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60 YEARS OF CONSERVATION

Our Mission

To conserve, protect, restore, and sustain Pennsylvania's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds, especially our wild trout resources.



OUR TEAM



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- RACHEL KESTER, PROGRAM DIRECTOR

WORK THAT CONNECTS



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Trout in the
Classroom

2

STREAM
Girls/Keepers

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Women, Diversity, &
Inclusion

TIC 2022-23 Stats

419 classrooms
49,000 students
8,700 hours of TIC instruction
11,600 students received fishing instruction
8,600 volunteer hours



Trout in the Classroom
www.patrouinthe classroom.org

TIC Teacher Grants

PATU plus PFBC R3 Funding = 66 grants
Chillers for new programs
Aquarium equipment & supplies
Fishing equipment
Field trip/release day support



2023 Stats

6 STREAM Programs
80+ youth engaged

Chapters

Brodhead Chapter, # 289
Lackawanna Valley Chapter, # 414
Penns Creek Chapter, # 119
Penns Woods West Chapter, # 042
Spring Creek Chapter, # 185
Valley Forge Chapter, # 290



STREAM Girls/Keepers
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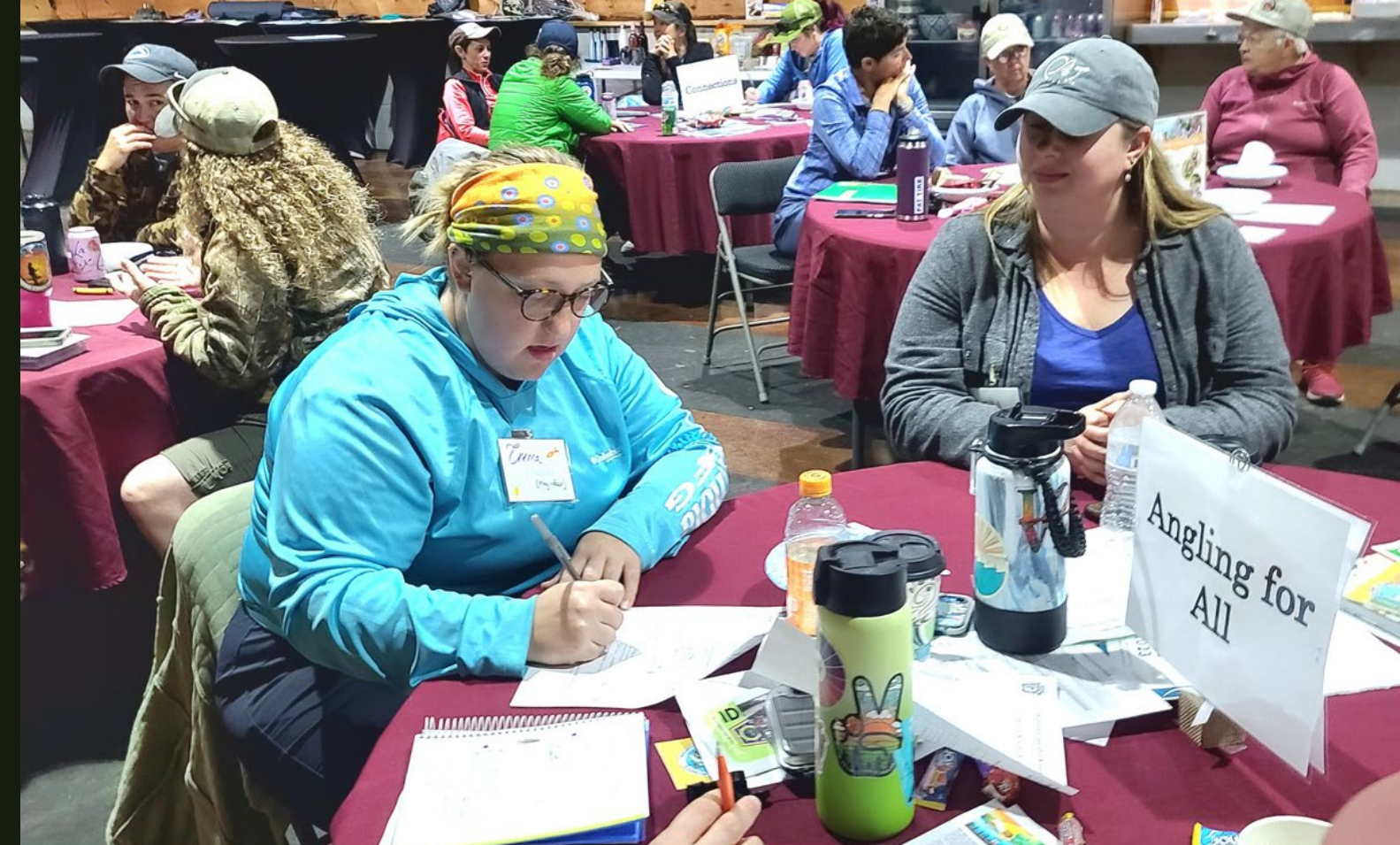


