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President's Report

At our next General Meeting, on Tuesday, October 31st, **Wayne Goll**, an entomologist from the NYS Health Department will treat us with a slide presentation on "**Dragonflies, Stoneflies and Other Underwater Monsters**"- a review of represented aquatic insects in Western New York. The program will begin at 7:30PM, followed by our business meeting, including ELECTIONS of Officers and Board Members. We hope to have a very nice item raffle as well as the 50/50. If you tie flies, please join us at 6PM when we will be tying (ooooh, very scary) brown wooly buggers for the chapter. Costumes are optional! Trick or Treat! Please come to your meeting, and bring a friend.

Come to our second Annual Holiday Party. This year's Holiday Party will be held on December 14th at the Donavan American Legion Post located at 3210 Genesee Street. The festivities begin at 7 PM. There will be snacks and pop, pizza and wings. We will have a raffle. If you bring a wrapped gift (worth \$10) you can participate in the Yankee Swap. It's a lot of fun. Please join us this year for our holiday celebration.

Dee Maciejewski, President

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Chapter Elections

Chapter elections will be at the October General Meeting. Please come and cast your vote.

Cattaraugus Creek Outfitters

Receive updated stream reports for the Spring & Fall Steelhead runs on Lake Erie's Tributaries, including Cattaraugus Creek. *Sign up now to be on our mailing list:* email vtobia@aol.com or call **Vince @ 479-2327**.

Saltwater trips 2007 Join other local anglers on great fishing adventures!

Grey's Point Lodge—Acklins Island, Bahamas—Bonefishing Adventure (February 17-24)

Contact Vince for more info @ 479-2327.

Thanks to member **Dave Bollman** for helping me get out the September newsletter. Dave volunteered his time to put labels and stamps on over 600 newsletters!

Congratulations to Chuck Godfrey on his being honored with the New York State Conservation Council Conservationist of the Year Award. We are all very proud of him, one of our most tireless volunteers."

Willow Planting

We will be planting some willow cuttings on the Wiscoy on Tuesday, 10/31 in the Pike Fairgrounds. The DEC will have 2 or 3 people, and we could use a couple of more people to help. We should probably be able to get it done in the morning. If you think you might be able to help, please let Chuck Godfrey know. We would be meeting at about 9:30am at the C&R parking lot, just upstream of Hillside Road and will go down to the fairgrounds after that. Thanks

Chuck Godfrey

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September 23, 2006 NYS Trout Unlimited Council Meeting – Lake Placid, New York

**Presentation on *Brook Trout restoration* in Adirondack Mountain park lakes and ponds by DEC. According to the presentation approximately 4/10 of 1 percent of the lakes and ponds in the park are being stocked with native strain Adirondack Brook Trout. Many of these lakes and ponds were previously affected by acid rain and are now able to be treated with lime and restocked. The ponds and lakes that are primarily being targeted are road-side waters due to easy access by motor vehicle. Stocking in interior lakes and ponds is difficult due to restrictions on when helicopters can fly. No helicopter flights are done during the summer at the direction of the Adirondack Park Administration, so as not to disturb hikers. Interestingly enough groups which on the surface seem to be ecology and nature minded are the groups throwing up the road blocks, i.e. opposition to restocking in native waters to re-establish a natural ecology. Non-native species are still a threat to the remaining strains of Adirondack Brook Trout.

**Difficulties with Catskill flooding in early summer continue to be a problem. Hundreds of private and public bridges were washed away and many are still not useable.

**Application and funding for *Chapter projects* is due by October 15, 2006 and needs to be sent to the State Council.

***Embrace A Stream* deadline is November 2006. Send applications to Paul Maciejewski. A new corporate sponsor is coming soon. This sponsor is an auto manufacturer that is pledging \$1 million per year for five years.

