LITTLE RIVER CHAPTER

TROUT UNLIMITED

Chapter Meeting March 2024

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Agenda

- Welcome
- New Member & Guest Recognition
- Feature Presentation: Headwaters Outfitters – Small Stream Fishing
- Annual Business Meeting
- Upcoming Events
- LRCTU on Instagram
- Norton Creek
- Volunteer Recognition
- AOP Stream Barrier Survey Update
- Trout in the Classroom
- John Thurman Trout Adventure Camp
- Closing Remarks

LRCTU Annual Business Meeting - Agenda

- Election of Officers & Board Members
- LRCTU Overview
- Financial Report
- Questions

LRCTU Annual Business Meeting - Elections

- Board of Directors
  - Four (4) Officers
  - Six (6) At-Large Board Members
  - Past President – Ernie Frey
- Guidelines
  - 5% of Membership (14 Members) Constitutes a Quorum
  - Simple Majority
  - Must be LRCTU Member to Vote
  - Vote by Secret Ballot
- Election of Officers
  - Vote for Each Position
  - Nominations from the Floor
- Election of Board Members
  - Vote for Four (4) Candidates
  - Nominations from the Floor

Ballot No.		
LRCTU 2024 OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS		
LRCTU Member	YES	NO
OFFICERS: Vote for Each Position		
President		
Bob Bishop	YES	NO
Vice President		
Kim Emery	YES	NO
Treasurer		
Harry Fetterman	YES	NO
Secretary		
Barbra Giorgini	YES	NO
	YES	NO
	YES	NO
BOARD MEMBERS: Vote for 4		
Miles Johnson	YES	NO
Bernie Maloy	YES	NO
Dan Spradlin	YES	NO
David Tolliver	YES	NO
	YES	NO
	YES	NO
	YES	NO
	YES	NO

LRCTU Annual Business Meeting - Overview

- One of Eight Trout Unlimited Chapters in Tennessee
- Committed to Conserving, Protecting, and Restoring Cold Water Fisheries and Their Watersheds In and Around GSMNP
- Over 30 Year Partnership with GSMNP Fisheries Department
  - Volunteer Resources
  - Supplemental Funding
- Nonprofit Volunteer Organization
  - Chartered in 1992
  - 271 LRCTU Members
  - 57 Active Volunteers (21% of Membership)
- $22,543 Spent on Conservation, Science, & Monitoring
  - 12% Increase Over FY 2023

LRCTU Annual Business Meeting - Financial

FY2024 END-OF-YEAR FINANCIAL SUMMARY (Projected thru March 2024)

DESCRIPTION	BALANCE
FY2024 Revenue	$24,254
FY2024 Expenses	($25,893)
FY2024 Net Revenue	($1,639)
Cash Assets (thru March 2024)	$10,934
Bank Accounts:	
Operations Fund	$5,257
Education Fund	$5,677
TOTAL	$10,934

- $22,543 Spent on Conservation, Science, and Monitoring

LRCTU Annual Business Meeting - Financial

OPERATIONS FUND – SUMMARY FY 2024 (Projected thru March 2024)

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Beginning Balance	$6,944
Revenue:	
Contributions	$495
Grants – TN TU Council & TVA	$12,510
Rebates from TU National	$539
Auction	$9,421
Sale of Inventory	$322
Expenses:	
Conservation – Grants, Cleanups, Donations	($22,543)
Member Growth and Engagement	($2,175)
Fundraising	($256)
Projected Ending Balance	$5,257
Budgeted Ending Balance	$4,991

LRCTU Annual Business Meeting - Financial

EDUCATION FUND – SUMMARY FY 2024 (Projected thru March 2024)

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Beginning Balance	$5,627
Revenue:	
Contributions	$154
TN TU Reimbursed Expenses	$813
Expenses:	
Trout Camp	($400)
Youth Education – TIC Expenses	($519)
Projected Ending Balance	$5,677
Budgeted Ending Balance	$5,187

Upcoming Events

- Mar-Apr: AOP Stream Barrier Surveys
- 01 Apr: Trout Camp Applications Due
- 24 Apr-May: Trout in the Classroom Releases
- 25 Apr: Monthly Chapter Meeting – R & R Fly Fishing
- 29 Apr: Tie & Lie @ The Casual Pint Maryville
- 18 May: Bi-Monthly Acid Deposition Water Sampling

