



WVTU Council Brief

Fall 2017

About us:

WVCTU's mission is to conserve, protect, and restore the state's trout populations and the watersheds they call home. Across the Mountain State, WVCTU's eight chapters and 1,500 members form a vast network. In addition to supporting its member chapters, WVCTU allows TU members throughout West Virginia to speak with a unified voice on issues affecting our trout fisheries. We have a passion for giving back to the resources that provide so much enjoyment for us all. For information about chapter activities near you visit wvtu.org/chapters

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Run For It!

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The Run For It run/walk is the biggest annual fundraising activity for Council and allows us to provide funding for important events such as Project Healing Waters and Discover Nature Days. WVCTU received 100% of money donated from

team sponsors. This year's run saw 25 TU runners representing various state chapters, council and national staff in addition to multiple

team sponsors!

For more information about council events visit our [News & Events](#) page of our website.

Fall Council Meeting

On September 23, 2017 the West Virginia Council of Trout Unlimited (WVCTU) conducted its annual Fall meeting. In a unanimous vote, the council elected Jim Christie as new Council Chairman. Jim is a native and current resident of Bridgeport, West Virginia and a WVU graduate of

Landscape Architecture Jim's introduction to the love of trout fishing started in 1998 when he moved to Colorado and lived on the banks of the Eagle River. There he took up fly fishing with friends and it quickly became his addiction. Jim says that the timing was perfect to Chair

WVCTU and for the opportunity to give back and help conserve, protect and restore the West Virginia streams he loves to fish. Jim's goal is to raise funds and complete larger projects within the state such as watershed restoration, culvert replacement, and to showcase WV streams.

Blue Line Bus Tour

We're on the Web!

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Winter Council Meeting

WVCTU will hold its annual winter meeting on February 24 this year.

The meeting will take place at the office of Civil and Environmental Consultants, Inc. located in Bridgeport, WV

All are welcome, no need to RSVP, just show up!

The West Virginia Council of Trout Unlimited hosted our tour of native brook trout waters on July 22, 2017. The tour was free and left Charleston early in the morning and traveled a loop through Richwood and Cowen. This was not a fishing trip, just an opportunity to see the results of some of the great work going on in the state by Chapters and other volunteers. It's also an excellent opportunity to gather intelligence on some great fishing spots! Look for this opportunity again next summer.



WVCTU held its annual "Blue Line Bus Tour" exploring native brook trout waters in WV.

One of the easiest ways to follow WVCTU activities and notices is to like our [Facebook](#) page and periodically check-in to see what is going on. As always, we need as many volunteers as possible for

all Council and Chapter events. We can never have too much help!

TU Staff Notes

TU Staff is currently sampling and documenting native brook trout populations throughout West Virginia. Thanks to WVCTU, The Oakland Foundation, and Ernie Nester Chapter TU for donating funds that were used to buy an "Electro Fisher" backpack style electro-shocker. This year, TU has utilized the backpack electro fisher to conduct electro fishing surveys in WV, collecting baseline and post project fish

community data. So far, brook trout have been documented at each of the project locations, with one exception. Because of this project, TU Staff has documented three new brook trout streams in the panhandle and will add this data to the official trout list! They have also identified three additional streams where brook trout have been observed that will be on the sampling list next year.

Adding such streams to the official trout list affords increased water quality protections for streams against heavy metals and time of year restrictions.

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