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Dedication Today for Tomorrow

"For the enhancement, protection and promotion of a viable, multi-species fishery within the Thames River watershed.

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### TRAA Trout Hatchery

*April 16th 2019*



This year's allotment of rainbow trout eggs were delivered to the trout hatchery April 16th. This means we now have both rainbows and browns in the hatchery together! It's a great time to visit as you can see the trout both in the egg and the fry stage.

The TRAA trout hatchery is a popular activity of the TRAA as it's a great teaching tool with regard to the life cycle of a trout. Those involved with the hatchery get to see firsthand the development stages of the egg and the fry before their final release destinations to area streams. Click [Here](#) to see a video of the rainbow trout eggs being brought to the hatchery as well as a close look at the brown trout fry!

You can [Contact Us](#) or attend a TRAA General Meeting (see below) for more info.

### TRAA Gear is now available !

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Steal price of TRAA t-shirt  
**\$15**

New hat colours available:  
Clay Grey, Burnt Orange and  
Taupe.

New stickers at **\$2** or joining  
TRAA membership to get 1  
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*Special thanks to supporting from our Local Businesses !*



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# ABOUT US

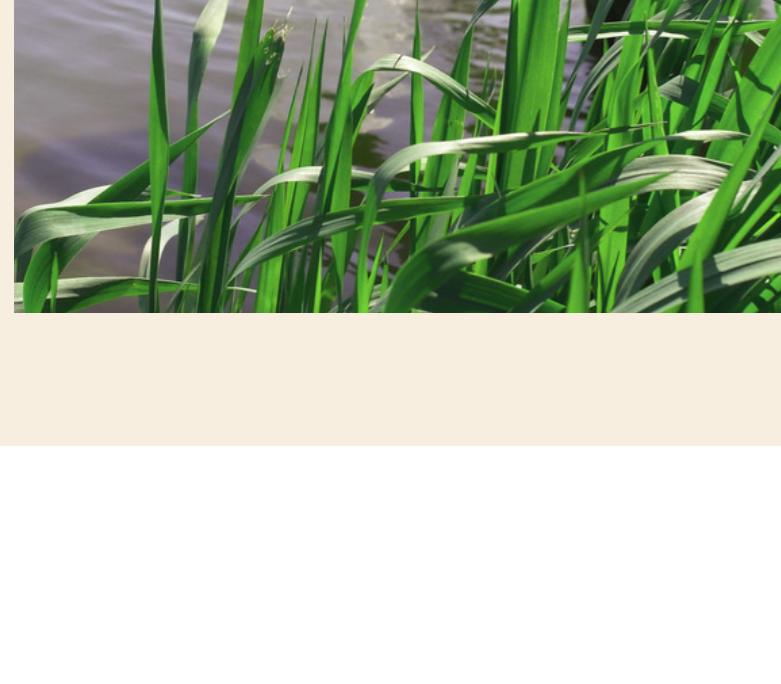
In the spring of 1986 the TRAA was formed by anglers concerned with the state of the fishery in the Thames River watershed, particularly the dwindling smallmouth bass population in the North Thames River.

The TRAA is not a fishing club, although most members are anglers and share fishing as a common interest. We are a "hands on" environmental group who likes to work at a grass roots level.

The TRAA is a volunteer organization, governed by a formal constitution and by-laws. An elected Executive, with the guidance of the General Membership, sets the policies and direction for the TRAA.

The TRAA has a history of always having a core group of active members supported by those who just want to be part of the solution. Either way, every member of the TRAA is active in their advocacy for the health of the Thames River watershed and its inhabitants.

## O U R M I S S I O N



The TRAA Works at a Grassroots Level Within the Thames River Watershed to:

- Protect, enhance and regenerate a viable, multi-species, year-round fishery.
- Promote and participate in environmental clean-up, pollution control and rehabilitation.
- Breed, relocate and stock to re-establish or augment appropriate species of fish.
- Promote environmentally sound sport fishing practices.
- Form partnerships with community businesses, government agencies, special interest groups, landowners, and other stakeholders in the Thames River watershed.
- Increase public awareness of the unique diversity of the Thames River Watershed, its challenges, its recreational opportunities and its vital importance to our community.

