

Adams County Trout Unlimited - Chapter 323 Stream Restoration Policy

The mission of Adams County Trout Unlimited is to conserve, protect, enhance, and restore Adams County's coldwater fisheries and watersheds. The purpose of this stream restoration policy is to provide the Chapter Membership with consistent guidelines on accomplishing stream restorations.

All Chapter restorations and repairs will be conducted under the direction of the Chapter's Stream Coordinator. The Stream Coordinator is appointed to this position by a majority vote of the ACTU Board.

The duties of the Stream Coordinator include (and are not limited to):

- Identifying and prioritizing stream areas that need initial restoration or need previously established restoration structures repaired
- Designing or having structures designed that will best restore stream areas or that will repair existing deteriorated stream improvement structures that need restoration
- Completing a detailed list of the materials, equipment, and manpower as well as the costs needed for the restoration or repair
- Presenting the ACTU Board (for approval and budgeting) with detailed restoration or repair project plans, including structure designs and estimated costs
- Obtaining all necessary federal permits, commonwealth permits and landowner's written permissions necessary for the approved project
- Acquiring/purchasing and scheduling the delivery of materials, tools, power equipment, and manpower to complete a restoration or repair project
- Assuring all individuals working on the project have registered on the daily ACTU sign-in sheet before beginning their work and assuring that all project volunteers wear applicable Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and comply with all applicable safety regulations.
- Providing the Chapter's Treasurer with all of the project's receipts/invoices for prompt payment
- Reporting back to the ACTU Board when the project has been completed
- Monitoring past projects over time to verify the restoration or repair was successful

The Stream Coordinator shall be onsite daily to supervise, manage, and coordinate all work projects. No work is to be undertaken by a member without the Stream Coordinator or his/her designate present. The designate must be or be approved by an ACTU Board officer. The designate must also follow the Chapter's Restoration Policy and Guidelines.

Independent stream restoration work completed by an individual or individuals outside of the Chapter's Restoration Policy is not authorized by the Chapter, will not be reimbursed, and will not be recognized by the Chapter. Individuals conducting stream improvement/restoration work outside of the Chapter's Restoration Policy are personally liable for all injuries, damages, penalties, etc. imposed by any individual, government agency or landowners for their work.

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