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A lot of streams, in my view, have actually gotten better. It's a little tough for me to tell, I'm still relatively young, so did the stream get better or did I get better at fishing it? It's especially true because I visit the area more rarely these days, so it might be years between my last visit to a stream and my next.

But, for me, many streams fish considerably better than they used to, and the occasional brown certainly shows up more than it used to.

Acid deposition has improved in NW PA. They keep good track and it's simply a fact, and it's the result of scrubbers on coal power stacks upwind. That said, it's still acidic. And was was mentioned, there's the effect of "using up" the buffering capability of the more infertile watersheds. i.e. acid rain effects are partially cumulative, and we're still adding, just at a lower rate. So my take is that whether the improvement in the acid rain situation corresponds to higher, or lower, pH in individual streams is highly variable. And one stream, which still has buffering capability remaining, may improve, while another a hill or two over, just exhausted the last of it's buffering capability and gets worse.