy Bank General Fund

Dividend	
July 31, 2023	\$ 31.30
August 31, 2023	\$ 34.22
September 29, 2023	\$ <u>32.73</u>
Total Income	\$ 98.25

Expenses:

Food for September picnic	\$ 42.48
Church Donation	\$ 150.00
PATU meeting registration	\$ 55.00
Small Games Chance License	\$ 125.00
Sales tax	\$.11
Service Partnership	\$ <u>240.09</u>

Total Expenses: \$ 612.68

Ending General Fund Balance \$12,885.43

Income: Muncy Bank Projects Fund

Dividend	
July 31, 2023	\$ 49.34
August 31, 2023	\$ 54.33
September 29, 2023	\$ 52.71
Donation	\$ 400.00
Sale of Merchandise (Service Partnership)	\$ <u>20.00</u>

Total Income \$ 576.38

No Expenses

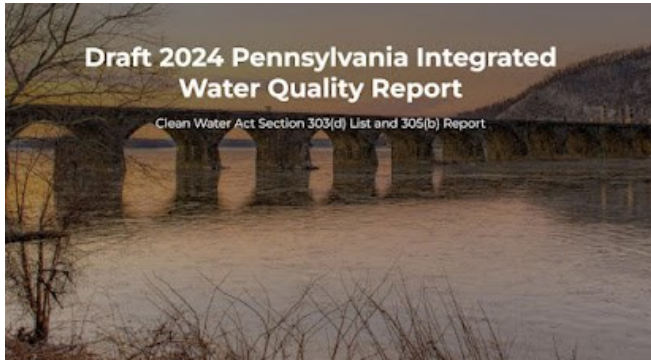
Ending Project Fund Balance \$21,431.20

Total Funds In Bank	
General Fund	\$12,885.43
Project Fund	\$ <u>21,431.20</u>

September 30, 2023 \$34,316.63

Service Partnership \$ 649.72
Included in Project Fund

Chesapeake Bay Foundation: As Miles Of Water Quality Impaired Streams Increase, CBF Sees Opportunities And Momentum In Pennsylvania



On Saturday, October 28, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection will open for public comment its Draft 2024 Integrated Water Quality Monitoring Report that identifies 28,820 miles of waterways in the Commonwealth that have been damaged by pollution.

That is an increase of 930 miles since its last report in 2022.

To put that in perspective, 34 percent of Pennsylvania's 85,568 miles of rivers and streams do not meet water quality standards for water supply, aquatic life, recreation, or fish consumption.

Agricultural activities were cited as the leading source of water quality impairment with 8,212 miles, an increase from 6,432 miles in the 2022 report.

The legacy of coal mining in the form of acid mine drainage was the second major source with 5,607 miles, down from 5,536 in 2022; and impacts of polluted urban and suburban stormwater runoff from cities, subdivisions and strip malls are third at 3,828 miles, compared to 3,507 in 2022.

Nearly 48 miles of streams were identified as being restored back to health since 2022.

While it is disappointing that impaired stream miles are increasing, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation in Pennsylvania notes the increasing momentum in the Commonwealth to get back on track to meeting its commitment to cleaner rivers and streams.

In response to DEP's report, **Harry Campbell, CBF Science Policy and Advocacy Director** in Pennsylvania said:

"This latest report indicates that the Commonwealth still has a long way to go toward restoring and protecting our lakes, rivers, and streams. With the passage of key legislation, coupled with recent state and federal government investments, the state is poised to accelerate momentum toward clean and healthy waters.

"The Clean Streams Fund is designed to help address the state's leading sources of impairment. The hallmark of the Fund is the Agricultural Conservation Assistance Program (ACAP), which directs investments locally to support Pennsylvania's farmers to leave a legacy of

healthy soils and clean water for future generations through conservation practices like streamside forests.

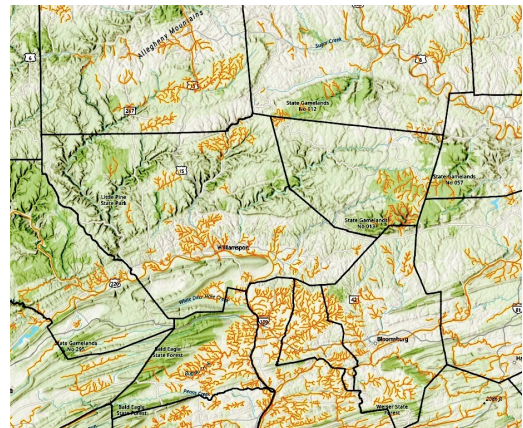
"Sustained, long-term investments in ACAP and the other Clean Streams Fund programs are vital to restoring and protecting the health of lakes, rivers and streams across the state.

