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3. It is obviously a combination of factors. Water chemistry only being one of them. And perhaps you cannot look at them as independent variables. If water chem is borderline, perhaps a fishery can be sustained as all other factors are nearly perfect. But as other factors become more borderline, the borderline water chemistry is more damaging.

Most of the streams of this area, once they flow far enough to get big enough to get more interesting, loose gradient and have a flatter riparian texture even while being in a steeply-sided valley. Almost all have been the victim of logging, maybe 3 times over. They got wider, flatter and with finer-grained bottoms and fewer holes. Fallen trees and old root wads are gone as is large overhanging cover. A nice wild trout stream, Horse creek, where I caught my 1st trout, is only really "nice" once you get closer to the river where it gets steeper, narrower and with more, deeper holes and runs ALONG WITH fallen timber in the stream and overhead cover. Above the Rt. 62 bridge, it has a LOT of flat, uninteresting water between the better stuff. Plus, it gets a large does of very cold, clean class A brookie water in the form of Slate Run. So, where this not to be so, it would be a "meh?" stream. I'm saying, along with the chemistry thing, Spring Creek in the ANF would be the same thing, as it does not plunge through a chasm into the Allegheny river.

I lived in Warren for 5 years and found the surrounding land, especially to the South and East to be very poor based on its understory vegetation. Growing up 50 miles to the SSW, the woods, soils, waters, whatever, all looked different. That high Allegheny plateau isn't a place I'd pick for good fertility for much of anything.