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Not so sure about Beaver, the geology just sucks. There probably weren't any, or at least not many, before white men settled it either.

I do have generally the same view as NJ Angler, though with a more positive view. I do think trout fishing is improving in this state, both in adding new waters, and in improving existing ones. Sure, there are negatives mixed in. You can find streams that are getting worse, but there are more that are getting better. You can find streams that are being posted, but there are plenty available to the public, more and more are PERMANENTLY getting set aside for the public, and we're making new trout streams to boot! Acid rain abatement. Mine acid cleanups. Better sewage treatments. Getting better about stream "buffer" zones. And management and angler attitudes are getting better, if slowly.

There's more good than bad.

I do agree that a wild trout stream is NOT a resource if the public can't access it. Well, you could argue that improving the water quality on posted land is likely to improve it downstream somewhere where the public can access it. And that's true. But to be clear, if I were to support such a project, the purpose would be to improve the water quality where the public can access it. In itself, there's no value to improving private, posted resources. The only value to the public is it's effect on resources available to the public. If the landowner wants to improve it, good for him, but the public shouldn't give him a dime.

The value of nature isn't intrinsic. We're well past that, our land bears no resemblance to "nature" anymore. It's value is it's value to humans. That said, I think in making management practices, us humans tend to think way too short term. I'd rather have something return a small benefit forever than get a large benefit now and ruin it for the future.