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One of the reasons the stream appears to have good and bad times is that every few years or so there is a flood that washes some fish out of the hatchery. I saw this back in, I believe, September or October of 2006. The stream overflowed it's banks and the set of hatchery pools that parrallels the stream overflowed. For months afterward there were a large number of fish in the LL down to about the fly shop. They then disipated over the next several months. I seem to remember that a guy at the hatchery told me they lost about 1000 fish.

I think that flood was in the top three all time for the stream but you can see with the settup they have to divert water from the stream to the hatchery it can happen on periodic high water.

I grew up in Allentown near the stream in the 50s and 60s. I didn't fish it then but I did frequent the park and I don't remember the sediment that I see there now. That's definitely a factor.