



## Madmen Chapter #477

# 2012 Accomplishments

*Conserving, protecting and restoring Ohio's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds*

### ***PROTECT***

- Held 4 stream clean-ups as well as workdays for trail maintenance; working to improve the Adopt-A-Bridge/Stream Watch Program.
- Supported watershed protection in coordination with the Mad River Watershed Joint Board and Advisory Group as well as the Scenic Mad River Committee (SMRC).
- Supported ODNR's 4 year Ohio Brown Trout Study and provided data to the ODNR from 2 fishing surveys.
- Conducted 4 stream monitoring events at 6 locations within the Mad River Watershed.
- Supported efforts to protect Ohio's native brook trout and Ohio's steelhead fishery.
- Involved with national TU workgroups in an effort to protect cold water fisheries.

### ***RECONNECT***

- Continued to work on establishing ground water monitoring in the Mad River watershed.
- Continued to evaluate opportunities to protect Mad River headwaters and potential spawning areas.

### ***RESTORE***

- Removed log jam upstream of the Pimtown Road Bridge; logs are being used to create in-stream habitat downstream.
- Received plan approval and began "In-stream Habitat Improvement Project" on over 400 feet of river below Pimtown Road Bridge.
- Planted willow cuttings at State Route 36

### ***SUSTAIN***

- Held a Stream Team Workshop in Urbana in cooperation with The Miami Conservancy District.
- Worked with Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and students in both Champaign and Logan Counties.
- Assisted in establishing the "Trout in the Classroom" program in the Benjamin Logan School District as well as adding Graham and West Liberty-Salem School Districts for 2012-2013.
- Helped sponsor screening of *CONNECT* in Columbus with all proceeds going to Casting For Recovery (CFR).
- Helped sponsor the Fly Fishing Film Tour (F3T) in Columbus with all proceeds going to Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing (PHWFF).
- Currently working to establish PHWFF with the Columbus VA.
- Assisted in the PHWFF event at ODNR's Castalia Hatchery
- Supported and coordinated with other Ohio TU Chapters, fly fishing clubs and conservation groups and organizations.