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I live in Central/Upstate, NY about 25 miles south of the Adirondack Mountains. Cornell University has been working for many years in the Adirondacks to try and get the PH in many streams raised. They too have been saying about the acid rains coming from factories across and along Lake Ontario. I think it has just as much to do with all of the logging that went on here 100+ years ago. There is very little topsoil in the Adirondacks so therefor very little filtering can go on from the time the acidic rain hits the soil until it hits these small streams. Hopfully over time and as forests mature again they will be able to build up their own organic matter on the forest floor to help purify the acid rain. I am a golf course superintendent and I know from experience that turgrass prefer pH levels around 5.8 to 6.4 depending on the variety. Which is interesting to me that fish seem to prefer it around the same.