

Overall, 2009 was a positive one for the Chapter activities despite the the disappointment in having to cancel the banquet last Fall. Once again, volunteers provided hundreds of hours to chapter activities in 2009. Here are some of the highlights:

## **PROTECTION**

- Stream cleanups including part of a TU National nationwide initiative in June;
- Maintaining riparian and stream access areas.

## **RECONNECT/ADVOCACY**

- Support to the development of the Mad River Watershed Action Plan by the Joint SWCD Board (recently received conditional endorsement by Ohio EPA and ODNR);
- Evaluation of issues in headwaters and tributaries of Mad River, including the ground water discharge component.

## **RESTORATION**

- Maintenance of in-stream habitat improvement projects;
- Planning for future stream restoration and in-stream habitat improvement projects.

## **SUSTAIN/CHAPTER ORGANIZATION**

- Reorganization of Chapter, establishment of Board and status as a non-profit corporation;
- Met charter requirements as a chapter by TU National;
- Increased membership to about 1100;
- Provided over \$400 to Casting for Recovery (CFR);
- Provided conservation and flyfishing education/outreach to school children, various groups and organizations ; and
- Participated in TU Ohio State Council and National Leadership Council activities, including protection of Ohio's native brook trout.

NOTE: Please check out the 2009 Madmen Chapter Report to TU National at <http://www.tumadmen.org/477.htm>