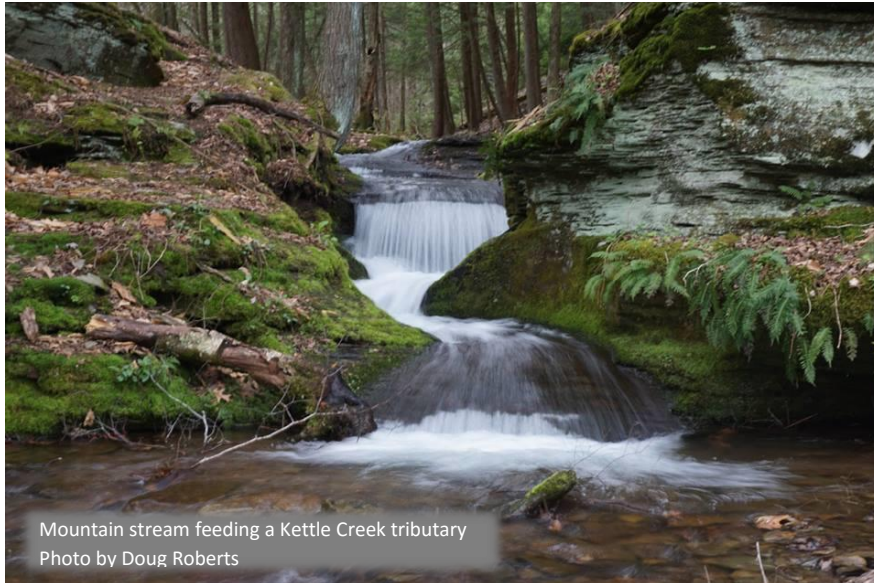




Kettle Creek Watershed Association

Sept. 2017 Newsletter



Mountain stream feeding a Kettle Creek tributary
Photo by Doug Roberts

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It has been a long time since our last newsletter and **A LOT** has been accomplished since then! Beginning, with this newsletter, the KCWA hopes to continue to keep you up to date with the latest news and upcoming projects that we do as an organization to enhance, preserve, monitor, and protect Kettle Creek and its tributaries.

Completed Projects

Over the past two years we have been working closely with Trout Unlimited to complete multiple projects throughout the valley.

1. Bradley project, 225 feet of stream bank stabilization and habitat enhancement. Completed summer 2015.
2. Little Lyman Run culvert replacement. Reconnected 7.8 miles of Class A Brook Trout Stream. Completed fall 2015.

3. Little Lyman Run Habitat enhancement project. Enhance habitat along 1,000 feet of the newly opened stream completed fall 2016.
4. Completed Watershed wide assessment of Road-stream crossings to evaluate potential barriers to fish movement fall/winter 2015.
5. Walters Run Habitat enhancement project. Enhanced 500 feet of stream. Complete late summer 2016.
6. Boone Run Road Dirt and Gravel Road improvement. Improved over 6,000 feet with added cross pipes and new driving base.



Photo by Dan Roberts

Native brook trout caught while fly fishing in a habitat enhancement area several months after construction.



Upcoming Projects

The TU projects that are planned for the near future include the following:

1. Beaverdam Run Habitat project. 1,100 feet of habitat enhancement. Scheduled for the week of September 18th 2017
2. Gravel Lick Run Culvert replacement and summer of 2018. Will open up 1.2 miles of stream.
3. Gravel Lick Habitat enhancement along 600 feet after the culvert is replaced. Summer 2018
4. Clukey and Special Regs. Stabilization project. Pending funding, projects will be completed summer 2018. Stabilization along 1,460 feet and 1,000 feet of buffer planting along Kettle Creek.

Project Healing Waters 2017 Event

This past Spring marked the second annual Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing (PHWFF) outing on Kettle Creek, which was once again, a huge success. Although the weekend of May 5th was marked with frigid temperatures and rain, that did not stop 13 veterans and a truly impressive turnout of volunteers from having a great weekend on Kettle Creek.

The rising water level and uncooperative weather did not seem to have any impact on the fishing either. Each of the veterans were able to catch multiple trout, not to mention some truly impressive fish at that. Fly tying activities were also offered in the firehall for the veterans to have an opportunity to warm up and dry off before heading back out to fish.

The success of this event can largely be contributed to the volunteers that help as mentors, organizers, cooks, and just general volunteers. This outing would not be possible either without the generous donations from businesses and private individuals.

To learn more about PHWFF and the Kettle Creek outing sponsored by us, follow the video link [HERE](#) or find it on our website www.kettlecreek.org.

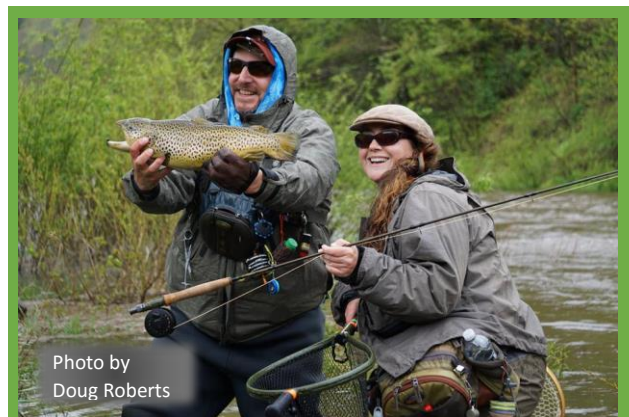


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Veterans and their mentors pose for pictures during the PHWFF Kettle Creek outing



New Board Members

We would like to welcome several new board members to the KCWA. Each of the new board members was voted onto the Board at the last meeting and we are looking forward to working with them to Enhance, Preserve, Monitor, and Protect the Kettle Creek Watershed.

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Memberships

Please join the effort to Enhance, Preserve, Monitor, and Protect Kettle Creek in North-Central PA. To become a member or renew your membership, please visit www.kettlecreek.org and click "Join/Renew" to pay electronically or download out printable form that can be mailed in with your payment.

KCWA 2018 Meetings and Events

All KCWA meetings are open to the public

March 4, 2018 @ 9:30 am
Clinton Co. Conservation Office

Project Healing Waters Event
May 4 through 6, 2018
Cross Fork

June 3, 2018 @ 9:30 am
Cross Fork Fire Hall

September 2, 2018 @ 9:30 am
Cross Fork Fire Hall

All dates and times are subject to change but will be posted on the KCWA website



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