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I'm not sure about buying fish. People do it all the time to stock private lakes and so forth, so I know it could be done. Not sure of the availability of fingerlings, though.

Whether on private land or not, ALL streams are public water. And if you wish to stock fish in them, you need to go through an application process with the PFBC. I'm not sure of how difficult that is, or what is required for approval. You may have to agree not to post said water and list the stream publicly as an ATW. I'm not sure.

Regardless, the chances of success of using modern hatchery trout to seed a wild trout fishery is pretty slim. Modern hatchery strains are far different than the wild strains, and they are ill suited for stream life. You might get a generation or two, but the chances of getting a viable population to take hold are slim.

On top of that, if the stream is capable of holding a wild trout population, it likely already does.