

Central Wisconsin Trout Unlimited (CWTU)
2016 Workday Committee Report

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The 2016, Central Wisconsin TU Workday stream restoration projects experienced another successful season thanks to the hard work and financial contributions from those persons dedicated to conserving, protecting and restoring Wisconsin's coldwater fisheries, e.g., CWTU, Fox Valley TU, Elliott Donnelly TU, Aldo Leopold TU, and WisDNR.

Workday committee members: Dennis Drazkowski (coordinator), Tom Meyer, Chris Northway, Mike Niemczyk, Mike San Dretto, Grace Pable, and Ira Giese. Thanks team!

A description of each Workday is detailed later in this report. The 2016 highlights were:

- In 2016, the CWTU Workday coordinator duties were handed off from Scott Bahn to Dennis Drazkowski. A special thank you to Scott B. for his past efforts.
- Restoration projects on the White River, West Branch of the White River, Chaffee Creek and the Pine River.
- Total of 695 work and travel hours performed. Per the US Department of Labor Statistics this converts to a volunteer value of \$15,623.60 (\$22.48 per hour).
- Average of 25 persons per workday.
- Total workday expenditures, i.e., food, porta-potty and supplies, \$903.11.
- A special drawing will be held at the CWTU banquet eligible only to those persons who attended the summer workdays. The prize will be a CWTU embroidered "Stream Restoration" long-sleeve fishing shirt.
- Perfect workday attendance: Mike Maier, Tom Meyer, Mike Niemczyk and Rodger Surprise.
- Generous donation in May to CWTU by the Elliott Donnelly TU Chapter in the amount of \$3,700 for future stream restoration projects.
- Professional-quality workday photos taken by Nathan Ratliff of the Fox Valley TU Chapter.
- Implemented a "CWTU Volunteer Workday Liability and Visual Image Waiver" and "CWTU Parental Consent Form". Recommended by the National and State TU councils.
- Porta Potty on-site for 3 of the 5 workdays; rented from Packerland Portables in Wautoma.
- The CWTU and Elliott Donnelly TU chapters were successful in securing matching grants totaling \$9,000 from the Trout and Salmon Foundation for restoration activities on the Pine River for the 2016-2018 work seasons.

Individual Workdays:

Date	Sat., May 21 st
Time	8:00 am to 12:00 pm
Location	White River, south of Cottonville Ln., Waushara County, GPS coordinates 44.0418, -89.2755.
Work Performed	Built access mats through the marshy areas for safer angler and DNR vehicle access. A portion of the \$4,000 donated in 2015 by the Elliott Donnelly TU chapter subsidized the cost of making and installing the wooden pallet trails. Work crews also built deflector points using 700 Christmas trees and repaired stream braids.
Attendance	36 total: 21 CWTU, 6 FVTU, 4 EDTU, 3 DNR and 2 with no TU chapter affiliation
Total Hours	216 hrs
Weather	Sunny, 75 degrees, beautiful
Lunch Menu	Fried chicken, potato salad, cole slaw, rolls and cookies from Copps in Wautoma
Expenses	\$179.66, food and supplies for trailer
Miscellaneous	\$3,700 donation from the Elliott Donnelly TU Chapter for future stream restoration projects.

Date	Sat., June 18th
Time	8:00 am to 12:00 pm
Location	Chaffee Creek, 14 th Drive and Dixie Ave., Marquette County, GPS coordinates 43.9508, -89.3486.
Work Performed	Built 80 feet of bank cover upstream from the parking lot.
Attendance	23 total: 14 CWTU, 4 FVTU, 4 DNR and 1 with no TU chapter affiliation.
Total Hours	118 hrs
Weather	Sunny, 75 degrees, gorgeous
Lunch Menu	Homemade pulled-pork sandwiches, potato salad, cole slaw, pickles, chips and cookies.
Expenses	\$129.73, food and supplies
Miscellaneous	The Chaffee Creek restoration project upstream from 14 th St. is now complete.

Date	Sat., July 16th
Time	8:00 am to 12:00 pm
Location	West Branch of the White River, Hwy Y, 0.7 south of Hwy 21, Waushara County, GPS coordinates 44.0581, -89.3329.
Work Performed	Built about 80 feet of conventional bank cover using pilings, stringers and deck boards. Performed ¼ mile of access brushing.

Attendance	25 total: 19 CWTU, 1 FVTU, 1 ALTU, 3 DNR and 1 with no TU chapter affiliation.
Total Hours	136 hrs
Weather	Partly cloudy, 74 degrees, beautiful
Lunch Menu	Fried chicken, potato salad, baked beans, rolls and cookies from Copps in Wautoma
Expenses	\$161.86, food and supplies.
Miscellaneous	Same weekend as the WITU Youth Fishing Camp.

Date	Sat., August 20th
Time	8:00 am to 12:00 pm
Location	West Branch of the White River, immediately adjacent to Hwy 21, Waushara County, GPS coordinates 44.0683, -89.3388.
Work Performed	Built 2 bank covers, 60' and 70'. Used 2"x2" face stringers rather than ¼ round material used previously. The new bank covers will assist in reducing the pinch points and allow the river to widen to its natural width. Removed mid-stream rock boulders from inside the box culvert beneath Hwy. 21. Removed a large black locust tree adjacent to water's edge.
Attendance	24 total: 16 CWTU, 5 FVTU, 3 DNR
Total Hours	128 hrs
Weather	Cloudy, threatening storms, breezy
Lunch Menu	Sub sandwiches, potato salad, cole slaw, jello salad, and cookies from Walmart.
Expenses	\$252.67, food, plates and porta-potty rental.
Miscellaneous	A new box culvert under Hwy 21 was installed last year. The one-year time period allowed the river to "relax" for an effective workday activity.

Date	Sat., September 17 th
Time	8:00 am to 12:00 pm
Location	Pine River, Aniwa Rd, 0.7 east of County K, Waushara County, GPS coordinates 44.2049, -89.1952. Upstream from the confluence of Davies Creek.
Work Performed	Removed from streamside about 1,000 feet of invasive glossy buckthorn. Built brush bundles for bank covers. Anchored larger trees for bank cover.
Attendance	19 total: 12 CWTU, 3 FVTU, 3 DNR, and 1 with no TU Chapter affiliation.
Total Hours	97 hrs
Weather	Sunny, 68 degrees, west wind
Lunch Menu	Bratwurst, potato salad, cole slaw, and cookies from Costco.
Expenses	\$175.19, food and porta-potty rental.
Miscellaneous	2017 workdays will most probably resume at this location.

2016 Workday Expenses:

Breakfast, lunch and supplies:	\$744.85
Porta-Potty rental (2 x's):	<u>\$158.26</u>
TOTAL:	\$903.11

2017 Workday Budget Request:

Breakfast, lunch and supplies:	\$750.00
Porta-Potty rental (5 x's):	<u>\$400.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,150.00

Planned Workday Activities for 2017:

Exact locations will be determined by the WDNR Fisheries unit in spring 2017. However, in 2016, a new 3 year project began on the Pine River east of Aniwa Rd (September workday). This will include work on both sides of 3,800 feet of stream. The Central Wisconsin and Elliott Donnelly TU Chapters have obtained and both chapters have matched a Trout and Salmon Foundation grant to cover the costs of bank material for this project. Total grant amount is \$9,000.00.

Attachment: 2016 CWTU Workday Summary Table

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