R3 Grant - Fishing Tackle Loaner Sites

Clearfield County - Clearfield CCD
Columbia County - Columbia CCD
Indiana County - Indiana CCD
Lancaster County - Lancaster Fly Girls
Lycoming County - Northcentral PA Conservancy
Montgomery County - Norristown Farm Park
Potter County - Potter CCD

4th Annual Women's Leadership Retreat

34 women
20 counties
5 states
11 chapters
3 partnering agencies



WDI Committee

www.patuwdi.weebly.com





COMMUNICATIONS

- Pennsylvania Trout newsletter
- My PATU Monthly email
- PATU website
- Facebook
- Instagram
- Twitter (X)
- LinkedIn
- YouTube

Conservation Communications Coordinator

- 47% increase in followers
- 16% increase in shares
- 22% increase in post impressions

WORK THAT PROTECTS



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Coldwater
Heritage
Partnership

2

Forever
Wild

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Trout
Policy
Committee

4

Conservation
Committee

CHP 2022-23 Stats

8 planning grants
1 AOP assessment
15 implementation projects
11 more grants awarded for 2023
2024 funding applied for through DCNR

Mariner East 2/Revolution Funding

Allegheny, Beaver, Berks, Blair, Cambria, Chester, Cumberland, Dauphin, Delaware, Huntingdon, Indiana, Lancaster, Lebanon, Juniata, Perry, Washington, Westmoreland, and York



