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Re: Saucon Creek dam removal

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JeffS wrote:

Here is the deal on this dam removal -

The dam in question is within the TT Special Reg Section. In addition to the dam removal, bank stabilization and in-stream habitat work is being done above the dam. Trout have been holding in the run where the dam was removed and they have taken to the habitat structures upstream. This should be no surprise since this section of Saucon Creek is loaded with fish.

troutbert - on what good trout stream in PA have trout populations been significantly reduced or eliminated as a result of a dam being removed?

The removal of the West Penn Power Dam on Spring Creek greatly reduced the trout habitat and populations.

The removal of the McCoy Dam on Spring Creek also greatly reduced the trout habitat and caused a very significant reduction in trout populations. The recent work in August will help alleviate the situation somewhat, but the trout habitat is still not nearly as good as when the dam was there.

Trindle Springs? Maybe someone else who lives closer can comment on the removal of that little milldam with the nice plunge pool that swarmed with trout. How has that gone?

Many people assume that if you remove a dam that habitat conditions will return to a normal, natural condition afterwards. In many cases that does NOT happen, for complicated reasons.