

## WVTU Priority Waters Committee

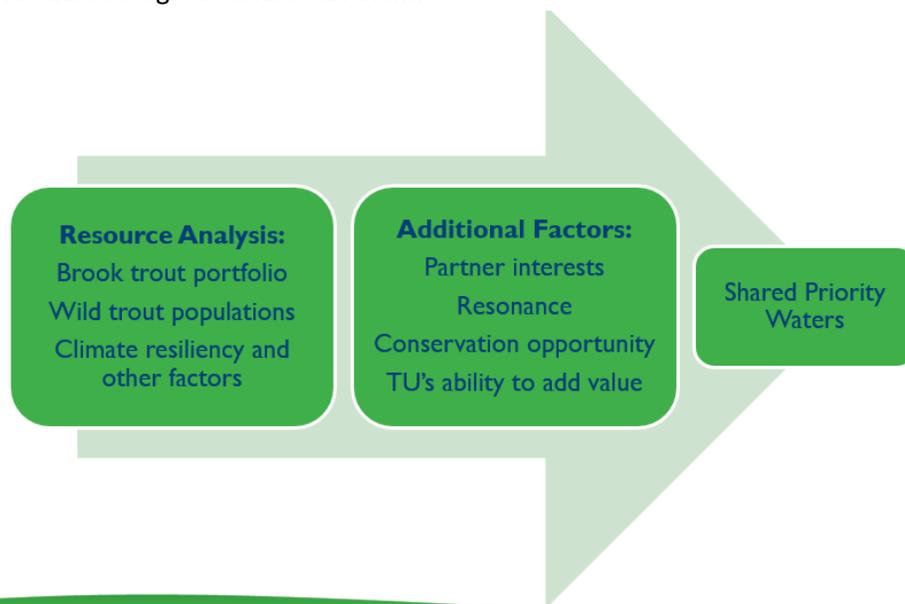
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### Background

On October 30, 2021 the West Virginia Council of Trout Unlimited's Executive Committee held its annual Fall meeting. During the meeting a motion was made, and was accepted, to establish a state Priority Waters Committee. The purpose of this committee is to help identify priority waters in the state and to promote the conservation and/or restoration of these wild and native fish habitats. The committee will also attempt to synthesize projects and chapter initiatives to align with our partners' so that there is a shared vision and focused effort in support of TU's 2021 Strategic Plan for caring for and recovering priority waters.

### What is the TU's new Priority Waters initiative all about?

Priority Waters GOAL: Identify a national network of shared priority waters *for native and wild trout and salmon*, and take strategic actions to fix them.



For more information on TU's Priority Waters

<https://www.tu.org/magazine/from-the-president/caring-for-and-recovering-priority-waters/>

### What does this mean for West Virginia TU members and chapters?

*Where do we start? What do we do?*

- 1) Establish a committee, with a member from each chapter, to lead priority waters initiatives in the state and support chapter/volunteer projects.
- 2) Include the WVCTU stakeholder representative as a committee member in order to coordinate with the WV DNR Trout Management Plan.

- 3) Identify West Virginia priority waters. Some of this work is already started through the establishment of the Eastern Brook Trout Conservation Portfolio- this is where we start identifying potential “priority waters” sites/projects for our state committee and chapters to focus energy and resources. <https://www.tu.org/science/conservation-planning-and-assessment/conservation-portfolio/eastern-brook-trout-conservation-portfolio/>

## What to expect

Below is National TU’s timeline for creating and expanding a diverse corps of staff, volunteers, and communities to advocate for and participate in the care and recovery of our lands and waters.

### Identification Timeline



## Who is on this committee? When do we start?

Various state council and chapter volunteers. To learn more about our committee and volunteer to serve email Eric at [condon101@gmail.com](mailto:condon101@gmail.com).