

CONSERVATION STRATEGY OVERVIEW

Conserving the Eastern Brook Trout: Action Strategies



Eastern Brook Trout

JOINT VENTURE

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PROCESS



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- **Working Document**

PURPOSE

The EBTJV Partners Agreed That a Broad-Scale, Range-Wide Conservation Strategy is Necessary to Stop Brook Trout Declines, Improve Technology Transfer, and Effectively Prioritize Funds and Projects to Restore This Important Species.



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PRINCIPLE GOALS

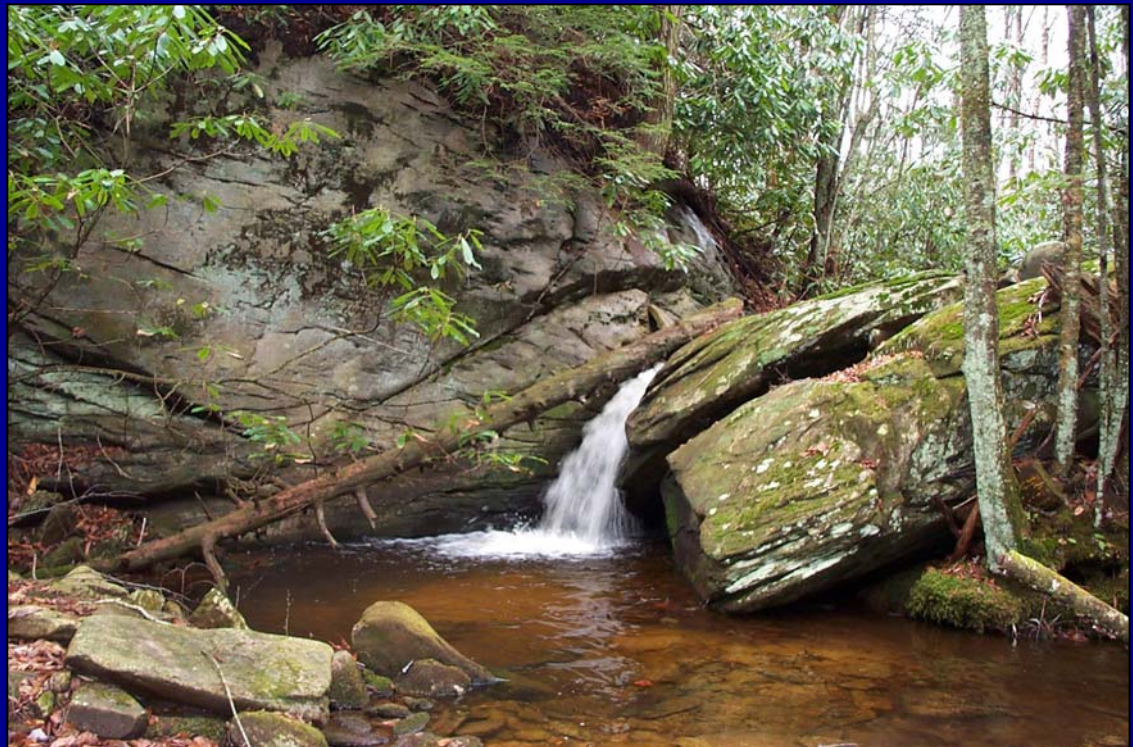
- I. Conserve, enhance or restore brook trout populations that have been impacted by habitat modification or other population level threats.**
- II. Encourage partnerships among management agencies and stakeholders to seek solutions to regional environmental and ecological threats.**
- III. Develop and implement outreach and educational programs to ensure public awareness of the challenges that face brook trout populations.**
- IV. Develop support for program implementation that perpetuate and restore brook trout populations throughout their historic range.**

KEY PRIORITIES

- 1. Protect brook trout populations across the eastern United States.**
- 2. Restore brook trout populations where original habitat conditions exist and where habitats can be restored.**
- 3. Monitor and evaluate brook trout population response to habitat protection, enhancement, and restoration projects.**
- 4. Complete brook trout distribution and quantitative status assessments.**
- 5. Increase recreational fishing opportunities for wild brook trout.**