"Just as the Fund and ACAP provide critical support for cleaner waters in Pennsylvania, so do recent investments at the federal and other state levels add momentum, and those should not go unnoticed.

"These investments will be more cost-effective and successful when applied in priority places, focus in on high-impact practices, and leverage the knowledge and expertise and support of partners on the ground."

[Click Here for a spreadsheet showing all county by county impaired stream totals.](#)

[Click Here to check out your streams](#)



All the yellow lines on the above map are within our region and have been found to be impaired

DEP published a formal notice in the October 28 PA Bulletin starting a 45-day public comment period on the 2024 Integrated Water Quality Report. The deadline for comments will be ending on December 11. Comments can be submitted through DEP's eComment webpage or other methods that will be outlined in the PA Bulletin notice.

The above information was found on the PA Environment Digest Blog and published on October 27, 2023.

https://paenvironmentdaily.blogspot.com/2023/10/chesapeake-bay-foundation-as-miles-of.html?fbclid=IwAR1K9gvs87xRIbD6HHG11DHV4ZfJqls_pB2C_g0pWexUxQJguYzKfzYjCk

News from the PA Fish and Boat Commission

Commissioners voted to give final approval to regulations pertaining to Miscellaneous Special Regulations ([58 Pa. Code § 64.24Opens In A New Window](#)). These changes address streams designated as Class A wild Brown Trout streams that are also stocked with hatchery-raised Rainbow Trout by the PFBC. Twelve of the 13 stream sections with this classification are managed under Commonwealth Inland Waters regulations ([58 Pa. Code § 61.1Opens In A New Window](#)). Considering information gained through 2021 trout population and angler assessments of these fisheries, PFBC staff proposed implementing a new Miscellaneous Special Regulation on the twelve stream sections that would manage Brown Trout with catch-and-release regulations and maintain Commonwealth Inland Waters regulations for all other species with all tackle types permitted, while continuing to stock these stream sections with Rainbow Trout at current rates and frequency. Under this change, the following streams will be added to the list of waters managed under Miscellaneous Special Regulations: Yellow Creek, Section 04, Bedford County; Pohopoco Creek, Section 04, Carbon County; Bald Eagle Creek, Section 06, Centre County; Penns Creek, Section 02, Centre County; Fishing Creek, sections 13 and 14, Clinton County; Little Lehigh Creek, Sections 04 and 07, Lehigh County; Monocacy Creek, Section 09, Lehigh and Northampton counties; Kishacoquillas Creek, Section 05, Mifflin County; Martins Creek, Section 01, Northampton County; and Monocacy Creek, Section 08, Northampton County. This amendment will go into effect on January 1, 2024.



The Board voted to give final approval to regulations pertaining to the Extended Trout Season ([58 Pa. Code § 65.26Opens In A New Window](#)). These changes will improve the permitting process for the application of extended trout season regulations to waters that are not stocked with trout by the PFBC. The intent is to align the permit for the application of extended trout season regulations to waters that are not stocked trout waters and the beginning of the extended season closure period (third Monday in February), and to place the application review responsibility more appropriately on the PFBC bureau directly responsible for consideration, the Bureau of Fisheries. As the regulation is currently written, permits are valid into the extended trout season closure period, which is inconsistent with current seasons, sizes, and creel limits applied to waters included in the PFBC's Stocked Trout Waters program. This amendment will go into effect upon publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.



The Board voted to approve the addition of seven stream sections to the list of Class A wild trout streams. The Board also approved the addition of 60 new waters to the PFBC's list of wild trout streams and revised the section limits of one water currently listed. A list of waters proposed for wild trout stream and Class A wild trout stream designation can be found on the PFBC [website](#). All of these additions will go into effect upon publication of a second notice in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

Senate Appropriations Reports Out ‘Stream Cleaning’ Bills

On October 24, the [Senate Appropriations Committee](#) reported out two ‘stream cleaning’ bills

10-Year ‘Stream Cleaning’ Permit: [Senate Bill 689](#) (Yaw-R-Lycoming) would authorize DEP to issue a 10-year “stream cleaning” permits to local governments or PennDOT without need for further preapprovals for actions in the stream regardless if stream conditions changes within their jurisdictions.

[Read more about DEP’s less complex](#) program to authorize stream maintenance to avoid flooding. DEP and the Shapiro Administration opposed the bill when it was reported out of the Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committee in May. [Read more here](#).

The Environmental Committee reported out the bill by a party-line vote, Republicans supporting.

