

TU's Eastern Home River Initiatives: Applying the Science of Brook Trout Conservation



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Current Home River Initiatives:

Potomac Headwaters

Shenandoah Headwaters

Musconetcong (the Musky)

Upper Connecticut

Rogue River - Michigan

On the Burner:

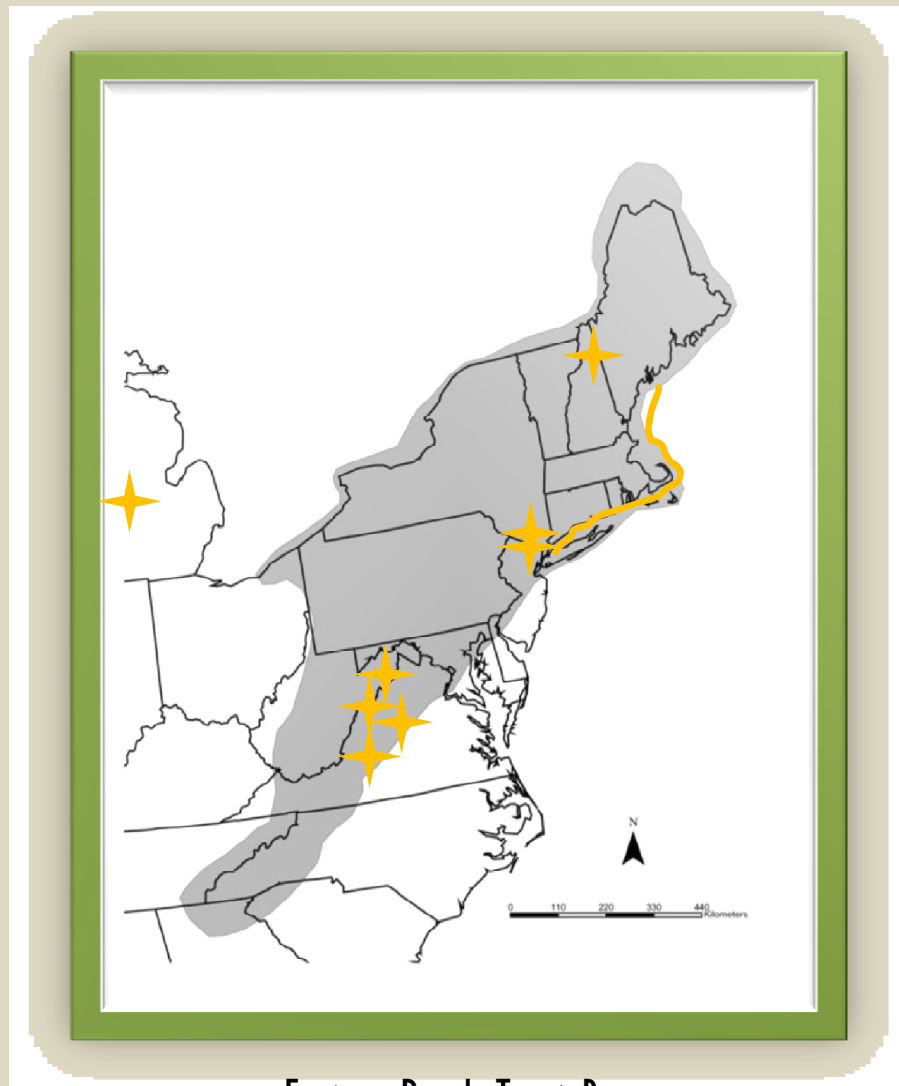
Sea Run Brook Trout (Salters)

East Fork of Greenbrier

Looking Forward:

Upper Delaware – New Jersey

Upper James – Virginia



Eastern Brook Trout Range

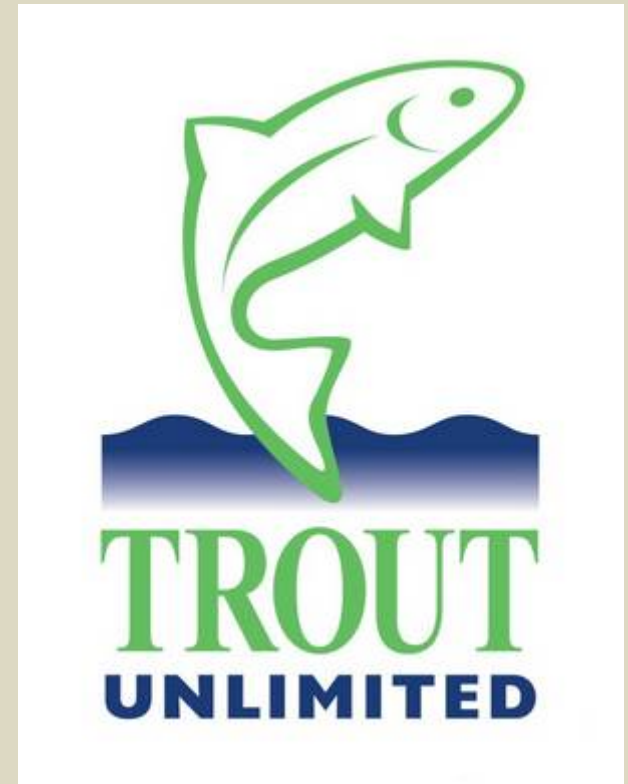
Role of Home River Initiatives

1. Support Trout Unlimited's strategic goals of :
 - Protect
 - Restore
 - Reconnect
 - Sustain
2. To Build strong and effective partners:
 - Create a big tent
3. To Facilitate conservation leadership:
 - By demonstration
 - By education
 - Advocate and Assist
4. Cold Water Conservation *IS* our Profit Motive



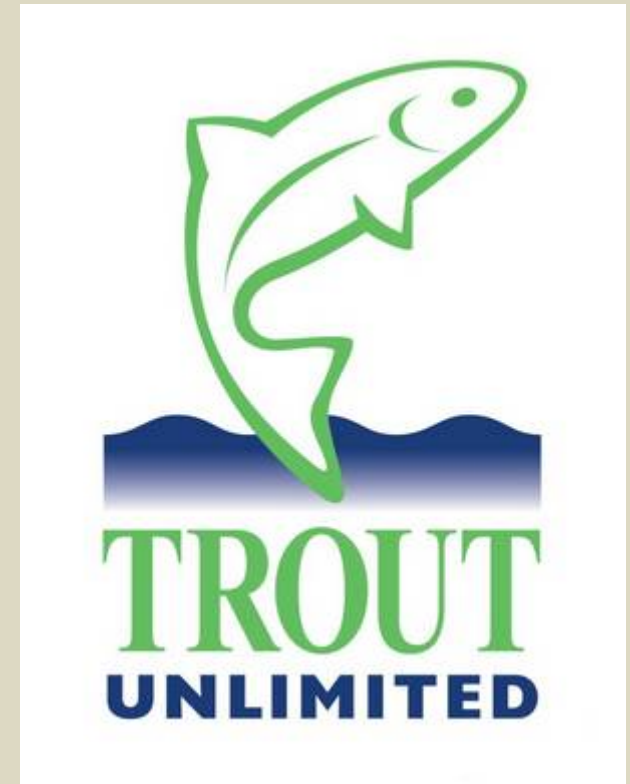
Home River Initiatives: Key Highlights

- Every HRI is self supported
- Builds Partner Capacity by filling needs
- Provides Conservation Services to Landowners
- Has Outreach and Education Purpose
- Is a Grassroots Resource for TU and others
- Provides Volunteer Opportunities for Projects, Data Collection, Fundraising and Education.



Home River Initiatives: Approach

- Full service Conservation Partner
 - Targeted Outreach to landowners and managers
 - Conservation Planning
 - Fundraising
 - Design and permitting
 - Implementation
 - Monitoring
- Training ground for young conservation professionals
- More conservation delivered for the dollar



West Virginia Partners Program: Fencing

Key Facts:

- With USFWS Partners Program.
- Farm Bill driven
- Installed 1,000,000 + feet
- 2012: 140,000 feet
- 2013: 140,000 feet
- Spin off benefits:
 - Equipment
 - Conservation \$\$ to TU
 - Landowner Contacts
 - Access to priority areas
 - Build Organizational Capacity
 - Trains young professionals



The Spin-off Effect

- East Fork Restoration:
 - Road Decommissioning
 - Instream Habitat
 - Passage Barrier Removal
 - Riparian Restoration
 - Hemlock Protection
- Idleman Run
 - Aquatic Passage
- Kitchen Creek/Potts Creek
 - Agricultural Fencing
- Sharps Knob
 - Ag Fence/Riparian Rest.
- Canaan Mountain
 - Limestone Fines
 - BT Reintroduction



Questions?



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