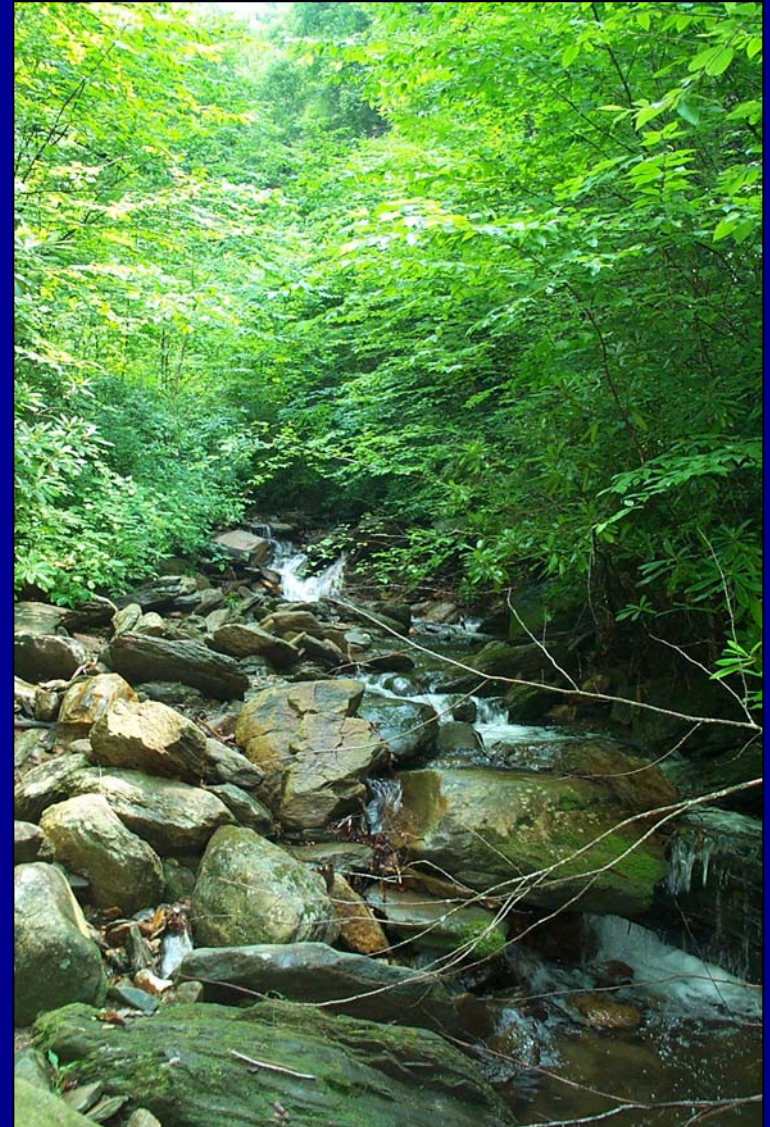
RANGE-WIDE HABITAT OBJECTIVES

- Long Term (2025)
- Measure of Overall Success
- 15 Years Determined to be Appropriate Time Scale



REGIONAL HABITAT OBJECTIVES

- Short Term (2012)
- Designed to Meet Range-Wide Goals
- Disproportionately Allocated



STATE-LEVEL HABITAT OBJECTIVES

- Short Term
- Designed to Meet Regional and Range-Wide Goals
- States Asked to Produce Brook Trout Conservation Plan Consistent with the Vision of the EBTJV Framed Around the Five Key Priorities
- 12 State-Level Plans Completed to Date
- State Conservation Plans Can Always be Modified or Added



NEXT STEPS

- **Introduce Concept of Regional Work Groups**
- **Update Conservation Strategy as Needed**
- **Establish Mechanism to Track Accomplishments**
- **Report on Progress at Regular Intervals**



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