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Habitat improvement would have an awful lot more impact on the size structure of trout in Valley than any harvest regulation. With every high water event the silt shifts like the sands in Sahara desert filling in the deep areas and carving out others. The rush of water erodes the exposed banks and pours silt into the stream. And high water events are the norm on since rainwater draining from impervious surfaces. Check out the graph on the USGS site. The water rises and falls at a steep rate even during a relatively minor rain event.

In addition, to support larger fish, a large forage base is needed and none really exist in the stream. Further, Valley lacks both numbers and certainly diversity of macros.

Stop in on a meeting of Valley Forge Trout Unlimited. The people there can share a lot of info about the stream.