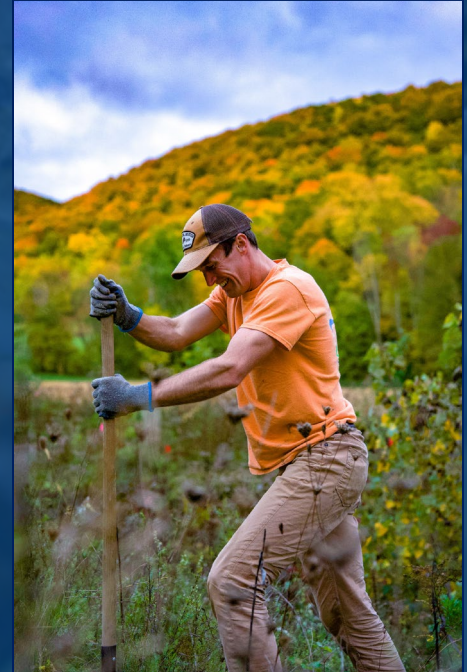


State of the Battenkill

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Rich History of the Battenkill



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Years of habitat restoration bring trout population back up in Batten Kill

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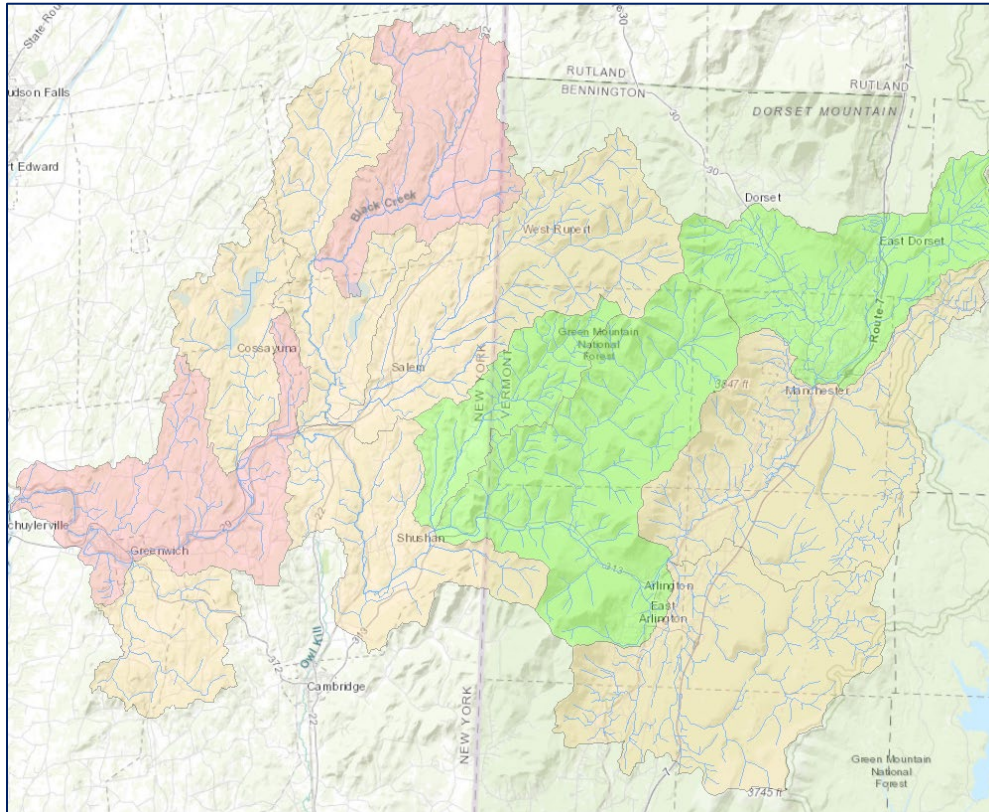
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While no change in mean yearling trout numbers was observed between pre- and post-treatment periods at the control sites, average yearling fish numbers increased 4.9 fold in the treated pool and doubled in the treated riffle. In the pool habitat young-of-year trout numbers also doubled, and modest increases in the range of 1.6-1.8 times pre-treatment levels for fish in the 10-19.9 inch adult size range were observed.

