

Hornberg Report 2018-SEP

One of the first major construction **projects** of the Hornberg Chapter was a K dam structure we installed just downstream from the highway bridge over the Tomorrow River in Nelsonville in October, 1996. We used the design described by Bob Hunt in Trout Stream Therapy, using logs, wire netting and many, many sandbags. After aging gracefully for 22 years, the K dam started to need some attention. So in June of this year, a team of Hornberg members built up the sides of the dam using Ken Pierce's trailer to move loads of rocks donated by Jim Henke. As a result, the river has scoured out a chest-deep hole below the structure. Total success.

Our chapter continues to watch the development of the **Amherst mill pond** after the draw-down of two years ago. The original channel remains open. Earlier in the summer a DNR crew, accompanied by Hornbergers, shocked the channel and found both brown and brook trout of impressive size. This section of the river would now qualify as a Class I trout stream.

We used a Saturday in August for our **annual river clean-up day**, held in conjunction with the Friends of the Tomorrow Waupaca River. Stu Grimstad organized the project. We were pleased to have a new team composed of Mike Berto and friends join us. Teams worked on sections of the river from the Hemp fishing grounds to the County Q bridge in Waupaca County. One notable improvement was the removal of a very large oak tree upstream from the Lake Myers Road crossing. As a reward for their labors, workers were treated to a hot lunch at the Rising Star Mill in Nelsonville.

Following a suggestion by Matt Salchert, our chapter president, we had our **September board of director's meeting** at the Ruby Coffee property in Nelsonville. Business was conducted outdoors on picnic tables on a warm late summer evening. Snacks and refreshments were added treats. Doug Erdmann reported on the August Pine River work day held in conjunction with three other TU chapters and the DNR. Also, he will now be keeping our website up to date with news, pictures and announcements of upcoming events. Chapter members can now consult the website (hornberg-tu.org) for the latest chapter information.