Little River Chapter TU is on Instagram

- Administrator: Dan Spradlin
- Preferred Method of Communication by many
  - Fly Shops & Outfitters
  - Guides
  - Colleges & Universities
  - Charitable Organizations
- Popular with Younger Demographic
- Near Real Time Updates
  - Upcoming Events
  - Accomplishments
- Provides LRCTU Information to Non-Members

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Norton Creek Fishing

- Special Thanks to Earl & Margit Worsham for Making This Happen
- Coordinator: Dan Spradlin (danielspradlin93@gmail.com)
- Assistant Coordinator: Harry Fetterman (hefetterman@gmail.com)
- Private Stream Adjacent to GSMNP near Gatlinburg
  - Lower Section Managed as Trophy Trout Water
  - Upper Section Managed for Southern Appalachian Brook Trout Restoration
- Opportunity is Direct Result of LRCTU Member Involvement
  - Conservation Projects
  - Fundraising & Donations to GSMNP
  - Communication and Engagement in Local Community

Volunteer Recognition

- 3,500 Volunteer Hours Since 01 April 2023
  - 57 Volunteers
  - Over 230 Stream Barrier Crossings Surveyed
- Milestones
  - Annual
    - One Event: 57 Decals
    - > 25 Hours: 26 Pins
    - > 50 Hours: 18 Mugs
  - Cumulative/Lifetime
    - Two Events: 28 Safety Vests
    - > 75 Hours: 12 T-Shirts
    - > 125 Hours: 8 Medallions
    - > 250 Hours: 6 Medallions
    - > 500 Hours: 1 Medallion

Documenting Volunteer Hours

WHY DOES DOCUMENTING VOLUNTEER HOURS MATTER?

- Grants
  - Justification for Grant Applications
    - Level of Local TU Chapter Participation
  - Matching Funds & Offsets for Grants
- Identify Labor Cost Savings to Potential Donors
- Preparation of Annual Chapter Report to TU National
  - Responsibility of Chapter Treasurer
  - Single Source for All Volunteer Data
- Evaluate Chapter's Performance on Stated Goals and Objectives
  - Do Areas of Emphasis Support Chapter Mission Statement?
  - Are We Experiencing Growth In Key Areas?

Documenting Volunteer Hours

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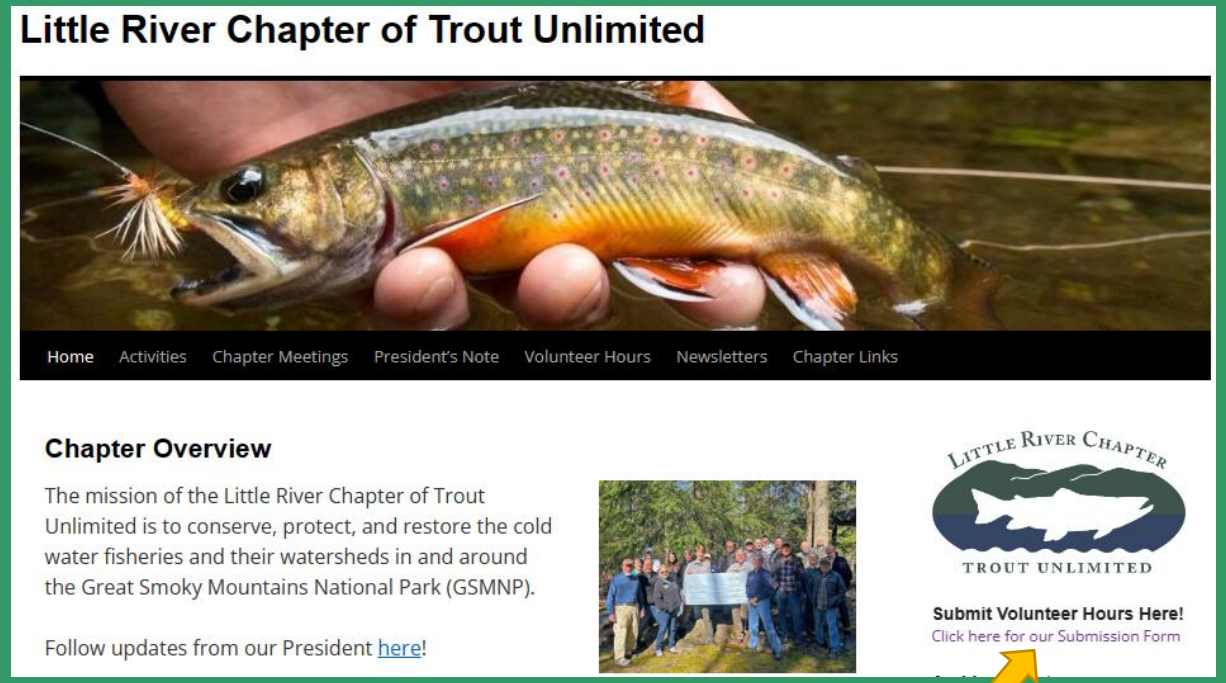