Conservation Through Partnerships



2019-2020 Watershed Assessment



Goal: To prioritize potential restoration sites as part of a watershed-level assessment

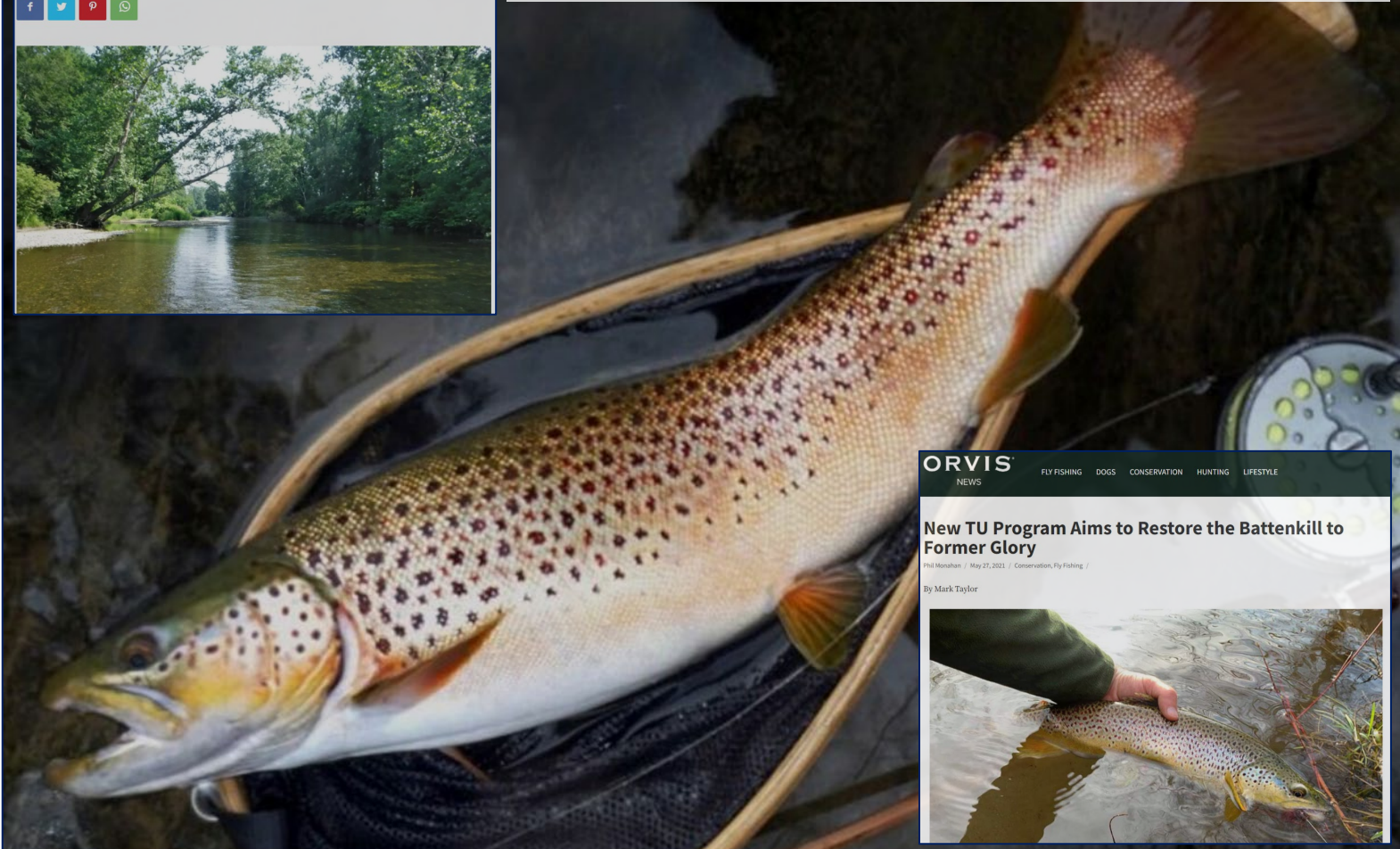
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By Dan Zaworsky - February 4, 2020