**Trout In The Classroom initiative. This is a statewide program which encourages individual chapters to sponsor class(es) at a school(s) to teach students about stream entomology, aquatic biology and their relationship to fish and the environment. This is a credited course taught at the eleventh grade level of high school. There are currently 113 schools with classes in the state sponsored by individual chapters. The program sponsor fee is approximately \$1000.00. The state council will provide some reimbursement. (2/3 of \$900.00). Rochelle from TU national can be reached at RGANDOUR@TU.org for more information and details.

**Cooperstown and St. Lawrence chapters (2/36) have been de-chartered.

**New chapter in Neversink has been chartered.

**Fall issue of Long Casts to be sent soon. Printing problems caused delay.

**Statewide membership is down from 8300 to 7600. Final membership figures will be recalculated at the end of September.

Progress being made in cleaning up 'Foul Waters'

By JILL SPISIAK JEDLICKA

10/11/2006

Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper applauds The Buffalo News and reporter Mike Beebe for an informative and compelling two-part series on the state of the rivers in our region ("Foul Waters," Sept. 24 and 25). The discharge of raw sewage through the antiquated system of combined storm water and sanitary sewers needs immediate address.

Riverkeeper is actively supporting water quality improvement efforts through our RiverWatch program, which monitors water quality and spills into the river, and through our coordination of the Buffalo River Remedial Action Plan. One non-engineered solution to water quality that was not mentioned is storm-water management.

Following the lead of cities like Chicago, large quantities of storm water could be diverted from the system before it enters the storm drains by utilizing bio-retention ponds, rain gardens or green roofs, and existing or constructed wetlands. Since 90 percent of the water entering the system is from rain, combined sewage overflows could be reduced or eliminated by allowing runoff to infiltrate the ground as it would naturally - and for a lot less money.

The Buffalo River watershed - nearly 440 square miles, including 25 municipalities and three counties - offers numerous opportunities for diverting storm water. These solutions would also help reduce pollutant loadings via natural filtration, and we would have a greener city with more recreational opportunities.

Both the Buffalo and the Niagara rivers are designated as "Great Lakes Areas of Concern," in part due to the past industrial discharges that have left us with a legacy of contaminants and a stigma against reuse of our waterfront.

But the good news, especially for the Buffalo River, is the momentum toward restoration. Contaminated sediment remediation is expected to commence by 2009; five habitat sites have been restored; there is safe public access; and, hopefully, the Buffalo Sewer Authority will begin to resolve the sewage overflow problems with a plan that includes storm water management.

As a community, we need to demonstrate support for cleanup of all our waterways. No federal or state agency is going to assist us financially if we do not take a proactive approach to what is happening in our own back yards. We have to demand our right to clean water, and take responsibility for our collective actions that contribute to the problem.

A recent economic study of Buffalo River remediation demonstrates that environmental and economic recoveries of our local waterways are mutually dependent. Results of this study indicated that the polluted state of the river is currently depressing single-family, owner-occupied property values by up to \$140 million.

Many once argued that environmental and economic revitalization goals are conflicting. This is a false claim.

Jill Spisiak Jedlicka oversees cleanup efforts of the Buffalo River for Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper, www.bnriverkeeper.org.

East Koy/Wiscoy Creek Watershed Funded

The Wyoming County Soil & Water Conservation District is pleased to announce that we have received additional funding in the amount of \$549,312.50 for the implementation of Best Management Practices (BMP's) in the East Koy/Wiscoy Creek combined watershed. This grant is made available to Soil & Water Conservation Districts across the state through the New York State Agricultural Non-point Source Pollution Abatement & Control Program administered by the Department of Agriculture & Markets.

This grant is a follow up to planning funds that were received by the District in 2001 to conduct Agricultural Environmental Management (AEM) planning and a complete agricultural inventory of priority BMP's in the entire watershed. Through the new funding, the District will implement the construction of BMP's such as agricultural waste storage structures, manure transfer systems and barnyard runoff management on seven farms in the watershed.

The East Koy and Wiscoy Creeks are well known as two of the premier trout streams in New York State and the District is very pleased to be able to make this funding available to our agricultural producers to assist in maintaining the quality of these valuable resources.