County ‘Stream Cleaning’ Permit: [Senate Bill 690](#) (Yaw-R-Lycoming) would authorize county conservation districts to develop a complex and expensive program related to “reconstruction emergency permit authorizations” to conduct “stream cleaning” operations.

DEP is neutral on the bill because the prime sponsor worked with DEP on changes when it was reported out of the Senate Environmental Committee in May. The bills are now on the Senate Calendar for action.

Sen. Scott Martin (R-Lancaster) serves as Majority Chair of the [Senate Appropriations Committee](#) and can be contacted at 717-787-6535 or send email to: smartin@pasen.gov. Sen. Vincent Hughes (D-Philadelphia) serves as Minority Chair and can be contacted at 717-787-7112 or send email to: vincent.hughes@pasenate.com.



Lefty Kreh Forever Fishing

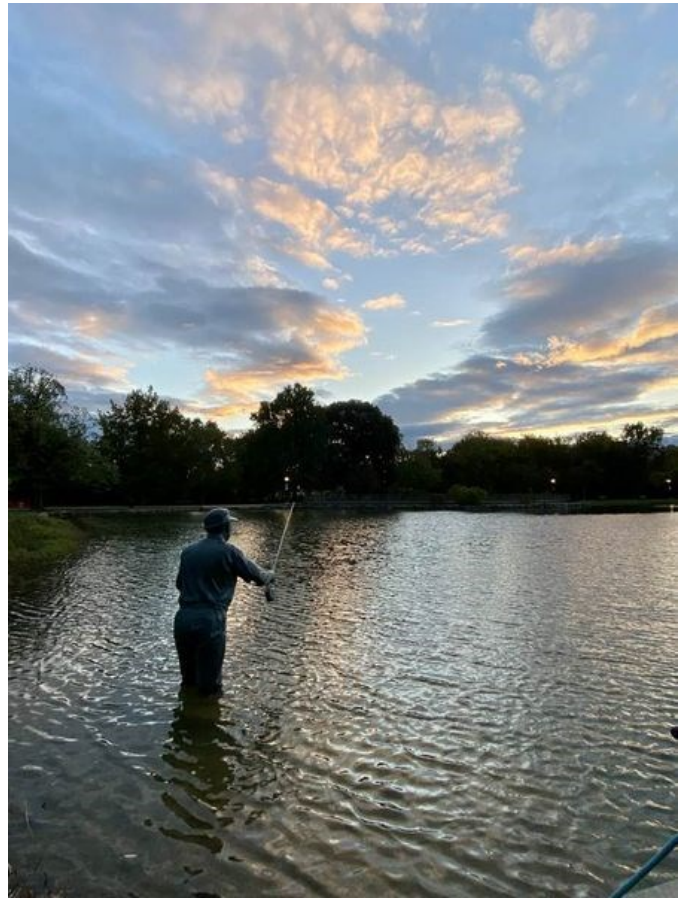
“Dad Lefty Kreh has finally found his final place to fish forever. In Culler Lake, Frederick, Maryland. This past Saturday (October 14) the statue was unveiled by the sculptor Toby Mendez, me Victoria, my Uncle Mike Baumgardner, my son Matthew, my daughter Hillary, and my nephew Larry Kreh Jr. We all pulled the string holding the tarp over him. 250 showed in the rain for this. How cool. “

The above was taken from the Facebook page “Thank you Lefty Kreh, An American Fly Fishing Icon” and was written by his daughter Victoria.

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“A site for those outdoor and Lefty enthusiasts is not only a way to honor an accomplished and acclaimed Frederick citizen, but will become a talking point for visitors as well as an inspiration to both adults and children to pursue fishing and the love of the outdoors. “

The Friends of Lefty Kreh

<https://www.friendsofleftykreh.com/the-sculpture>

DEP Invites Comments On PA General Energy Constructing 3 Shale Natural Gas, Water Pipelines Thru Exceptional Value, High Quality, Wild Trout Streams In Lycoming County

The Department of Environmental Protection is inviting comments on a proposed Chapter 105 permit and Section 401 Water Quality Certification for three new PA General Energy shale natural gas and water pipelines in Cummings and McHenry Townships, Lycoming County. (PA Bulletin, page 6237)

The project would build three pipelines— 12-inch shale natural gas pipeline and two 8-inch flexsteel water pipelines— within a 30-foot wide, 3.7 mile long permanent right-of-way and a temporary right-of-way that varies in width.