TU launches major restoration effort on Battenkill

Trout Unlimited Staff
Jan 22, 2020



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New TU Program Aims to Restore the Battenkill to Former Glory

Phil Monahan / May 27, 2021 / Conservation, Fly Fishing /

By Mark Taylor



Battenkill HRI – 4 years of progress



2.8 miles of habitat restored



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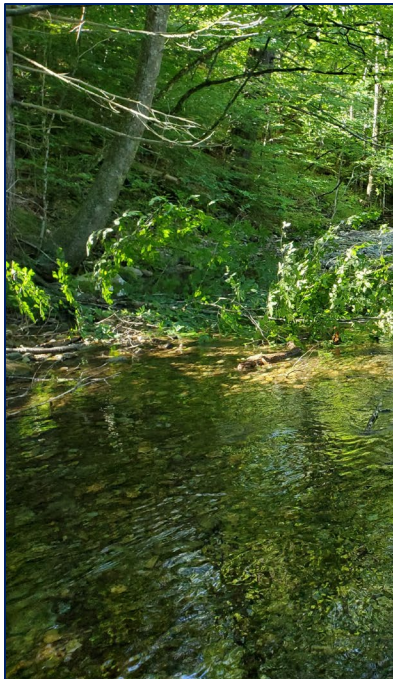
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1.8 miles reconnected



1,540 trees planted (~2 acres)



