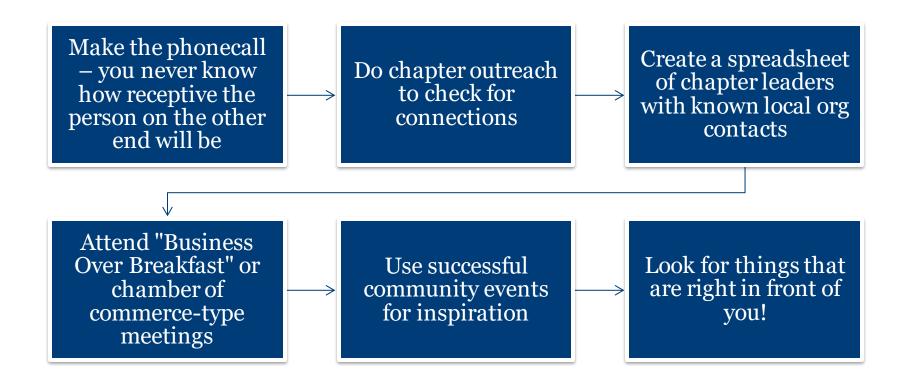
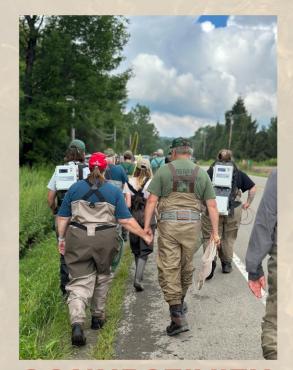


Connecting to Communities: Build Meaningful Partnerships to Diversify & Grow TU

What is the First Step to Growing?







CONNECTIVITY

THE THREE C'S OF FOSTERING COMMUNITY





CONVERSATION COLLABORATION

Regional Partners













Panelists Today











Non-Traditional Partners













Youth Partners





THE MAYFLY PROJECT







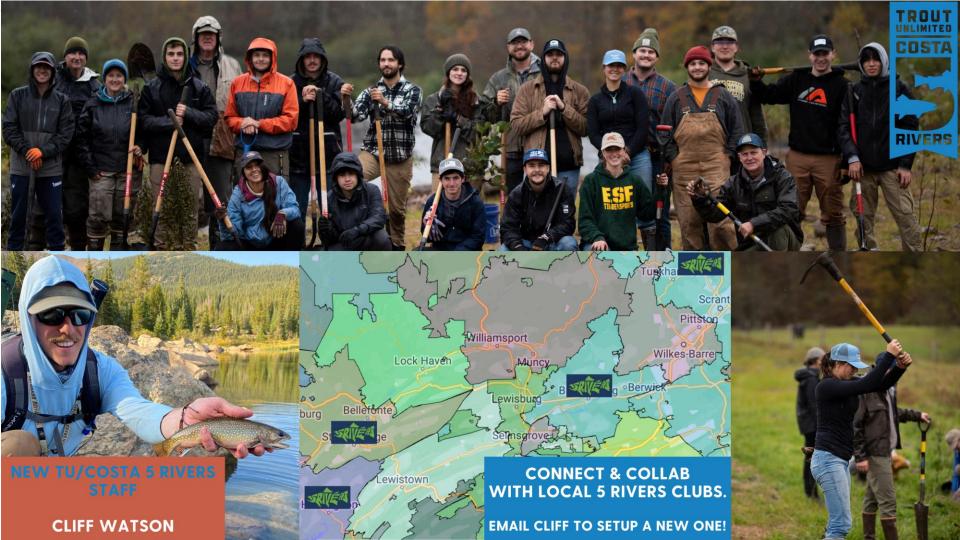


What Does a Successful Partnership look like?



- It needs to be mutually beneficial, not one-sided
- You are both reaching new audiences
- You are both trying new things
- Make sure you are following proper guidelines to share information





Multi-Stream Communication is Key





EFFECTIVE USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

- HOST A RESOURCE MAPPING SESSION
- CREATE A POWER TEAM
- BUILD AN AUDIENCE PRIOR TO POSTING
- DON'T LOSE YOUR VOICE
- SHARE CONTENT FOR ALL
- POSITIVE COMMENTING DRIVES ENGAGEMENT

Trying new things, with new partners

Conservation

- Citizen science
- River clean ups
- Lobby days
- Willow planting
- Rock rolling
- Ditch fish salvages

Community

- F3T/IF4
- Veterans Outreach
- Family friendly events
- Youth programs
- Local fairs, festivals, and school programs

Fishing

- Fishing outings for members
- Casting lessons
- Fly tying demonstrations or lessons
- Kids fishing days
- Orvis 101 & 201















Support = **Support**



- If other orgs support you, you should support them in return
- Show up at their events
- Make a connection and share newsletters and updates with events coordinator
- Cross-pollinate on social media

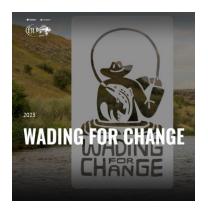


Case Study: Coombs Outdoors





















COLLABORATIVE EVENTS

Prompts to Take Home



<u>Understanding Community Engagement:</u>

- What does "community" mean within the context of your chapter or council's mission and work?
- How can Trout Unlimited effectively engage with diverse communities to build meaningful partnerships?
- What are some successful examples of community engagement initiatives within similar conservation organizations?

Identifying Key Stakeholders:

- Who are the key stakeholders in the communities where Trout Unlimited operates, and how can we effectively connect with them?
- What are some potential barriers to engaging with diverse communities, and how can Trout Unlimited overcome these challenges?

Prompts to Take Home



Building Trust and Relationships:

- How can Trout Unlimited build trust and establish authentic relationships with diverse communities?
- What strategies or approaches have been successful in fostering long-term partnerships with community organizations and leaders in your organization?

Collaborative Project Development:

- How can Trout Unlimited collaborate with community partners to develop conservation projects that address local needs and priorities?
- What are some examples of successful collaborative projects between Trout Unlimited and community organizations?

Promoting Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion:

- How can Trout Unlimited ensure that its partnerships and programs are inclusive and equitable?
- What steps can Trout Unlimited take to promote diversity and representation within its leadership and membership?

Sharing & Next Steps



Sharing Best Practices and Lessons Learned:

- Share examples of successful community engagement initiatives or partnerships from your own chapter
- What are some key lessons learned from past successes and failures in community engagement?

Next Steps and Action Planning:

- What are some actionable steps that your chapter can take to strengthen its relationships with diverse communities and expand its reach?
- How can participants continue to collaborate and support each other in advancing community engagement efforts within Trout Unlimited and beyond?

Sharing & Next Steps



Evaluate and Learn from Partnerships: Regularly evaluate the effectiveness of partnerships and initiatives to identify strengths, weaknesses, and areas for improvement. Solicit feedback from partner organizations and stakeholders to assess the impact of collaborative efforts and identify lessons learned.

<u>Adaptability and Flexibility:</u> Remain adaptable and flexible in response to changing circumstances, emerging priorities, and evolving partnership dynamics. Be willing to adjust strategies, reallocate resources, and explore new avenues for collaboration as needed.

<u>Celebrate Successes and Milestones:</u> Recognize and celebrate successes, milestones, and achievements resulting from collaborative efforts with partner organizations. Acknowledge the contributions of all stakeholders and highlight the positive outcomes of shared conservation initiatives.

