

# West Virginia Council of Trout Unlimited

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

### WVCTU elects new Council Chairman

CHARLESTON, WV. – In a unanimous vote, the West Virginia Council of Trout Unlimited elected Jim Christie as Council Chairman during its fall meeting in Davis, WV, last month.

Jim is a native and current resident of Bridgeport, West Virginia and a WVU graduate of Landscape Architecture. He is the civil/site department lead for Civil and Environmental Consultants, Inc.'s (CEC) Bridgeport, WV office and is responsible for complete project management within CEC. Jim is a detail-oriented, highly creative landscape architect with 19+ years of dedicated experience in designing and implementing projects to support client needs and meet business objectives. His project experience ranges from recreational trail design to destination resort design in multiple regions both within the United States and internationally.

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. The love of the mountains, streams, hiking and fishing all came together. 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 is excited to get started working with the TU community as well as WV agencies on restoring cold clean water and the brook trout that live in them for future generations. Jim's goal is to raise funds and complete larger projects within the state such as watershed restoration, culvert replacement, etc. Jim's other goal is to showcase West Virginia streams and to have a rotating yearly event showcasing streams in West Virginia. He sees West Virginia as a trout fisherman's hidden gem and is something that should be promoted.

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