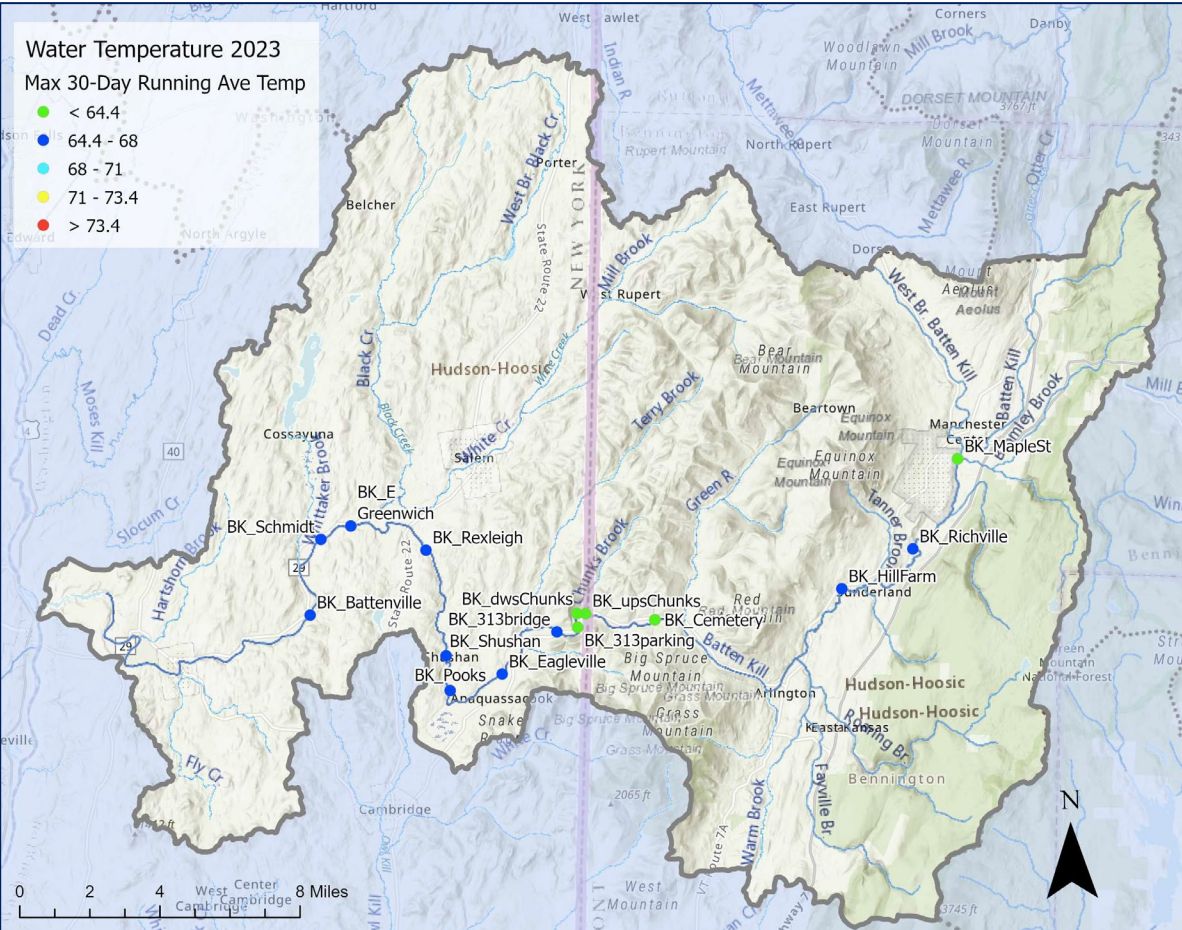
2.1 Tons of trash removed



490 volunteers engaged



Water Temperature Monitoring



Real-time temperature data available through MonitorMyWatershed:



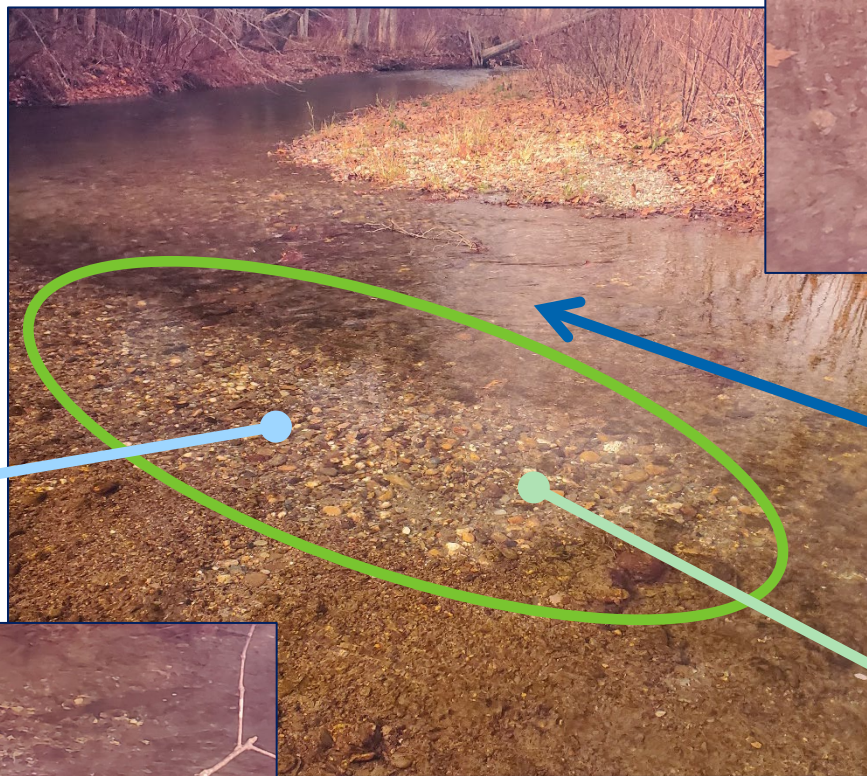
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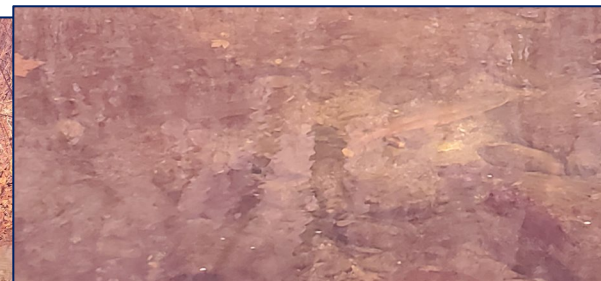


