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TB - I've fished Swift Run...glad I stopped at the last picnic area! You could tell it was obviously stocked and fished along the road from the jack dam pools. It was early August and I struggled with spooky fish in low water, but they were there. Saw a couple larger fish that I assume were holdover stockies as well.

A stream that strikes me as being another one that suffers from poor natural buffering (but is not in an AMD area) is Tumbling Run (E. Branch Antietam trib) in the southern part of Michaux SF. While there aren't necessarily a ton of great streams in that area, there are many that have wild Brookies in them. Tumbling Run is a classic looking, steep, and fairly decent sized plunge pool stream...but there's no Brookies in it. Frustrating when you're looking at pretty much perfect Brookie habitat in every bathtub pool. The stream bottom on that stream is a very fine white gravel, bordering on really big sand in places really...which given the absence of Brookies I assume is a poor natural buffer against acidic conditions?