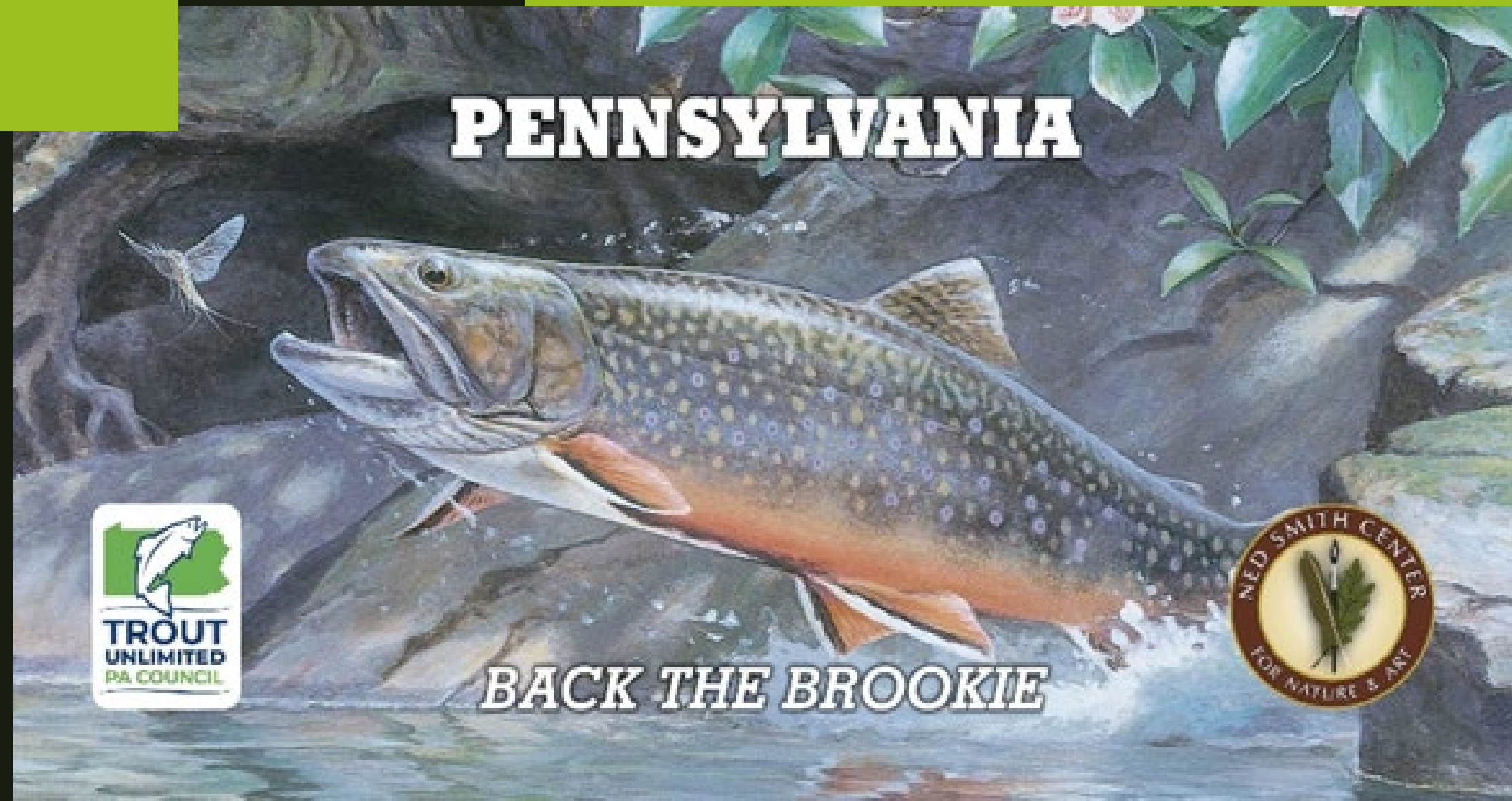
Coldwater Heritage Partnership
www.coldwaterheritage.org



Forever Wild 2022-23 Stats

Bucks County - Aquetong Creek Habitat Project
Codorus - Codorus Creek Data Logger Installation
Codorus - Codorus Creek Large Wood Re-purposing
Muddy Creek - Fly Fishing Equipment for Public Outreach
Northwest PA - pH & Temperature Monitoring
Penns Creek - Kish Creek Riparian Buffer

Forever Wild
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2022-23 Activities

- PFBC Fisheries & Hatcheries Committee Meetings
- PFBC Quarterly Commissioners' Meetings
- Regular meetings with PFBC Staff
- Public comment

In Support Of

- Notice of Stocking - January 2024
- Stocking Authorization - tabled
- Removal of 12 Class A wild brown trout streams from stocking schedule - ongoing



Trout Policy Committee
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2022-23 Activities

- Reviewed Forever Wild grants
- Updated Stream Channelization & Maintenance Policy
- Raised awareness of PFAS (forever chemicals) & neonics
- Provided letter of support to Weidner U professor for brook trout climate change research

Assistance to Chapters

- Nicholas Meats water withdrawal - Fishing Creek (Susquehanna)
- Keystone Sanitary Landfill leachate - Little Roaring Brook (Lackawanna)
- Cloudy water investigation - Honey Creek (Penns Creek)



Conservation Committee
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WORK THAT SUSTAINS



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Development
Committee

2022-23 Activities

- Created fundraising database
- Expanded outreach to new members
- Renewed EITC (Educational Improvement Tax Credit) status
- Received Terracon Grant for TIC (Thanks, Al!)
- Developed TIC grant template for use by chapters



Development Committee
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THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT

