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Dear SWTU Chapter Member,

Your Southern Wisconsin Trout Unlimited Chapter (SWTU) has much to celebrate on our 50th Anniversary. In just the last 10 years, together we've helped improve the trout streams you love to fish.

Will you please donate money to SWTU to protect and restore our trout streams and secure your ability to fish those streams? Please read on to learn why SWTU makes this appeal and how we'll help your trout streams.

Some examples of what we've accomplished:

- Removed a dam while restoring a mile of stream, and securing public access on Black Earth Creek.
- Provided public fishing and stream restoration on what's now the best 5 miles of Gordon Creek.
- Established six new stretches of public fishing on Gordon, Kittleson and other streams in Dane and Iowa Counties via contacts we made with landowners on those streams.
- Created three miles of new trout water on the Sugar River just down the road from Madison.
- Helped partners on projects throughout the Blue River and its trout tributaries.

In the next 50 years, your and our streams need more help more than ever. Growing populations, changing agriculture, more frequent and intense floods, invasive and destructive species put our streams at risk. We can improve our streams and meet these challenges but we need your help.

SWTU Board and Officers unanimously support this request. Each and every one will donate to this cause.



In the last two years, SWTU has helped host three landowner dinners that have resulted in over 5 miles of new fishing easements on area trout streams!



SWTU supports many projects outside of the Madison area including work in the Blue River watershed, where this beautiful Brook Trout was caught.



SWTU was instrumental in coordinating over a mile of restoration on the Sugar River near Madison.



The restoration of several miles of Gordon Creek will live on as one of SWTU's greatest accomplishments.

Please give so we can restore our streams and enable the public to fish them.

Your donation will enable SWTU to:

- Bolster our own restoration and maintenance efforts on nearby trout streams like Black Earth, Gordon, Kittleson, Mt. Vernon, Story Creeks and others.
- Help the DNR with major restorations on those creeks and more -- Willow Creek in Richland County for example. With tight budgets and no increases in Trout Stamp funds for over a decade, the DNR needs help to buy the materials necessary for effective restorations.
- Provide the cash match to win grants for those restorations. We used \$5,000 in SWTU funds to obtain over \$30,000 in grants for a restoration of a mile of the Sugar River. You can help us bring much needed grant funds for many nearby streams.
- Fund DNR crews to control invasive plants like poisonous wild parsnip and improve access to trout stream easements and properties.
- Expand our work with the DNR and Dane County's Land and Water Resources Department to persuade landowners to sell trout stream easements that allow permanent public access to their streams and permit the DNR or County to restore those streams.
- Support our partners throughout Southern Wisconsin in their restorations of trout streams like the Blue River or the West Fork of the Kickapoo.



Every cent you donate will fund these efforts to improve habitat and access on our trout streams. As thanks for any donation of \$50 or more, you can receive one of our new 50th Anniversary fishing caps. Please be as generous as you can.

You and everyone in SWTU love our trout streams -- our home waters and finding new water. You want to fish healthy, protected streams and have a chance to share them with friends, kids, and grandkids. Your donation today will help you and SWTU reach those goals. You might be shocked by this early winter. But the new season is only a few days away and spring will return. Soon you'll be on your favorite stream with clean water and healthy active trout. You can help keep that stream in such great shape and have many more like it. Please donate today.

Thank you for your support of SWTU and our trout waters and for your generous response.

Tight lines,

Amy Klusmeier, President SWTU



TWO WAYS TO DONATE!

1) Online: Go to SWTU.org to donate with your credit card or via PayPal

2) Check: Fill out this form, detach and mail with your check made payable to SWTU in the envelope provided.

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