

Adams County TU Reels in a Corporate Sponsor

In 2005 the Adams County Chapter of Trout Unlimited formed a first-of-its-kind partnership, a stream restoration project along the lower reaches of Opossum Creek Watershed with a local landowner financial support, a local Sportsmen Club, and the Chesapeake Bay Watershed.

On February 1st, 2007 the Adams County Chapter of Trout Unlimited together with our local Waterways Conservation Officer has obtained their first corporate partnership sponsor, Cadbury Schweppes Corporation.

Cadbury Schweppes Corporation has reached an agreement with the Adams County Chapter of Trout Unlimited for a multi-year stream restoration project along the upper reaches of Opossum Creek in Aspers, PA. The project will begin in the next few weeks. The first step is to walk the stream and determine what course of action is necessary. The TU survey team will be looking for: bank erosion, flow restrictions, fish habitat, riparian buffer and water quality.

The project site is owned by the Corporation and is currently stocked by the PFBC, Cooperative Nurseries, and the Trophy Trout program. The Environmental Director for Cadbury said “this will have a positive affect on the environment and the community as well.” The Corporation expressed their goals are to introduce and designate a handicap/kids section to the stream and improve the water quality, thereby protecting our future of fishing in the Commonwealth which is a win/win situation for all.

ACTU President, Dave Swope said, “This partnership accentuates the mission statement of the Trout Unlimited Chapters to preserve, protect, and restore our coldwater fisheries. The project has been undertaken in support of the 2000 Chesapeake Bay Agreement. Specifically, this project will develop, promote, and achieve sound land use practices, which protect and restore watershed resources and water quality, while maintaining reduced pollutant loadings for the Bay and its tributaries, and restore and preserve aquatic living resources. This will be achieved by prevention of stream bank erosion, siltation, and the improvement of the riparian buffer. ACTU strongly commits to the successful completion of our projects. Our commitment to conservation practices and our stream restoration projects follow through is recognized by Trout Unlimited at both the National and State levels in 2004.”

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