

# MADDOG TU

Protect | Reconnect | Restore our cold water streams, lakes and ponds!

## It's about trout

And sadly about trash!  
Time to showoff our love of trout and the earth with a "Blue Up" commitment. River and roadside pull offs seems to over flow with trash..makes me burn seeing this! Let's get out to our local rivers and before or after angling collect trash! Plan to always have a trash bag with you!

## It's about salmon!

MDTU won a VT Watershed Grant to produce a documentary on the Clyde River Salmon run! <https://www.facebook.com/Salmon-of-the-Clyde-Vermont-106324948254404/>.

Donate to MDTU as we are raising more funds for the production!

## It's about decrepit dams!

Old, useless and decrepit dams are once again in the eyes of Vermont dam busters.



## Time to plant! Get out there!

We've had a breath of spring and you're getting antsy to get out! So try this; there are many opportunities to revitalize riparian zones this spring! There are projects in the NEK and Central Vermont on the North Branch of the Winooski and a Dog River trib, Bull Run

*Early May is prime planting time and we should know that "wood is good" for trout.*





## Action on Vermont dams this year!

(The photo above is a dam removal in progress on Cox Brook in Northfield Falls in August 2008).

### West Branch of the Passumpsic River, West Burke, VT:

This old dam, so-called, Browns Mill is slated for removal in August. MadDog TU is involved in riparian plantings and site work post removal. You'll be asked to help out!

### Jail Branch in Washington Village:

This former mill site dam removal is being managed by the Winooski River Conservation District. There are many partners including TU, VT F&W, Friends of the Winooski, The Town of Washington. Removal likely in 2022.

### Dog River in the Village of Northfield:

This is the so-called "Cross Brothers" dam. The site is adjacent to Dollar General. There are studies being done now and funding being sought for this project.

Plant in Lyndonville on May 4th and 5th! This is sponsored by the Passumpsic Valley Land Trust. When: May 4-5 . Time: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Where: Murphy Property (Plaza White Market, 6585 Memorial Drive, Lyndonville. Behind Plaza White Market. Please contact Damon Cawley ([damoncawley@gmail.com](mailto:damoncawley@gmail.com)) if you wish to volunteer.

Central Vermont projects: North Branch of the Winooski  
*We need experienced planters to help volunteers who can demo good tree-planting methods and supervise volunteers!*

When: Friday May 14th

Time: 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Where: North Branch at the old Old Tavern Farm, north of Worcester Village.

Contact: [eventmdtu@gmail.com](mailto:eventmdtu@gmail.com)

Bull Run stream in Northfield:

When: Wednesday May 5th

Time: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Where: former dam site at Camp Wihakowi. We need volunteers to plant no experience necessary.

Contact: [eventmdtu@gmail.com](mailto:eventmdtu@gmail.com)





(Right, former dam site on Cox Brook in Northfield Falls, 9 years post dam removal).

### **Other MadDog TU News and updates!**

#### The Vermont Trout Camp for Teens takes another year off.

It's sad but this years camp, for 13-16 year olds, had to postpone until 2022 due to the Covid pandemic. The Camp Committee is confident that we'll return as great as ever next year. Please check out the camp web site and be thinking of those teens who might love to participate next year!



#### MadDog TU Summer Events:

We've been social distancing for too long! Stay tuned for announcements about in-person fishing excursions! Let's plan to wet a line together this summer. Hopefully a couple of these can be "family oriented"!

#### MadDog TU 2 Fly Tourney:

This fund raiser for the Trout Camp is back for Sunday September 12th! MadDog needs teams so pick a buddy and plan to register for a great day on the water!



#### Trout in the Classroom:

There are 4 schools in the MDTU region conducting "TIC" programs this year. They are Northfield Middle , Harwood Union Middle, Crosset Brook and The Riverside School in Lyndonville. The little fry are doing well and release dates are most likely for late May or early June.

#### MDTU Banquet/Fund Raiser:

Planning to return on Saturday September 11th. Day before the 2 Fly Tourney. Updates to follow.

MadDog TU logo change over:

Most folks probably don't know but here's the new(ish) MDTU logo! Soon you'll be able to buy new swag, t shirts, silipints, and of course hats with this wicked new chapter logo!



Simplified Vermont Fishing Regulations:

Vermont Fish and Wildlife requested new regs and they have gotten through the 2nd vote by the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Board. The Board approved. The 3rd and final vote is in June. There are major changes. These include, basically no closed trout season on the majority of Vermont waters. From November 1 to the 2nd Saturday in April it would be catch and release with artificial lures and flies only. A couple of exceptions would be for the Dog River and the Battenkill. Closed seasons stay in place here. Another major change, **finally**, a reduction in the daily brook limit. This would go from 12 to 8. Browns and rainbows from 6 to 8. You see the simplification trend here. (The Vermont Council of TU is on record stating the need to further reduce the brook trout limit to 6).

Introduction to Fly Fishing for Women:

In 2022 MadDog TU plans to start an annual introduction to fly fishing for women. This event was initially planned for the Summer of 2020. Well we know what happened then. Next years event plans to fill in a "reel" need for more diversity on the water!

Last Cast:

**And this certainly means a lot more diversity necessary!**

**MDTU wants to increase diversity across the spectrum! MadDog hopes to become younger, more gender balanced, less white and more family oriented! And, yes, it is about time!**