



Northeastern Regional Rendezvous

Mill River Park - Stamford, CT - June 2-4, 2023

Friday, June 2

5:00 a.m.	Optional Hosted Striped Bass Fishing (Various Locations – Meet at Fishing Site)
9:00 a.m.	Optional Hosted Trout Fishing (Meet at Mill River Park – Whittingham Discovery Center)
5:00 p.m.	Happy Hour & Networking (Mill River Park – Whittingham Exhibit Hall, Green Roof & Courtyard)
6:00 p.m.	Dinner On Your Own (Options: www.stamford-downtown.com)
7:30 p.m.	Conservation Cinema – Outdoor Movie Night & Social (Mill River Park – Grand Steps)

Saturday, June 3

5:00 a.m.	Optional Hosted Striped Bass Fishing (Various Locations – Meet at Fishing Site)			
8:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast (Mill River Park – Whittingham Courtyard)			
8:40 a.m.	Welcome (Mill River Park – Whittingham Exhibit Hall) <i>Kristia Janowski, Mill River Park & Jeff Yates, TU Senior Director of Engagement</i>			
9:00 a.m.	Keynote: Caring for Connecticut’s Waters (Mill River Park – Whittingham Exhibit Hall) <i>William Tong, Connecticut Attorney General</i>			
9:45 a.m.	Break			
	CONSERVATION TRACK <i>(Upstairs Classroom)</i>	COMMUNITY TRACK <i>(Community Room)</i>	CAPACITY TRACK <i>(World Classroom)</i>	OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES <i>(Mill River Park)</i>
10:00 a.m.	Climate Change & Trout: The Science, Impact & Actions We Can Take <i>Russ Collins – Trout Unlimited Climate Change Workgroup</i>	Partners Everywhere: Resource Mapping Your Community for Impact <i>Jesse Vadala & Jeff Yates Trout Unlimited</i>	TU DEI Practitioners Circle <i>Jackie Kutzer – TU Diversity Initiative Chair Stefan Jackson – Diversity Consultant, Natural Difference LLC</i>	Macro U: Running a Bug Study Event <i>Maggie Heumann - TU</i>
11:00 a.m.	Break			
11:15 a.m.	Where’s the Water? Quantity, Quality & Our Roles in Management <i>Alicea Charamut – Rivers Alliance Jeff Ulrich – Aquarion Water Co.</i>	The Next Chapter: TU’s New Approach to Engagement <i>Joanne Theurich – Trout Unlimited Beverly Smith – Trout Unlimited Peter Barber, Trout Unlimited</i>	TU DEI Practitioners Circle <i>Jackie Kutzer – TU Diversity Initiative Chair Stefan Jackson – Diversity Consultant, Natural Difference LLC</i>	RIVERS App: Assessments to Plan Projects <i>Gerald Berrafati – TU</i>
12:15 p.m.	Lunch (Mill River Park – Whittingham Exhibit Hall & Courtyard)			
12:45 p.m.	State of Eastern TU (Mill River Park – Whittingham Exhibit Hall) <i>Keith Curley – Vice President for Eastern Conservation</i>			
1:15 p.m.	Break			



