

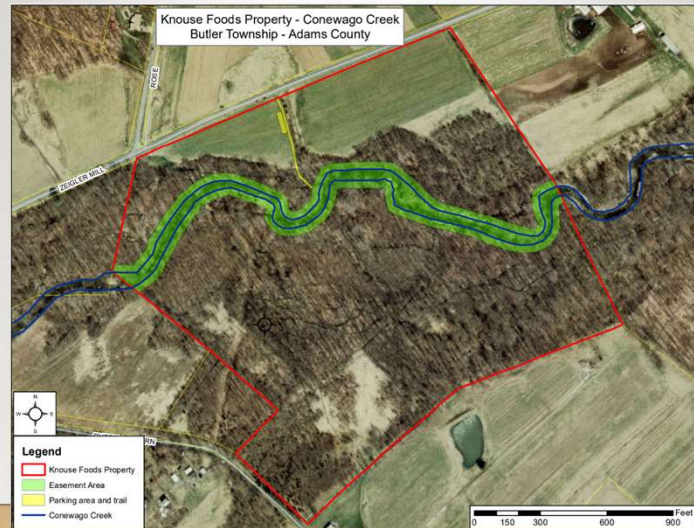


Zeigler Mill Road Access Site

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Timeline

- ❖ Late 2019 – Knouse Foods intends to sell property
- ❖ Early 2020 – Conewago Access Partners form
 - ❖ Rick Franzese, Jerry Gladfelter, Richard Lewis, Bob Kreiger, Gary Perry, and Dave Swope
- ❖ Organizations that were teamed with ACTU included:
 - ❖ • Northern Virginia chapter of Trout Unlimited
 - ❖ • Adams County Conservation District
 - ❖ • PA Fish and Boat Commission
 - ❖ • Watershed Alliance of Adams County
 - ❖ • Land Conservancy Of Adams County
 - ❖ • Adams County Office of Planning and Development
- ❖ Late 2020, Partners start raising funds
- ❖ 2021 - Partners raise over \$430,000
- ❖ December 30, 2021 – PA Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) acquires the property

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Timeline

- ❖ May 2022 - ACTU and PFBC 25-year lease agreement and 10-year fishing easement agreements
- ❖ August 2022 – 10-car parking lot completed entirely with donated materials, equipment, and labor.
- ❖ Early 2023, South Mountain Partnership grant for \$13,200 awarded
 - 60-foot-long mud sill
 - 900-yard nature trail with three teaching stations.
 - 300 native trees and shrubs
 - Invasive plant species removed on five acres.
- ❖ September 2023 - PATU Best Chapter Project Award
- ❖ April 2024 - Governor's Environmental Excellence Award
- ❖ July 2024 - PFBC stream restoration on upper FFOCRO section

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Critical Path Model

TASK	ASSIGNED TO	PROGRESS	START	END
Settlement				
Task 1	Sarah			
Task 1	Phase I ESA	100%	10/1/21	10/15/21
Task 2	Boundary Survey	100%	10/7/21	10/9/21
Task 3	Agency Review of Boundary Survey	100%	10/10/21	11/30/21
Task 4	Draft Deed Preparation	100%	11/8/21	11/28/21
Task 5	DCNM Sign Preparation	100%	12/1/21	1/30/22
Task 7	Settlement	100%	12/30/21	12/30/21
PFBC Agreement				
Task 1	ACTU/PFBC			
Task 1	Lease Agreement Terms Accepted	100%	12/7/21	4/15/22
Task 2	Commissioners Approve Agreement	100%	4/25/22	4/25/22
Task 3	Attorney Gen. Approves Agreement	100%	4/28/22	5/15/22
Access Road and Parking				
Task 1	ACTU			
Task 1	Sharrat Plot Plan Preparation	100%	12/20/21	1/24/22
Task 2A	PFBC Review	100%	1/24/22	2/23/22
Task 3B	Builder Temp. Review	100%	2/24/22	3/26/22
Task 3C	Driveway Permit	100%	4/25/22	5/6/22
Task 3	Tax Exempt Certificate	100%	3/7/22	4/21/22
Task 4	Secure Materials	100%	4/20/22	6/16/22
Task 5	Ground Breaking Ceremony	100%	8/1/22	8/22/22
Task 6	Construction	100%	8/31/22	9/17/22
Task 7	Gate Installation	100%	9/17/22	10/8/22
Task 8	Install DCNM Sign	100%	10/28/22	10/28/22
Dedication Ceremony				
ACTU				
Task 1	Plaque Preparation	100%	4/15/22	10/26/22
Task 2	Guest/Speaker Invitation List	100%	8/7/22	8/30/22
Task 3	Save the Approx Date	100%	8/24/22	8/24/22
Task 4	Invitations	100%	8/24/22	9/14/22
Task 5	Community Announcement	100%	10/1/22	10/15/22
Task 6	Ceremony	100%	10/1/22	10/1/22
PFBC/Neighboring Properties				
ACTU				
Task 1	Rogers Property Signage	100%	8/1/22	8/8/22
Task 2	Remove Tree Stand	100%	10/26/22	11/3/22
Task 3	Post No Hunting Signs	100%	9/1/22	9/10/22
Fundraising for Phase III				
ACTU				
Task 1	SMP Mini-Grant Application	100%	6/20/22	7/22/22
Task 2	Grant Award	100%	9/30/22	9/30/22
Recreational Design				
ACTU/PFBC				
Task 1	PFBC Requirements	100%	11/29/22	1/28/23
Task 2	Develop Conceptual Plan	100%	1/28/23	2/27/23
Recreational Construction				
ACTU				
Task 1	Obtain Bids, As Needed	100%	3/7/23	4/6/23
Task 2	Plant Trees	100%	3/19/23	4/28/23
Task 3	Equipment and Materials Acquisition	100%	5/1/23	6/15/23
Task 4	Equipment Rental/Schedule	100%	5/1/23	6/10/23
Task 5	Signup Volunteers	100%	5/21/23	7/30/23
Task 6	Clear Walking Trails	100%	1/7/23	8/26/23
Task 7	Construct Teaching Stations	100%	8/26/23	8/26/23
Task 8	Install Stream Devices	100%	8/26/23	8/26/23
Public Announcement and Opening				
Task 1	Prepare Public Announcement	100%	9/30/23	10/14/23