The company proposes open cut crossings of nine streams and one wetland. The stream crossings include—

— **Hackett Fork** – Exceptional Value, Wild Trout Stream

— **Ott Fork** – High Quality-Cold Water Fishery, Wild Trout Stream

— **Bennys Run (Channel 4)** – High Quality-Cold Water Fishery, Wild Trout Stream

— **Bennys Run (Channel 5)** – High Quality-Cold Water Fishery, Wild Trout Stream

— **Bark Cabin Run** – High Quality-Cold Water Fishery, Wild Trout Stream

— **Silver Branch (Channel 9A)**- High Quality-Cold Water Fishery, Wild Trout Stream

— **Silver Branch (Channel 10)**- High Quality-Cold Water Fishery, Wild Trout Stream

— **Bennys Run (Channel 12)** – High Quality-Cold Water Fishery, Wild Trout Stream

Questions and comments should be directed to: RA-EPEASTERNOGPRG@pa.gov at DEP's Eastern District Oil and Gas Management Program Office, 208 West Third Street in Williamsport or call 570-321-6550. **The deadline for public comments is November 6.**

DEP may schedule a fact-finding hearing or an informal conference in response to comments if deemed necessary.

Maps, drawings and other data pertinent to the certification request are available for inspection between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on each working day at the office noted above the application.

Read the entire PA Bulletin notice for more information. (PA Bulletin, page 6237)



(Photo: Example of PA General Energy pipeline stream crossing construction on the Exceptional Value Loyalsock Creek in Lycoming County. [Read more here.](#))

Above article was taken from the PA Environment Digest Blog on October 6, 2023.

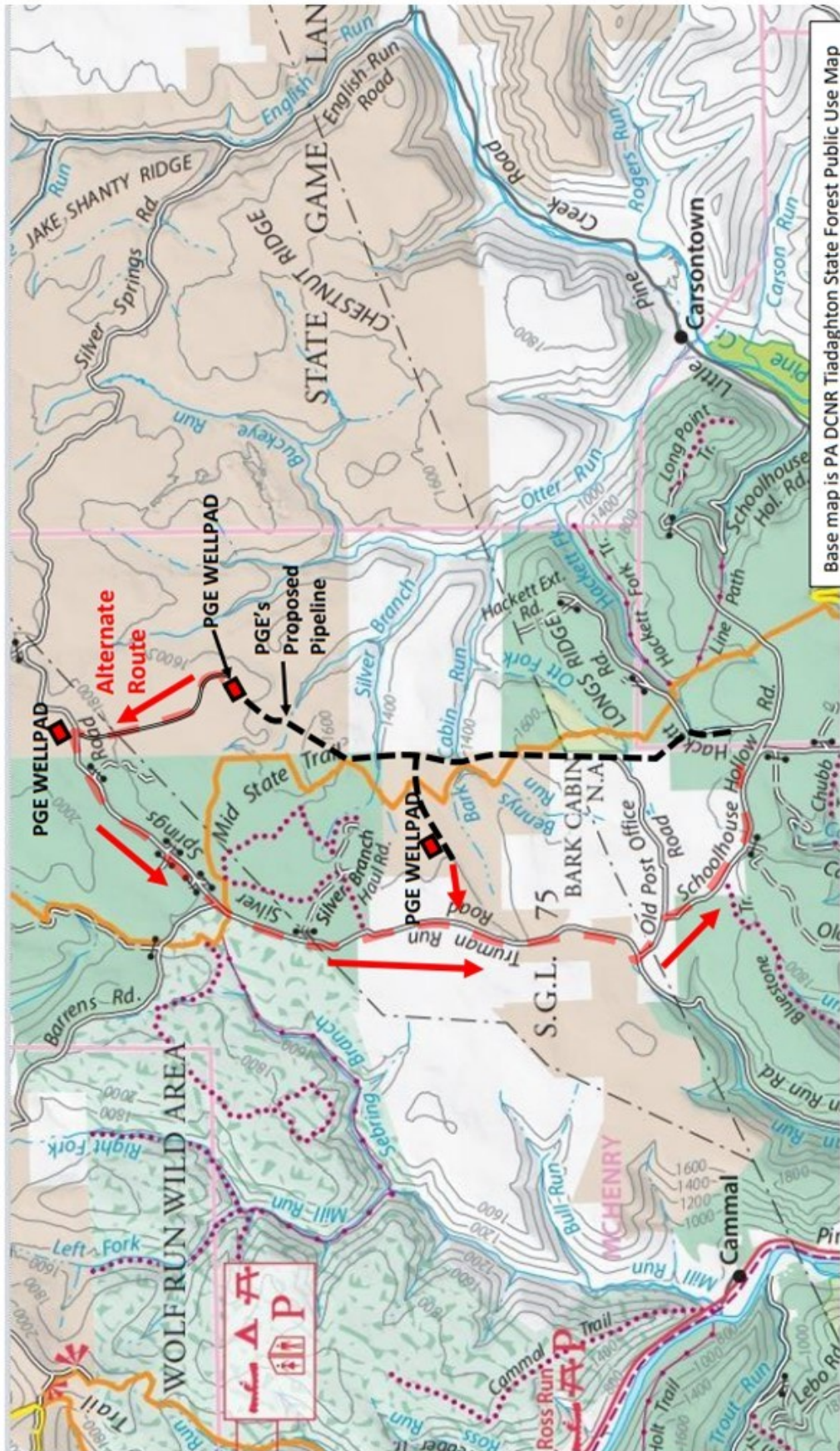
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See the Map on the next page for the proposed route as submitted by PA General Energy. Also on the same map is a proposed alternative route that would avoid wild trout streams and would have less of an environmental impact.