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1:30 p.m.	Data-Driven Decisions: Wild Trout Management in an Era of Change <i>Brian Eltz & Mike Beauchene – Connecticut DEEP Fisheries Jacob Fetterman – Trout Unlimited</i>	Angler Advocacy: Unleashing the Power of the Conservation Voice <i>Emily Baldauff – Trout Unlimited Alicea Charamut – Rivers Alliance CT</i>	Succession Success: Structuring Your Board to Grow & Evolve <i>Maggie Heumann & Jeff Yates Trout Unlimited</i>	Casting Clinic: Making It More Family-Friendly <i>Gerald Berrafati – TU Mianus TU Volunteers</i>
2:30 p.m.	Break			
2:45 p.m.	Open Land & Clean Water: The Connection Between Green Spaces & Blue Lines <i>Adam Goodman Aspetuck Land Trust Paul Doscher – Trout Unlimited Land Conservancy Workgroup</i>	Welcoming the Next Generation of Angler Conservationists <i>Brandon Dale – NYC Trout Unlimited Gerald Berrafati – Trout Unlimited</i>	Comprehensive Comms: Print, Digital & Social Strategies to Grow Reach <i>Jeff Yates - Trout Unlimited</i>	STREAM Kids: Scavenger Hunt & Exploration <i>Maggie Heumann - TU Mianus TU Volunteers</i>
3:45 p.m.	Break			
4:00 p.m.	Toxic Tires & Trout: How 6PPD in Stormwater is Killing Brook Trout <i>Rob Popham – Mianus Chapter</i>	Outdoor Access: Breaking Down Barriers to Environmental Experiences <i>Reggy St. Fortcolin - Aspetuck Land Trust</i>	TU Tech: Event & Fundraising Tools to Grow Your Chapter <i>Doug Agee – Trout Unlimited</i>	STREAM Kids: Scavenger Hunt & Exploration <i>Maggie Heumann - TU Mianus TU Volunteers</i>
5:00 p.m.	Happy Hour Networking & Learning			
	Shared Priority Waters: TU's Focus on Key Watersheds & How You Can Participate Locally <i>(Whittingham Exhibit Hall)</i> <i>Tracy Brown – Connecticut Erin Rodgers – Massachusetts & Vermont Keith Curley – Maine, New Hampshire & Pennsylvania Tracy Brown & Jacob Fetterman – New York Jeff Yates – Rhode Island</i>		Office Hour with Volunteer Operations Ask Your Questions & Learn New Tools from Your Support Staff at TU <i>(Community Room)</i> <i>Jack Rodgers - Membership Services Doug Agee- Online Community & Eventgroove Maggie Heumann – Chapter/Council Reinvigoration Jesse Vadala – Engagement Strategy & Tactics Gerald Berrafati – Chapter Community Building</i>	
6:00 p.m.	A Vision for TU's Future (Mill River Park – Whittingham Exhibit Hall, Courtyard) <i>Chris Wood, President & CEO</i>			
6:30 p.m.	Dinner in the Park (Mill River Park – Whittingham Exhibit Hall, Green Roof & Courtyard)			
7:00 p.m.	Rusty Gear & Free Beer: Open Air Concert (Mill River Park – Whittingham Green Roof & Courtyard)			



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Sunday, June 4

5:00 a.m.	Optional Hosted Striped Bass Fishing (Various Locations – Meet at Fishing Site)			
8:00 am	Continental Breakfast (Mill River Park – Whittingham Courtyard)			
9:00 a.m.	Where We Go from Here: Next Steps in Engagement (Mill River Park – Whittingham Exhibit Hall) <i>Jeff Yates, Senior Director of Engagement, Trout Unlimited</i>			
9:45 a.m.	Break			
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10:00 a.m.	Restoration Roundtable: Where to Start When Planning Local Projects <i>Tracy Brown – Trout Unlimited</i> <i>Gerald Berrafati – Mianus Chapter</i>	The Speed of Trust: Building New, Authentic Community Relationships <i>Jeff Yates – Trout Unlimited</i>	New Leader University: Tips, Tactics & Tools for Emerging TU Volunteers <i>Doug Agee – Trout Unlimited</i>	Outdoors Office Hours with Jack <i>Jack Rodgers - TU</i>
11:00 a.m.	Break			
11:15 a.m.	Rippowam Revival: The Still Evolving Story of this Urban Stream <i>Jeff Yates – Trout Unlimited</i>	12 Months of Engagement: Group Planning a Typical TU Chapter Calendar <i>Gerald Berrafati – Mianus Chapter</i>	New Leader University: Continued Session for Emerging TU Volunteers <i>Doug Agee – Trout Unlimited</i>	Outdoors Office Hours with Jack <i>Jack Rodgers - TU</i>
12:15 p.m.	Boxed Lunches to Go (Mill River Park – Whittingham Exhibit Hall & Courtyard)			
12:45 p.m.	Conservation & Dam Removal Tour: Restoring A River for Fish & People (Norwalk River - Wilton) <i>Gerald Berrafati – Mianus Chapter of Trout Unlimited</i> <i>Alex Krofta – Save the Sound</i>			