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It is worth remembering that unlike in suburban environments, this area does not suffer because of impervious surfaces. And unlike quite a large portion of Appalachian mountain areas, including much of the streams that feed the North Branch Potomac just a few miles to the southwest of the Savage, it does not suffer from AMD in most of the watershed. Add to that the ruggedness of the area and it makes it quite alarming that brook char there would be struggling.

Alarming because this is a rare speck of green in a massive sea of red on the EBTV map shown on page 4. There are precious few anywhere in the Eastern U.S., and this is the only one in MD.

BTW, MD has not raised brook trout in their hatcheries in ages, so if you catch one in MD, it is almost certainly wild and 20 years removed from the influence of hatchery genetics, often more. The exceptions obviously would be the stocking done by border states.