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Squaretail,

The logic and reason is simple – there are certain organizations that are powerful and well funded with contacts in all the right places and they are better able to get fund money funneled their way for projects they want to do than organizations that don't have the deep pockets and the political contacts. Don't kid yourself, most of this isn't about restoration for the good of the stream it's about companies lobbying for fund money and all they care are about is finding the easiest "sell" project so they and not others can get their hands on the money. This is exactly how public works projects work. How many public work projects do you see that you shake your head and wonder what was someone thinking when they determined that needed to be done? No different.

The bottom line is BS had a great story – a fabled past that somehow went into decline and became a shadow of its former glory but with the right help from man it can be brought back to its former glory (even though it was reaching its former glory on its own and didn't need help). The Little Conemaugh, what story does it have? The LC has always been a marginal stream that never really amounted to anything but we think with some help it maybe could become a good stream? Not a good story at all.

Go to the national TU website and check out their financials. They are not a small organization and they control millions and millions and millions of dollars in money for stream projects. And there are lots and lots of corporate donors to TU who want to get their hands on this money and it goes to those who have the best connections and not necessarily the most meaningful projects. Don't think some PA company from county A donates $25k to TU and doesn't expect to get that back plus more for work they can do on some stream in their area. Trust me, if that company kept donating $25k/year and all the TU money was being allocated to stream work on the other side of the state and they didn't get a piece of it, that annual donation would come to a screeching halt.