WHY are we doing this?

Throughout the US, many intact or unrestored streams that have potential for improvement are on private lands that are at risk of development or subject to potentially damaging land uses.

TU is not a land trust, but has a record of working collaboratively with land trusts to protect important trout habitat.

Anglers and TU members are important potential partners with land trusts that can help them identify, protect and care for high quality cold water streams.

Workgroup Goals:

1. Help achieve TU’s goal of protecting the best cold water stream habitat
2. Encourage and facilitate the collaboration of TU with land trusts
3. Encourage land trusts to seek out the assistance and expertise of TU to build partnerships that achieve the missions of both.

Workgroup Initiatives

Seek ways to publicize TU Coldwater Land Conservancy Fund (CLCF) successes so as to encourage TU chapters and Councils to reach out to land trusts and engage them in efforts to identify, protect and steward cold water resources.

Continue to provide grants to chapters and Councils through the Cold Water Land Conservancy Fund (CLCF) to help them fund land protection projects that achieve TU’s “Protect” goal.

Seek and obtain additional funding to build the CLCF so more important projects can be funded and potentially increase the amount of funding per project.

How does the Land Conservancy Workgroup work?

The Land Conservancy workgroup is organized as a volunteer led group under TU’s NLC and includes NLC members and other volunteers supported by TU staff and Trustees.

You do not need to be a member of the NLC to participate

The Workgroup meets every month via conference call to share resources, at TU Regional Rendezvous and the Annual Meeting.

What can I do?

Visit TU.org/NLC to see materials the work group has prepared. Two excellent publications are there. One is for TU chapters on how to work with land trusts and the second is for land trusts on how to work with TU.

Reach out to the land trusts in your chapter’s region to find out if they are aware of TU and our mission, if they have projects that involve protecting coldwater resources, and if your chapter can help them.

Here is the link to the materials you may wish to obtain from the website:

Land Conservancy Work Group

Contact workgroup chair Bill Pastuszek if you are interested in joining the work group and join us on a monthly call.

Discuss with your chapter putting an amount in your annual budget to assist land trusts with important coldwater protection projects in your area, and get advice from the work group on how to evaluate and choose which projects to support.

Reach out to the TU community for support and assistance.

Communication is an achievable goal that will strengthen the message.