

Subject: : Conservation

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Re: Valley Creek Restoration

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afishinado wrote:

Great job indeed! It's unbelievable what the Valley Forge TU has accomplished to make Valley Creek what it is today, and what it promises to be in the future.

Not to pick on you Jack, well I guess I will anyway. I recall you saying on numerous occasions, that for most TU members, their motives for stream conservation is primarily to improve their own fishin' hole. That may be a side benefit for some, but there are close to 800 members of VFTU, and many of these folks have never held a fishing rod in their hand. Also enlisted by TU, are local, state, and federal governmental agencies, along with several non-fishing organizations, universities and colleges, helping with these conservation efforts. For all the right reasons I might add, to conserve and enhance our streams for future generations. And well, maybe for some of us....to catch a few fish too.

Great project.

If it had been done only by fishermen, it would have been just as great a project.

A project like that does require the presence of non-fishermen to "vindicate" it.

Jack was working from an assumption that for fishermen to restore or conserve streams to improve fishing is somehow a negative or bad thing.

But neither he nor anyone else ever offered anything to support that assumption. I think that assumption is baseless. Wholly without merit!

Here's something to think about. For those of us who fish, are we proud of being fishermen? Ashamed of it? Do we think of it as an ancient, time-honored, venerable activity? Or do we think of it as something slightly shady, that we have to explain and justify.

And while you are pondering that, be sure you've got your fishing license. It's going to warm up this weekend, and it will be a good time to fish!