

Little Juniata River Association – May 10th Meeting

Meeting held at the Edgewater Inn and Riverside Grill. Approximately 24 people in attendance.

Introductions made for new members.

Kelso Run Brook Trout Habitat Restoration Project –

Work Dates set for Wednesday, June 27th thru Saturday June 30th. Those who wish to volunteer should email Bill A. at bjuniata@verizon.net. We will need about 10 people.

GP-1 permit is in hand and funds are received from Foundation For Pa. Watersheds. Project cost is estimated at \$7,000.

Project consists of creating trout habitat for about 2800 feet of badly braided stream. Thirty three log and stone structures will require considerable hand labor.

Trout habitat and Riparian Canopy Project - Bonsell Stretch (downstream from Tipton/Gracerville Exit I99)

- Plans from PAFBC Habitat Management Complete.
- PennDot approval (verbal) received for access.
- Landowners (Bonsell family) approval is received.
- Signatures are needed on permit and check from LJRA to be written by May 16th
- Permit application to PADEP is ready for submission
- Funding sources must be determined...cost estimated at approx.. \$80,000.

Riverbank Clean-up

April 7th date was cancelled due to snow. Make up date is scheduled for Sat. July 21st , including the LJRA "Navy".

A notice will be sent when we get closer.

River Access Issues

Pemberton Quarry area owned by New Enterprise Stone & Lime has been totally posted with No Trespassing signs. We have met with their management twice and we are hopeful that a public lease can be executed. Follow-up meeting is pending.

Yellow House stretch is still posted by landowner, Nadine Morrow. She may take the signs down soon. If you see her there and you ask nicely, she may let you fish.

Walker property (.6 mile along River Road near New Pig industrial park) was posted but has now been restored to public access after a thorough clean-up was conducted by LJRA volunteers and the Walker family. Our thanks to Andrew And Jessica Walker (new LJRA Life members) for allowing fishing on their property.

Other actions

Winning students of the Bishop Guilfoyle Environmental Olympics have donated the prize money of \$610 to LJRA.

Juniata Valley elementary school has asked LJRA to participate in their Family Science Night on May 17th. We will be their to demonstrate fly tying and to tell them about LJRA.

Brown Trout Telemetry study was presented to the PAFBC at the last quarterly meeting. Uma Ramakrishnan did the presentation. Denny Johnson and Bill Anderson were also there.

Current status is that all 40 receivers are accounted for with 37 trout still active. Interestingly, one study trout was recently found (by accident) a mile upstream from the Edgewater Inn in the Frankstown Branch! This fish was originally tagged in Barree! May explain where some of our missing trout went in 2016.

Grier School Trout In The Classroom program – Three LJRA members, Carl Reed, Bill Bressler, Joe Masuche and Bill Anderson participated for release day activities including macro ID, electrofishing and fly tying after lunch.

Healing Waters event May 8th and 9th. \$500 was donated by LJRA also \$700 in Donations were received from LJRA members, and a generous discount for a delicious dinner was donated by the Edgewater Inn.

Submitted by LJRA Secretary, Bill Bressler and published by LJRA President, Bill Anderson