These drawers are perfect for keeping your bait fresh

PGE PROPOSED OKOME AREA GAS/WATER PIPELINE with
ALTERNATE ROUTE SHOWN AVOIDING WILD TROUT STREAMS AND HAVING LESS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT



Locating the pipelines on Silver Springs Road, Truman Run Road, and Schoolhouse Road would avoid multiple Wild Trout Stream Crossings and a Wetlands Crossing as well as not degrading the wild, primitive aesthetic character of the Mid State Trail and Bark Cabin Natural Area and cutting a permanent swath through over three miles of contiguous forest. The alternative route on the roads would be in areas already disturbed, could improve the township roads and connect to existing gas infrastructure on Schoolhouse Road. If located along the roads, the gas and water lines would be more readily monitored for problems, maintenance, and erosion/sedimentation issues.

Community Service: Top 10 Reasons to Volunteer

Thinking of becoming a volunteer? See a list of reasons that will help you make up your mind.

10: It's good for you.

- 👍 Volunteering provides physical and mental rewards
- 👍 It Reduces stress: Experts report that when you focus on someone other than yourself, it interrupts usual tension-producing patterns.
- 👍 Makes you healthier: Moods and emotions, like optimism, joy, and control over one's fate, strengthen the immune system.

9: It saves resources.

- 👍 Volunteering provides valuable community services so more money can be spent on local improvements. The estimated value of a volunteer's time in California is \$26.87 per hour based on the Corporation for National & Community Service.

8: Volunteers gain professional experience.

- 👍 You can test out a career.

7: It brings people together.

- 👍 Uniting people from diverse backgrounds to work toward a common goal
- 👍 Building camaraderie and teamwork

6: It promotes personal growth and self esteem.

- 👍 Understanding community needs helps foster empathy and self-efficacy.

5: Volunteering strengthens your community.

- 👍 Support families (daycare and eldercare)
- 👍 Improve schools (tutoring, literacy)
- 👍 Support youth (mentoring and after-school programs)
- 👍 Beautify the community (beach and park cleanups)

4: You learn a lot.

- 👍 Self: Volunteers discover hidden talents that may change your view on your self worth.
- 👍 Government: Through working with local non-profit agencies, volunteers learn about the functions and operation of our government.
- 👍 Community: Volunteers gain knowledge of local resources available to solve community needs.

3: You get a chance to give back.

- 👍 People like to support community resources that they use themselves or that benefit people they care about.

2: Volunteering encourages civic responsibility.

- 👍 Community service and volunteerism are an investment in our community and the people who live in it.

1: You make a difference.

- 👍 *Every person counts!*

<https://getinvolved.ucsd.edu/service/resources/reasons.html>



Susquehanna Chapter of Trout Unlimited
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Williamsport, PA 17703 - 1132

Since 1964, the core mission of our Chapter is to work to make positive contributions to the protection, conservation and restoration of our Coldwater fisheries and their watersheds of North Central Pennsylvania

Membership Application

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Telephone: _____
 Email: _____

TU does not make email addresses available to outside parties, for any reason, ever.
 Please help us conserve resources by providing your email address.

SEND APPLICATION AND PAYMENT TO:



Trout Unlimited
PO Box 98166
Washington, DC 20090

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES*

- New Members Only \$17.50
- TU Teen (\$14) (13 - 18 y/o)
- Regular (Renewal) \$35
- Life Membership (\$1500)
- Family (\$55)
- TU Business (\$295)
- Stream Explorer (\$12)
12 years old and under

PAYMENT METHOD

- Check
 - Visa
 - MC
 - AMEX
 - Discover
- Make checks payable to Trout Unlimited

Card #: _____ Exp: _____

Name on card: _____

Membership contributions are tax deductible as allowed by law

To ensure correct New Member Rebate, enter Chapter/Council #:

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