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From Speedwell Forge Rd up to Obie Rd bridge the water seems to be the best I've seen it in the last five years. Had the chance to fish it twice last week with much success. Started at Pumping Station and waded up stream both times. Hooked into everything I could have imagined being in there. Dozens of 3-9" brookie and brown fingerling, some definitely native others I assume are stream born. Biggest brook trout was just shy of 11", native. A good amount of stock rainbows still in this stretch too, managed a few from 10-16" all under the surface. Also caught some nice browns, the best two being 16 and 18" which fought like holdover fish. The browns were much more prevalent than the bows. Used some dry flies in the morning, mostly nymphs, ants, and bead heads in afternoon. My favorite catch was a beautiful little tiger trout. This to me is a sign of solid reproduction in the creek. I would really like to see this section of the creek become a class A wild trout water in the future because it definitely has the potential to be. Tons and tons of minnow sized brookies in there. Or if that is too much of a stretch at least have a TU project on it. I did notice that many of the structures in place in the creek were pretty badly damaged and no longer serving their purpose. Many of the deflectors were washed out. Aside of that, the water was very clear and there was little debris in the water. I would choose to fish this section of the Hammer over Donegal or the Quittie, just to name a few other locals, 8/10 times and that's just because I like a change of scenery. Not hating on those waters, i love em, just a local comparison! They definitely receive more funding and attention as well which is why they are more heavily fished

I tried to upload pictures but the files are too large. If there is a way I can compress the images someone let me know, I have some really great shots