## SAY HELLO TO OUR TEAM

### TRAA Executives

<b>President</b>	Rob Huber
<b>Vice President</b>	Paul Holmes
<b>Secretary</b>	Jeremy Beaton
<b>Treasurer</b>	Randy Bailey
<b>Chairperson</b>	Adam Bengen

### TRAA Volunteer Committee Chairs

<b>Trout</b>	Dan Schinkelshoek
<b>Warmwater</b>	Pud Hunter
<b>Habitat</b>	Jeremy Beaton
<b>Public Relations</b>	Paul Holmes
<b>Hatchery Management</b>	Randy Bailey
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	Randy Bailey
	Paul Noble
	Adam Bengen
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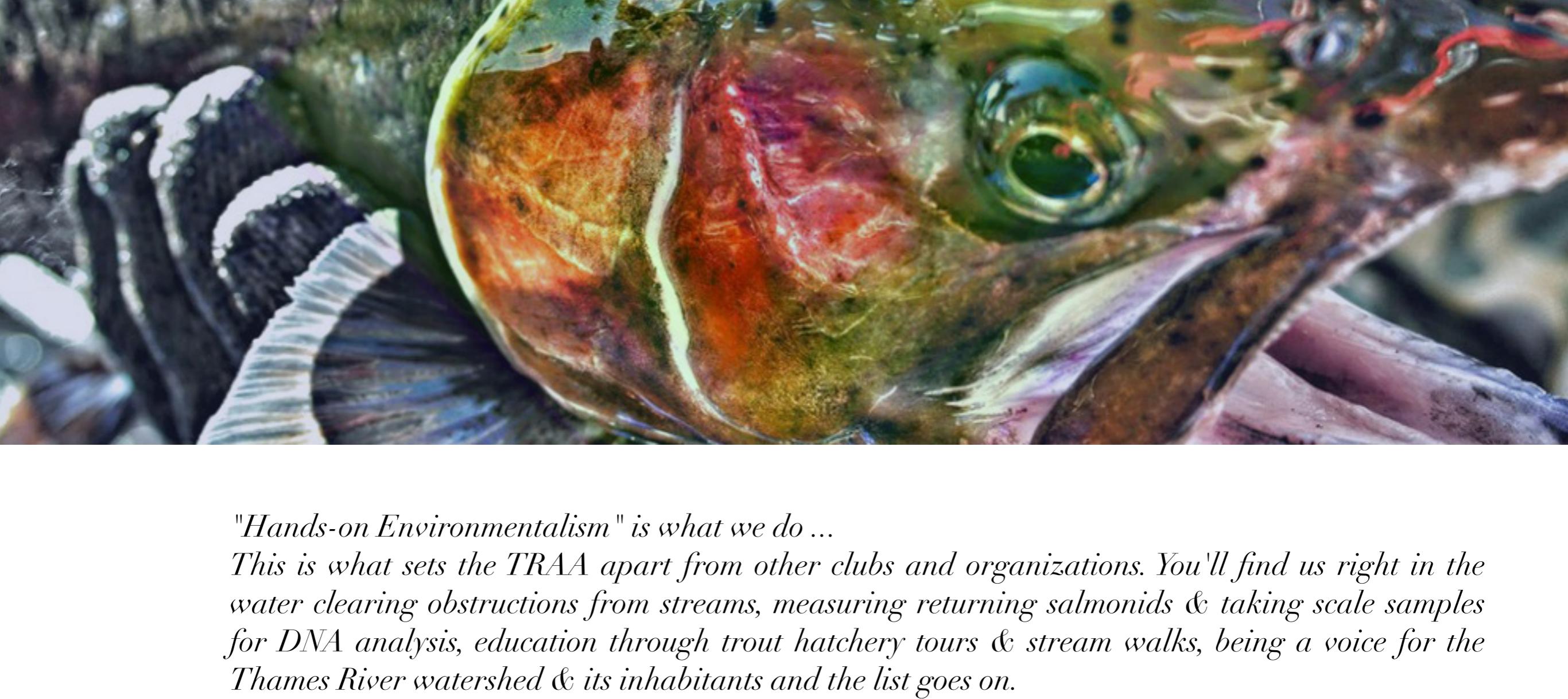
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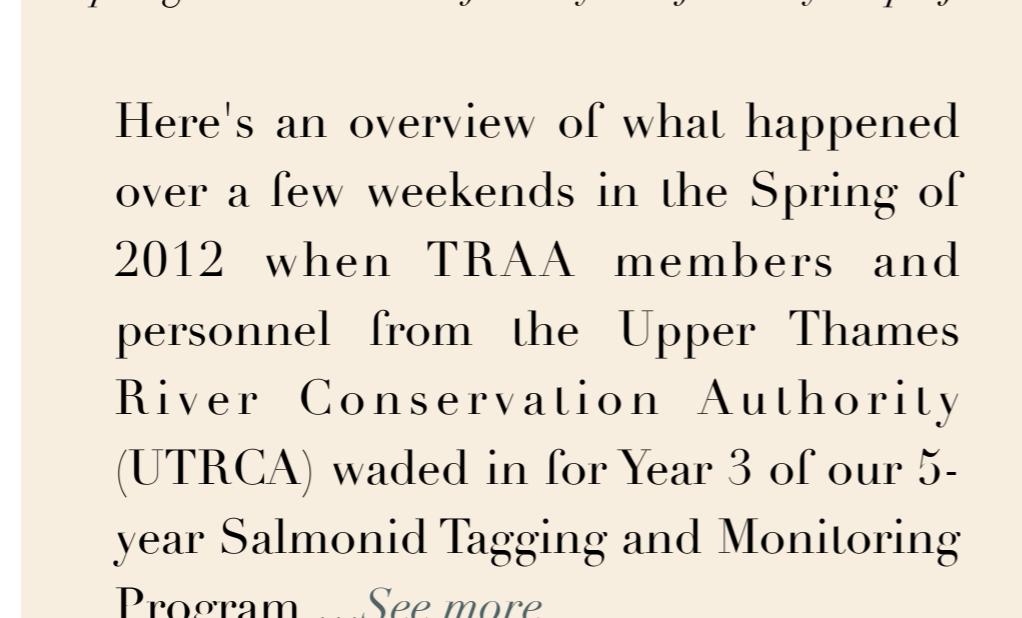
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*"Hands-on Environmentalism" is what we do ...*