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Acquisition Sources of Funds

DONOR	DONOR
PA Department of Conservation & Natural Resources	Jack J. Riley
PA Fish & Boat Commission	Karin & Donald Guise
Adams County Land Conservancy	Jim Greene
Warhime Foundation	Joseph & Janet Kunsman
Northern Virginia TU	Kenneth Oldham
ACTU 323	David Weber
Marguerite Lough	Dr. Richard Guldin
Wal Mart	John J. Higgins
Thomas Ritter & Heidi	Kenneth Bowyer
Frank Kozak & Heidi	Dr. Leonard Charles Keifer
Falling Springs Trout Unlimited	Hank Rajotte
Michael Martys/Gail Sweeney	Herbert Jordan
Gail Sweeney/Michael Martys	Keith Hamberger
Michael Martys/Gail Sweeney	SVTU
Daniel Lazenby	Jeffrey Clarke
Dillsburg Sportsmen Club	Adams County Chiropractic
Adams County Watershed Alliance	Richard Lewis
Cumberland Valley Trout Unlimited	Donald McKim
Robert & Joan Miller	Deborah Wendling
Mummasburg Sportsmen Club	Michael Blanchette
Burnell "Doc" Humbert	Joseph Kunsman
Crownstone Equipment/Bobcat of Adams County	David & April Swope
ACNB	John B. Sowers
Phil & Tara Baugher	Steven & Linda Sites
McSherrystown Fish and Game Protective Assoc.	Stephen & Carol Miller
Home Assoc. of American Legion Post 262	Eugene Cypriach
William Godfrey	Charles & Mary Susan Dinkel
Nancy Sias	Bruce Eberle
Gary & Pat Stone	Andrew M. Mekelburg
Robert & Nancy Williams	Noel Ray Gollehon
William Randall Dwyer	Jerald Schenk
Robert McKee	Robert Feister
Lynn Rebert	M Mark Hymes
Paul J. Turek	

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Conewago Creek

ZEIGLER MILL ROAD ACCESS

PARTNERED BY:

ADAMS COUNTY
CONSERVATION DISTRICT
ADAMS COUNTY OFFICE OF
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
ADAMS COUNTY
TROUT UNLIMITED



LAND CONSERVANCY
OF ADAMS COUNTY
NORTHERN VIRGINIA
TROUT UNLIMITED
PENNSYLVANIA FISH AND BOAT
COMMISSION

SUPPORTED BY:

CONEWAGO
ENTERPRISES,
INC.

ROBERT
SHARRAH
DESIGN GROUP

VULCAN
MATERIALS
COMPANY

FUNDED BY:

ADAMS COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS
ADAMS COUNTY
CONSERVATION DISTRICT
ADAMS COUNTY
TROUT UNLIMITED
BURNELL (DOC) HUMBERT
CROWNSTONE EQUIPMENT/
BOBCAT OF ADAMS COUNTY
CUMBERLAND VALLEY
TROUT UNLIMITED
DANIEL LAZENBY
DILLSBURG
FISH AND GAME

FALLING SPRINGS
TROUT UNLIMITED
FRANK AND
HEIDI KOZAK
GAIL SWEENEY
J. WILLIAM WAREHIME
FOUNDATION
LAND CONSERVANCY
OF ADAMS COUNTY
MARGUERITE
(LEAKY BOOTS) LOUGH
McSHERRYSTOWN
FISH AND GAME
PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

MICHAEL MARTYS
MUMMASBURG
SPORTSMEN ASSOCIATION
NORTHERN VIRGINIA
TROUT UNLIMITED
PENNSYLVANIA DEPT. OF
CONSERVATION AND
NATURAL RESOURCES
PENNSYLVANIA
FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION
ROBERT AND JOAN MILLER
THOMAS AND LINDA RITTER
WATERSHED ALLIANCE
OF ADAMS COUNTY

YEAR ESTABLISHED 2021

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Parking Lot Put To Good Use



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South Mountain Partnership Grant Activities

- 60-foot-long mud sill in lower FFOCRO section
- 900-yard nature trail with three teaching stations.
- 400 native trees and shrubs
- Invasive plant species removed on five acres.