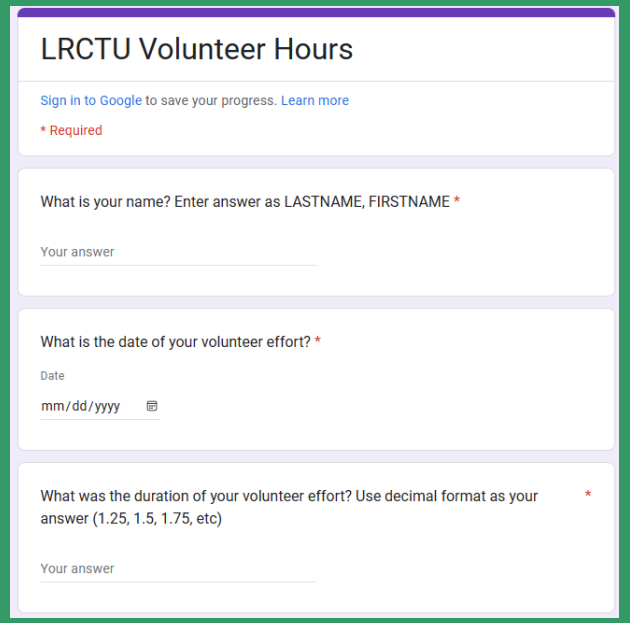

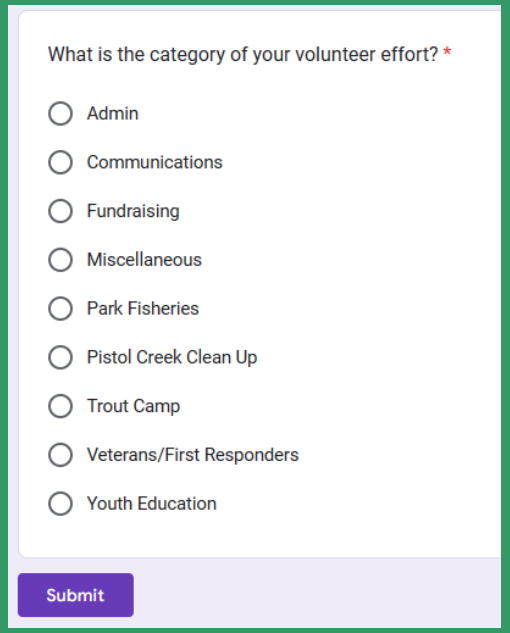

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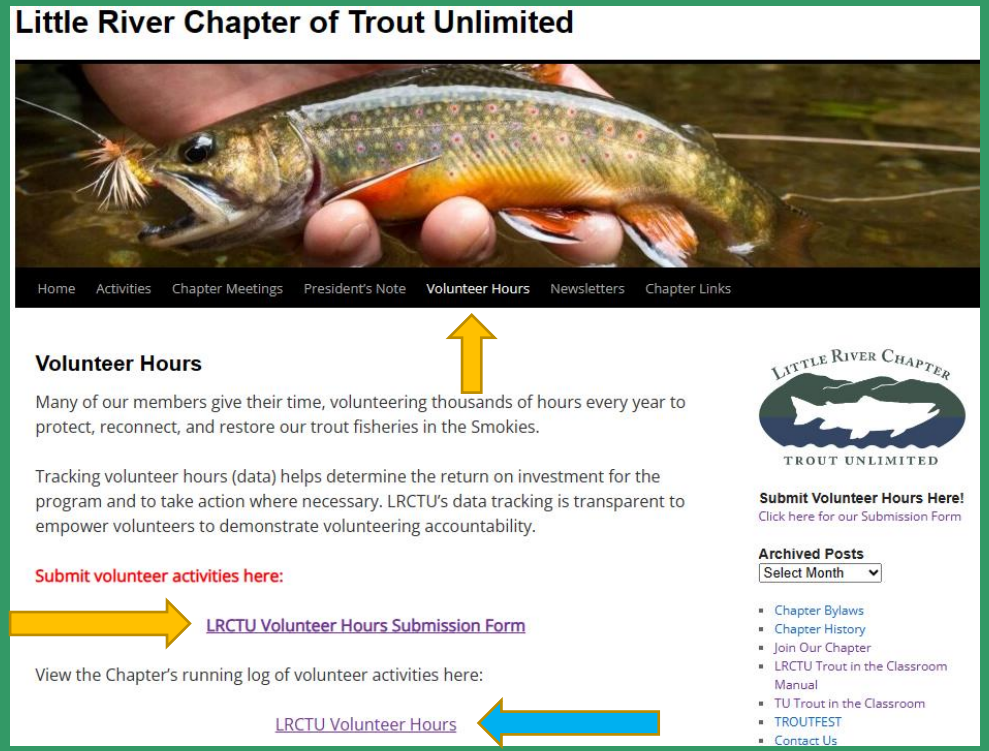

