EBTJV Habitat News Brief







FY22 project: VNRC to remove a dam and restore stream habitat on one of the most popular trout rivers in Vermont.

As we <u>recruit applications for FY24 funding</u> through the National Fish Habitat Partnership and the US Fish and Wildlife Service, we will continue to highlight recently funded projects.

This summer, the Vermont Natural Resources Council received FY22 funding to support brook trout habitat restoration and river reconnection on the Dog River in Northfield, VT.

EBTJV funds will be utilized to support the restoration of the Dog River through the removal of the Cross Brothers Dam and restoration of the river reach. The project will restore natural stream channel processes that allow water, sediment, dissolved oxygen, instream wood, and aquatic organisms to move freely.



Increasing Recreational Fisheries Engagement through the Fish Habitat Partnerships (FY23): Call for Proposals

NOAA's Office of Habitat Conservation and the Recreational Fisheries Initiative are again announcing an informal funding opportunity with coastal partnerships under the National Fish Habitat Partnership. Projects must restore coastal habitat and engage the recreational fishing community. View last year's projects below. Projects in EBTJV's range that focus on sea-run brook trout may be eligible to apply through EBTJV. If you have a potential project targeting other species, see the RFP for a list of Fish Habitat Partnerships in this program.

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Funding reminders

- EBTJV: We announced <u>our RFP</u> in October, and it is open through January 30, 2023. You must initiate coordination with an EBTJV state representative by **December 12** (see <u>RFP</u> for contact list).
- Southeast Aquatic Resources Partnership FY24 Funding(NFHAP)
- <u>FY2024 ACFHP/National Fish Habitat Partnership Funding Opportunity</u>, (NFHAP) deadline: January 20, 2023.
- Fish Passage Program: The US Fish and Wildlife Service announced<u>Fish</u>
 Passage Program funding through the BIL, and letters of intent are due
 December 16. The Fish Passage Program works with local communities
 on a voluntary basis to restore rivers and conserve our nation's aquatic
 resources by removing or bypassing barriers.

(EBTJV, SARP, and ACFP funding is provided through the National Fish Habitat Partnership and the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Please note that NFHAP and FPP are separate funding programs with different timelines. EBTJV values our relationship with the Fish and Wildlife Service. Also, we like to keep you aware of key funding opportunities that can help restore wild brook trout habitat).

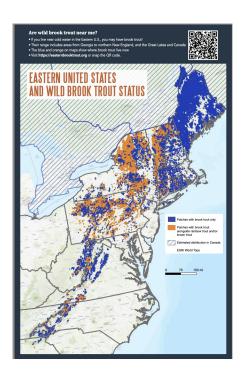


Brook trout healthy waters brochure - request a copy

We are taking requests for small numbers of printed copies of the brochure Brook Trout and Healthy Waters: a Win-Win, produced earlier this year with the West Virginia Rivers Coalition. The number of additional brochures we can print and mail will depend on pending grant funds, and your request helps us know what level of interest exists. The brochure is appropriate for anyone, especially landowners. It introduces actions to take to help brook trout (and why), and includes a full page foldout map of brook trout in the Eastern range.

Read More and fill out request form

Range map as shown in the healthy waters brochure, using data from the 2015 EBTJV range-wide assessment. Please note that EBTJV is in the process of updating this assessment and we anticipate having a new map in late 2023/2024.



In the news

Study underlines benefits of fishing on mental health; Angling International

Stewards of the stream: Pittsburg Quarterly

Barrier removal opening Potomac river to fish: WVU Public Broadcasting

Forest Service, TU, launch 40M restoration initiative TU.org

NOAA announces 15M for Atlantic Salmon projects in Maine

Rangeley Lakes Heritage Trust, w/ USFWS, TU, and MDIFW, has begun an ambitious restoration project on the upper Kennebago river: the Daily Bulldog, Maine

Conservation Fund purchased more than 6,000 acres in Aroostook County, that will soon become a state wildlife management area. Maine Public Radio

New York State took ownership of 17 acres on the east shore of Thirteenth Lake in Johnsburg, adding the lake's last stretch of unprotected shoreline to the Adirondack Forest Preserve. Adirondack Explorer

What's in store for Adirondack brook trout? Trout Power collects DNA samples Adirondack Explorer

<u>Grant for Mill Brook restoration</u> one of the first culvert replacements on Martha's Vineyard: MV Times.

Baiting a Brookie: The wildflowers of Western North Carolina's mountain streams WNC Magazine

Upcoming NE CASC Webinar on Brook TroutDec 14, 4pm

NFHAP related news

After 39 yr career, Idaho Fish and Game Director, and NFHAP Chairman, Ed Schriever, retires Idaho.gov

Southeast Aquatic Resources Partnership launches a new website

Southeast Aquatic Resources Partnership - FY24 Funding

FY2024 ACFHP/National Fish Habitat Partnership Funding Opportunity; deadline: January 20, 2023



PCTU members hosted a booth to share information about our mission.



Families and kids were provided fishing instruction.





We engaged many people during the event about our conservation, education, and outreach programs.



Dave Bender demonstrated Patrick Weaver gave a great how to tie his favorite flies.



overview of aquatic insects

Seen in Snags and Snarls, Pisgah Chapter of TU

...this collaboration for coldwater eduation was exciting for us to read, so we wanted to share it! Volunteers with the Pisgah Chapter of TU will manage an aquarium displaying live brook trout at the Brevard/Transylvania County Chamber of Commerce (NC). Text and photos reprinted from Pisgah TU.

With the flooding of the Pisgah Center for Wildlife Education in the Pisgah Forest, we lost a local opportunity for the public to view live trout, and learn about the importance of protecting watersheds, water quality, and aquatic habitat. PCTU volunteers will manage an aquarium displaying live brook trout at the Chamber's Visitor Center on 175 E Main Street in Brevard. We anticipate the exhibit to open early next year.

We are deeply grateful for the great folks at **Headwaters Outfitters** for leading the effort to raise funds for this exhibit. Nearly half of the \$3,000 needed was raised during the 2nd Annual Forks of the River Fly Fishing Festival held last month.

Continue reading in Snags and Snarls

Header photo of a brook trout in a small PA stream, credit Terry Malloy, Instagram: terrymalloyphotography. Terry's collection of underwater brook trout photos have been used by the PA Fish and Boat Commission, PA Angler Magazine as well as local tourism books. Terry is also an EBTJV supporter. We appreciate it, Terry!

About EBTJV

The Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture is a geographically focused, locally driven and scientifically based effort to protect, restore and enhance aquatic habitat throughout the brook trout's Eastern US native range. The <u>Canaan Valley Institute</u> supports the coordination and operations of EBTJV.

We are a member of the <u>National Fish Habitat Partnership</u>. Beyond the Pond is the 501c(3) sponsor for NFHAP and supports the donor platform for several Fish Habitat Partnerships including EBTJV.

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