Tailspill



Flow

Pit



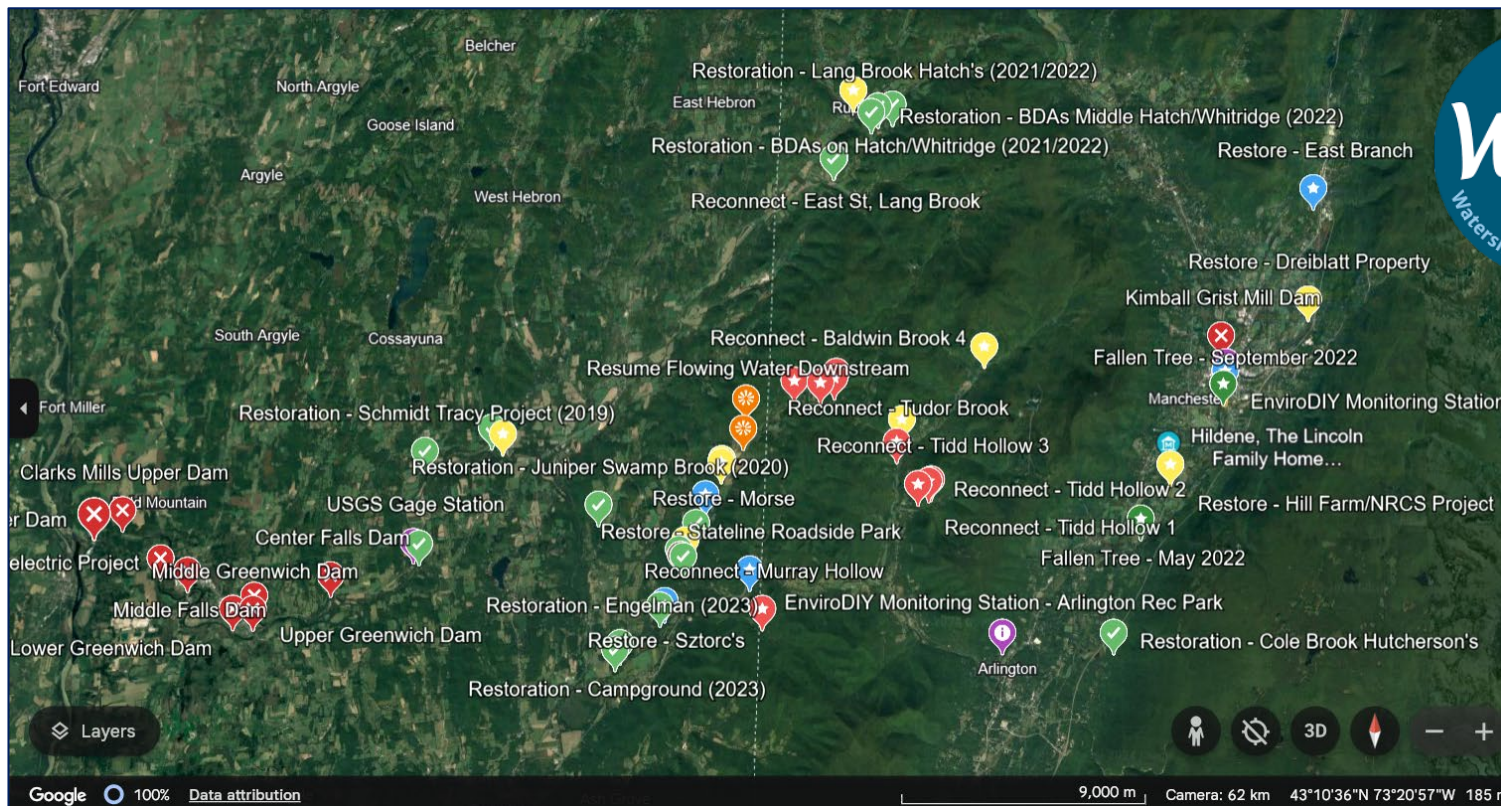
Battenkill HRI Entering 5th Year – Looking Ahead



Continued dedication by TU through Priority Waters

	2020 through 2023 Accomplishments	2024 through 2028 Goals
Habitat Restored	2.8 miles	3 miles
Habitat Reconnected	1.8 miles	5+ miles
Trees Planted	1,540 (~2 acres)	1,500 (~2 acres)
Trash Collected	4,180 pounds	*4,000 pounds
Volunteers Engaged	490	500+

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