

2006-2007 ANNUAL PLAN

Thames Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited

1. **Conservation**

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Relicensing

Continue preparations for relicensing of Scotland Dam. Analyze river testing results from summer of 2006.

Eastern Water Project

Work with DEP to obtain better minimum flows in selected waters as stream flow regulations are formulated. Support new law that allows DEP to rescind water use reservations when they adversely affect minimum stream flow.

State Coldwater Resource Management Plans

Review state's cold water management plans to see if there are areas we need to pursue.

2. **Education**

Trout in the Classroom

Continue support of the fifteen schools currently in the program and grow the program by 10 schools this year. This will involve raising about \$11,000 in new funds.

Work with DEP to get liberation permits for schools.

BSA Merit Badge support

Continue support via John Springer of boy scout merit badge instruction.

Books and Maps

Investigate making up maps of the most popular streams in our region for sale at various events.

3. **Statewide Coordination**

Continue participation in state council meetings and regional meetings by sending one or more representative to each meeting.

4. **Fund-raising**

Investigate grants available to fund TIC introductions and continue to solicit private donations.

5. **Membership**

Recruiting New Members

Increase Chapter membership by 20.

Developing Active Volunteers

Try to get 5 more members actively involved in volunteer activities. Continue stocking and other member activities to get members involved.

Developing Leaders

Get at least five new members on Board of Directors and expand participation of leaders in Chapter activities.

6. Budgeting

Develop and maintain an annual budget.

7. Annual Planning

Develop and maintain a working strategic plan.

Develop an annual plan (this plan) based on the strategic plan.

8. Communication

Continue our Newsletter and include articles on the last speaker to encourage meeting attendance..

Continue our Website.

Continue holding Monthly Meetings and try to better accommodate our northern members.

Prepare and submit newspaper announcements of meetings and special events.

Continue to monitor legislative action and provide action alerts to members via website and newsletter.

Continue email site for passing along fishing info.

9. Building Relationships

Get permit for work on Hewitt's Pond approved and begin work under contract with the state to bridge the spillway.

Meet with DEP representatives to identify potential new conservation projects.

Continue coordination with other conservation groups.