



## Madmen Chapter #477

# 2013 Accomplishments

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

### ***PROTECT***

- 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.
- 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***

- Received plan approval and began "In-stream Habitat Improvement Project" on over 400 feet of river below Pimtown Road Bridge and nearly completed Section 1.

### ***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.
- Continued the "Trout in the Classroom" program in the Benjamin Logan School District as well as Graham and West Liberty-Salem School Districts for 2012-2013 and added schools, including Urbana University.
- Helped sponsor the Fly Fishing Film Tour (F3T) in Columbus with all proceeds going to Trout in the Classroom and youth education.
- Currently working to establish PHWFF with the Columbus VA.
- Established PHWFF with the Columbus VA and began holding fly fishing events and instruction with disabled vets including seven Fly Fishing 101 workshops, seven Fly Tying workshops, two casting clinics and four quality fishing opportunities.
- 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.