

If you would like to help protect and improve the water quality of the North Fork, we invite you to become a NFWA member. Meetings are held the second Thursday of every month at 7 pm at the Jefferson County Conservation District Office.

Individual Membership \$10 per year

Family Membership \$20 per year

Business Membership\* \$50 per year

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\*Business members will be recognized on the NFWA website



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Membership Dues

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Macroinvertebrate Study at Jones Bridge, 2010

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## NORTH FORK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

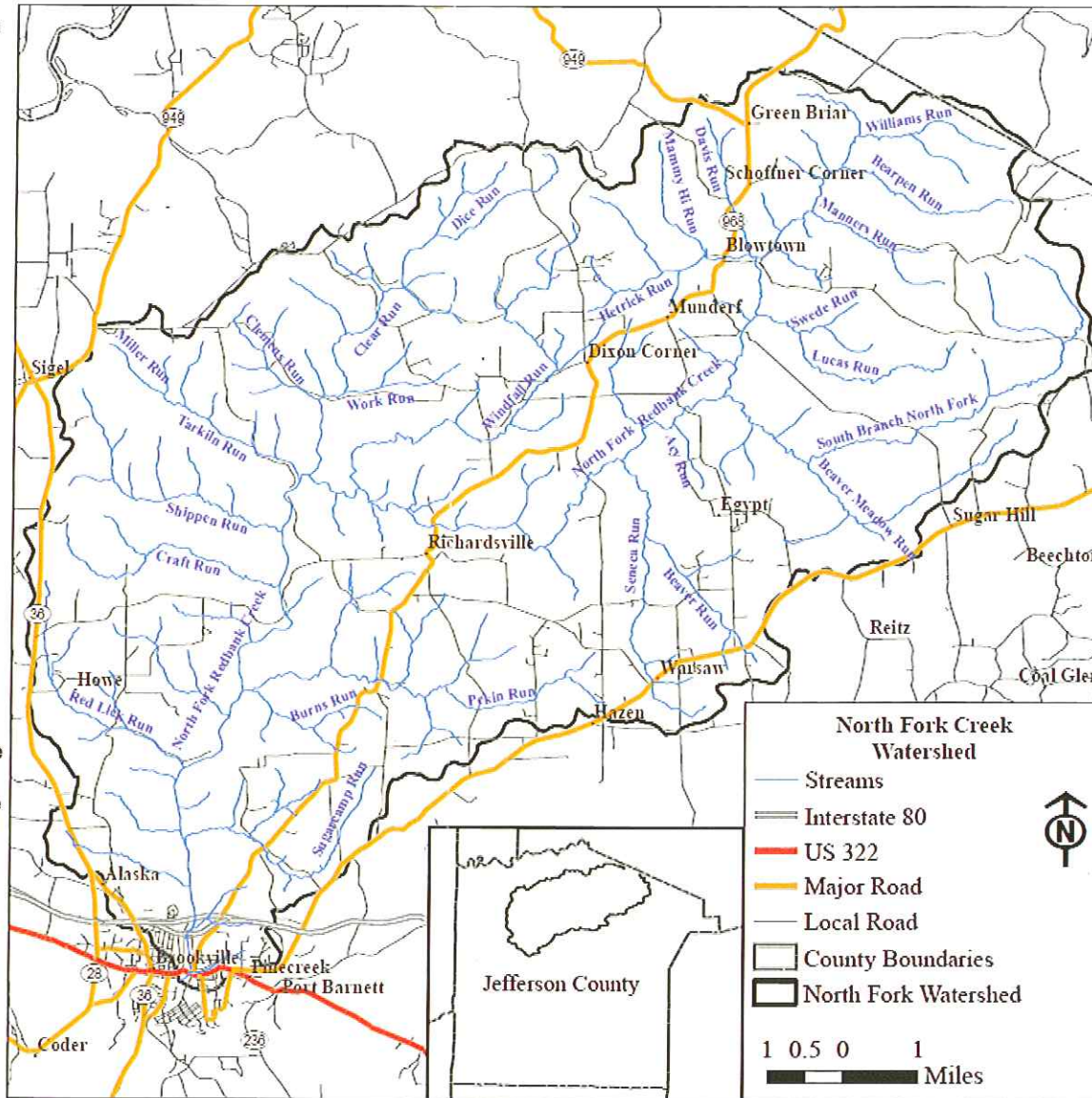
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**Our mission is to protect and improve the waters of the North Fork Creek through education, outreach, and implementation of a comprehensive restoration plan.**

## History of the NFWA

The North Fork Watershed Association (NFWA) was organized in January 2000. The following year, the group was awarded its first Growing Greener Grant to complete the organizational efforts and begin water monitoring. In 2006, the NFWA completed a comprehensive restoration plan. The plan identified that many portions of the North Fork Creek and its tributaries were impacted by acid rain. The decline of the local

trout population was directly related to the high acid levels in the streams. Since then, the group has been actively working to reverse the impact of the acid rain by adding limestone to areas identified in the plan as well as liming the forest floor in the areas of Manners Run and Swede Run.



## Recurring Events

- Concession stand at Richardsville on the first day of Trout Season
- Annual Kids' Watershed Camp
- Macroinvertebrate studies at Blowtown and Jones Bridges
- Bi-annual water monitoring at 10 sites
- Electro-shocking to study trout population

## Projects

- Forest liming in Swede Run and Manners Run subwatersheds
- Limestone addition to the North Fork at Jones Bridge, Blowtown Bridge, and Egypt Bridge
- Annual Fish Food Project

## Success

The liming projects in the North Fork Watershed have greatly improved water quality. Areas where trout populations had greatly diminished have seen great improvement the last two fishing seasons. Water samples have shown a significant increase in pH (a decrease in acidity of the water) and electro-shocking by the PA Fish & Boat Commission have shown that fish are reproducing in areas that would not support reproduction in the past.

## Partners of the North Fork Watershed Association

- Jefferson County Conservation District
- PA Fish and Boat Commission
- PA Game Commission
- Trout Unlimited
- Brookville Municipal Authority
- PA Department of Environmental Protection
- Warsaw Sportsman's Club
- Toby Creek Watershed Association
- Sigel Sportmen's Club