Plans for the coming year



PLANS TO CONNECT



Communications

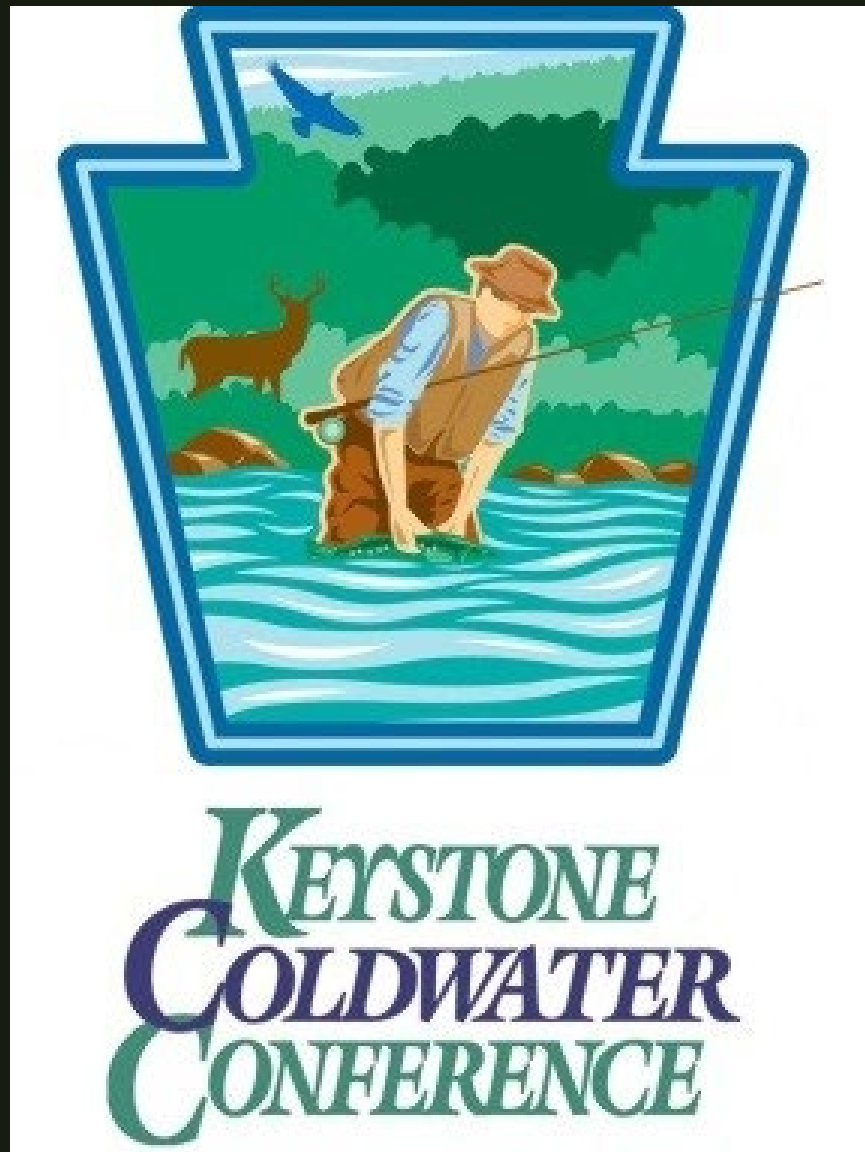
Hire a full-time Conservation Communications Coordinator

Youth Education

Continue to expand STREAM Girls/Keepers Program

Diversity

Conduct outreach at regional events & encourage local leadership



PLANS TO CONNECT

Keystone Coldwater Conference

SAVE THE DATE: February 23-24, 2024

Ramada Inn & Conference Center, State College

www.coldwaterconference.org



PLANS TO PROTECT

Coldwater Heritage

Next round of grants - Spring 2024

Forever Wild

Current round ends March 31, 2024 - Over \$14,000 remains for FY24

Policy & Advocacy

Continue to follow breaking issues & advocate for wild trout



PLANS TO SUSTAIN

Annual Appeal

Letters will be sent in November

Grant Templates

Develop STREAM Girls/Keepers template for use by chapters

Donor Outreach

Develop relationships with new foundations & corporations



HOW YOU CAN HELP

Become Involved

Volunteer opportunities exist at all levels of TU

Put in on the Calendar

Make sure you utilize the PATU events calendar & note important dates

Speak Out for Trout

Keep an eye out for opportunities to engage with policy makers



HOW YOU CAN HELP



Donate

Online, by mail, through the annual appeal - your support is appreciated!





THANK
YOU



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