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I helped Mike with locating and confirming a reproducing trout population on another creek in the central part of the county just a year ago, and its awesome to hear he found a new (and apparently robust) population in the northern section. Growing up in central bucks county I've been witness to the ebb and flow of trout in the county. Land use I believe is also one of the major contributors to the health and reach of trout in the county. What was primarily farming (a significant portion of it was dairy farming) has dwindled to a few farms left. It's sad in one way but the benefits in environmental ways are hard to dismiss. Most comminutes here now have watershed associations which work hand in hand with TU and other environment groups towards common goals. As stated previously, waste water treatment upgrades have help a lot as well. One creek in particular had treated water released directly into the steam, which now releases the water into a letch field far away instead. Now there appears to be a sustaining naturally reproducing trout population in that section of stream. That is just one success story in a string of many.

Now for what may be the biggest potential restoration in all of SE PA, TU gained approval from Solbery Township for removal of Ingham Spring lake dam just west of New Hope. The limestone spring originates just 80 yards above the lake and is a 2,000 gal per minute pristine spring with almost no storm water intrusion. Thermal impacts from the lake appear to be the only major setback for trout. The plan would be to have a restored brook trout spring creek generating from and flowing through about ¼ mile of park land. The potential character could be much like those better know spring creeks in the central part of the state.

The efforts and results of TU and other organization have been nothing short of amazing. None of these streams would make for a destination in and of itself, but the number of streams supporting trout in the central and northern part of the state now vs. 20 years ago is a testament to the overall water quality and realization that development if done correctly can benefit those fisheries (Either directly, or indirectly by drawing in residents that make conservation a priority).

Mike