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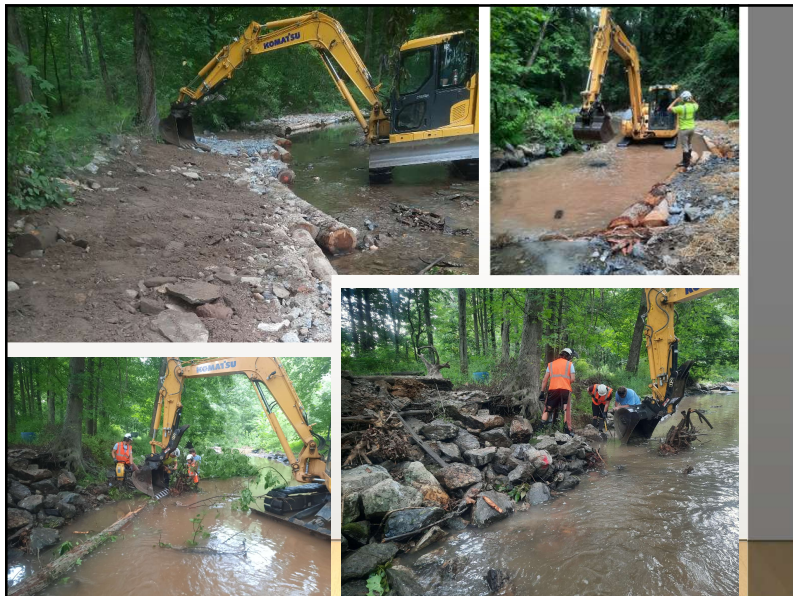
Project volunteer hours - 795



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Trout Magazine, Fall 2024

Collaborative Public, Private and Non-Profit Partnership Leads to Land and Stream Preservation and Restoration in Adams County, PA

One of the more notable, recent achievements by TU in Pennsylvania, and a perfect example of TU's commitment to fishing, conservation and community, is the permanent protection of 58 acres of land along and adjacent to Conewago Creek in Adams County. This section of the creek, located in the southcentral part of the state, is the only "Special Trout Regulation Water" in Adams County (i.e., restricted to catch and release, fly-fishing only activity). The Conewago, an iconic, high-quality trout habitat, is a tributary to the Susquehanna River, which empties into the Chesapeake Bay.

In late 2019 the owner of the 58-acre parcel, Knouse Foods Corporation, informed ACTU and other environmental and conservation-minded organizations of its intent to sell the property, which comprised undeveloped woodland and agricultural land, and that abutted approximately one-half of the

County, Adams County Office of Planning and Development.

Together, this team was known as the Conewago Access Partners.

As plans to acquire the easement progressed over the following year and public knowledge and encouragement of the effort grew, strong support developed among the partners for not simply acquiring an easement, but for seeking to preserve

sections of the creek, thereby formalizing agreements which enable access to this entire section of the creek going forward as well.

The first major project that ACTU completed under the lease agreement was the construction of a 10-car parking lot, including two handicapped spots, plus an approach trail from the lot to the creek, enabling greater access to the creek. This project, which was estimated to cost

over \$60,000, was completed in August 2022. Importantly, the construction project was completed at no cost to ACTU, as it was funded entirely by generous contributions of materials and labor from supportive engineering and construction businesses and members of the local community.

But again, ACTU's volunteer efforts regarding the Site didn't



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➤ 2024 Pennsylvania Governor's Environmental Excellence Award, Zeigler Mill Road Access Site



L to R: ACTU Secretary Jerry Gladfelter, ACTU Board Member Rick Franzese, ACTU President Frank Kozak, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Secretary Cindy Adams Dunn, ACTU Board Member Dave Swope, Department of Environmental Protection Interim Acting Secretary Jessica Shirley, and Pennsylvania Environmental Council President Tom Gilbert

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The Zeigler Mill Road Access site is now a new recreational destination in Adams County with the land and creek open to the public year-round and inviting to anglers, hikers, bird watchers, and nature lovers of all stripes.



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Looking Forward....

- ACTU will continue fulfilling its responsibilities under its 25-year management agreement
- 2025 Stream Improvement Project
- Implement additional improvement projects to enhance the attractiveness of the site and the creek to visitors

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