LRCTU Volunteer Hours

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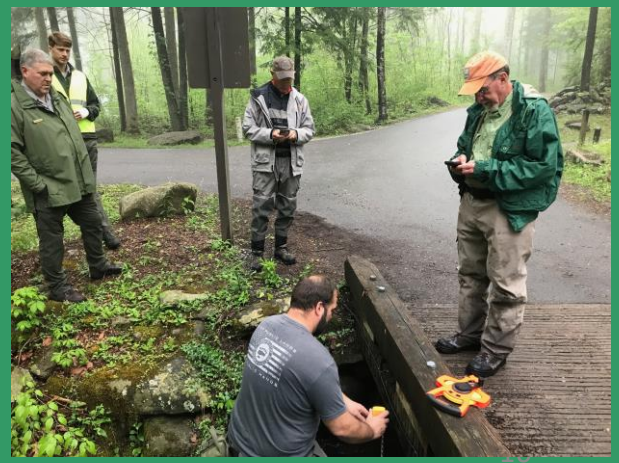
533	8/1/2023 14:32:01	Bishop, Robert	7/3/2023	8.75	Park Fisheries

AOP Stream Barrier Surveys

- Determine Effect of Stream Barriers on Aquatic Organism Passage (AOP)
  - Quantitative Evaluation
  - Ranks Severity of Stream Barriers (Culverts, Bridges, Fords)
- Teams: 4 (8 Trained Team Leaders)
- Volunteers: 31 (24 Participants)
- Phase I – Crossings with Trout
  - Completed April 2023
  - 113 Sites Surveyed
  - 16 Severe Barriers
- Phase II – Crossings with Fish
  - Initiated November 2023
  - 124 of 165 Sites Surveyed (75%)



