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I worked with chapter for over 11 years. They float stock the Yough and have access to the bike trail through DCNR. A lot of the larger fish caught below Ramcat Run are a result of the nursery stocking. The majority of trout stocked by the chapter are in the Trophy Section. CRTU works with PAFBC and the Corps of Engineers on projects related with the river.

Many of the Yough's tributaries are impacted with acid mine drainage including Meadow Run, the Cassleman and Ramcat Run. There is a river's conservation plan for the middle Yough because of a fish kill event in the 90's. Now didymo threatens the Yough. I would say there are major water quality issues. The macros are still depressed and the water is rather infertile. pH is often in the lower 6's, not optimum conditions. Development by Seven Springs and others has greatly reduced the water table and has lead to significant warming of Laurel Hill Creek which enters the river near Confluence. There is a lot to be done. Just because you aren't aware of these issues doesn't mean they aren't there.

I have posted several times on this site as well others to drum up volunteers to assist with the Nursery. I have personally contacted some of the outfitters that guide on the Yough and got minimal response or interest in assisting with float stocking.

The fish raised at the cages at the outflow are better acclimated to the conditions of the river. Frankly, i think the fingerling program has a minimal effect after you examine the numbers of fish stocked to those caught as adults. I would be in favor of a study similar to that performed on the Little Juniata which demonstrated fingerling stocking did little to improve the overall trout fishing in the river.

Just seems to be me instead of reinventing the wheel, why not work with those that have a presence and a history of doing good things for the Yough?