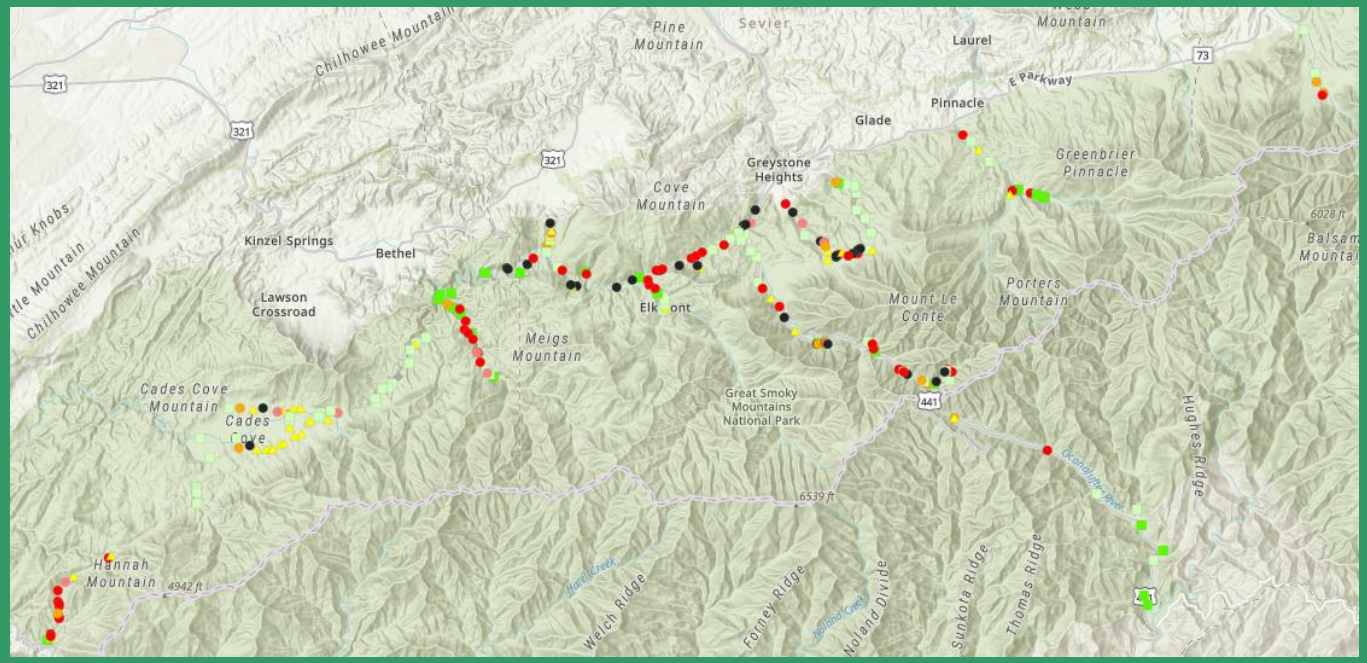
AOP Stream Barrier Surveys – Examples

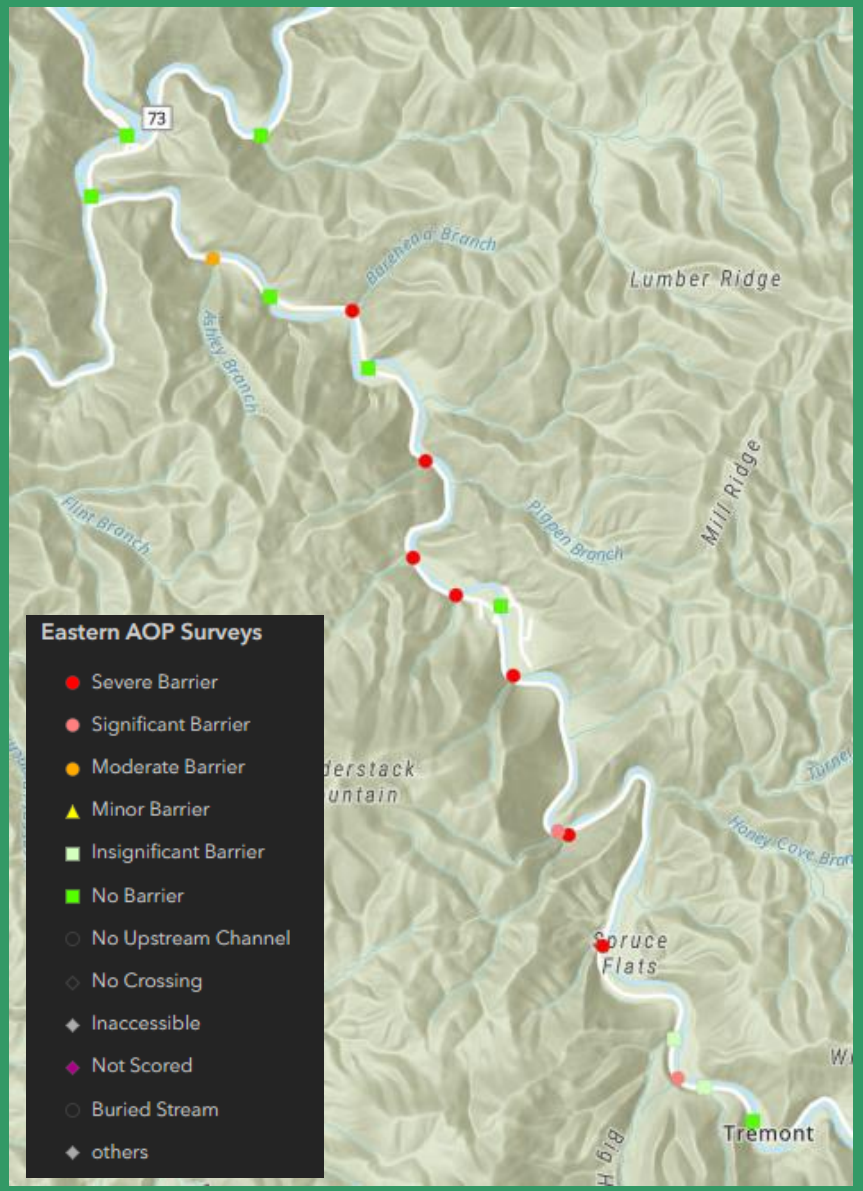
- Culverts

- Bridges

- Fords

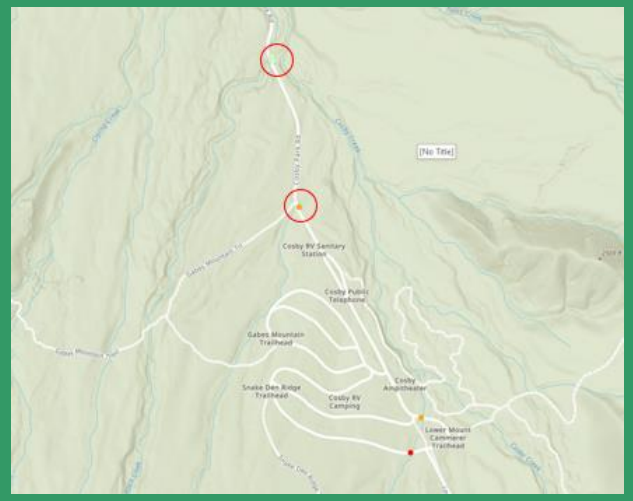
AOP Stream Barrier Surveys – Results

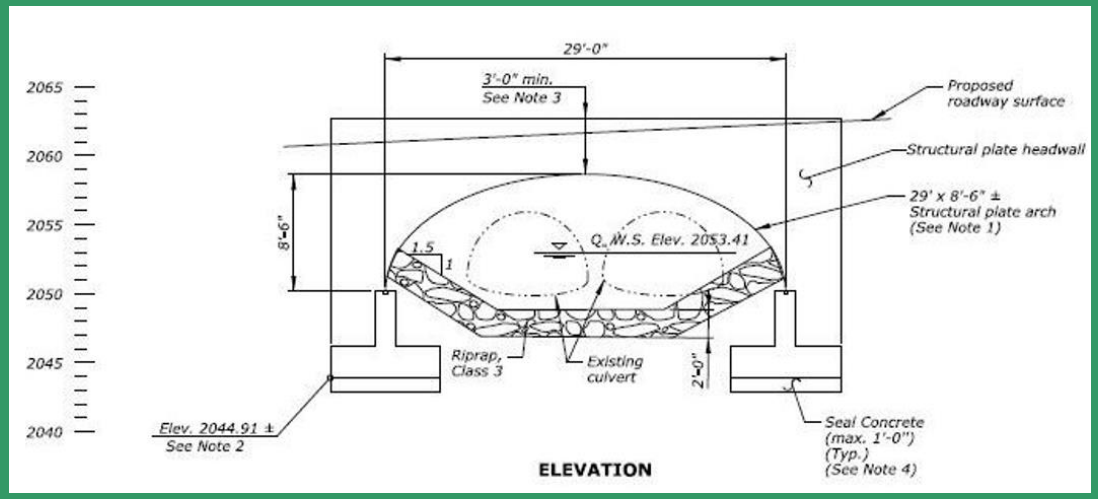




AOP Stream Barrier Surveys - Results

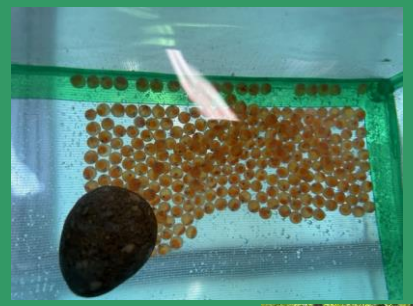
- Over 1,200 Volunteer Hours
  - $36,000 of Labor Cost Savings to GSMNP
  - 237 Sites Surveyed
- High Priority Project with TU Southern Appalachian Region
  - Recognized by Trout Unlimited CEO Chris Wood in Keynote Address at TU Southeast Regional Rendezvous
  - Supports TU Priority Waters Initiatives in GSMNP
- Culverts at Two (2) Crossings in Cosby Area Proposed for Replacement
- Provides GSMNP Fisheries Department Data Needed to Influence Stream Crossing Improvements
- Assisting/Advising TU Chapters in Virginia & Georgia





Trout In The Classroom Spring Releases

- Nine (9) Schools Participating in Spring 2024 Program
- Joyce Frey – Release Coordinator
  - Releases Scheduled for 24 April – 30 May
  - Over 600 Students Involved



John Thurman Trout Adventure Camp

- Teaching Conservation thru Fly Fishing
- June 17 -22 at Tremont Institute in GSMNP
- Eighteen (18) Campers Ages 12 – 16
- Sponsored by Tennessee Council of Trout Unlimited
- Camper Selection Begins on 01 April
- Additional Information at www.tntroutadventure.org