*This is what sets the TRAA apart from other clubs and organizations. You'll find us right in the water clearing obstructions from streams, measuring returning salmonids & taking scale samples for DNA analysis, education through trout hatchery tours & stream walks, being a voice for the Thames River watershed & its inhabitants and the list goes on.*

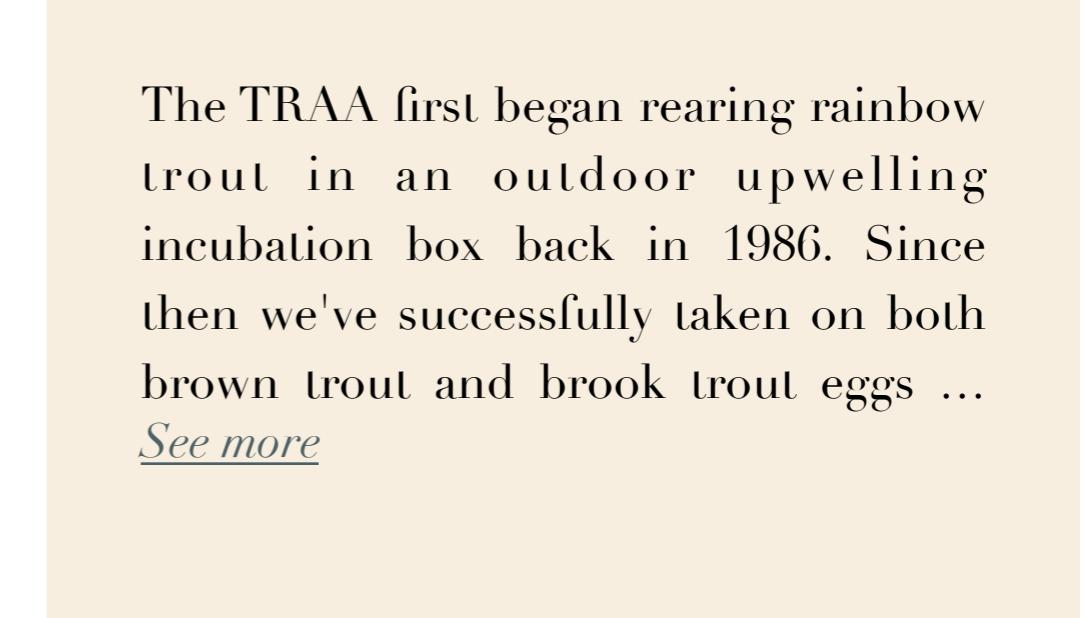
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### SALMONID MONITORING PROGRAM

*Spring 2013 will be our fourth year of this 5-year project*

Here's an overview of what happened over a few weekends in the Spring of 2012 when TRAA members and personnel from the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA) waded in for Year 3 of our 5-year Salmonid Tagging and Monitoring Program ...[See more](#)



### TRAATROUT HATCHERY

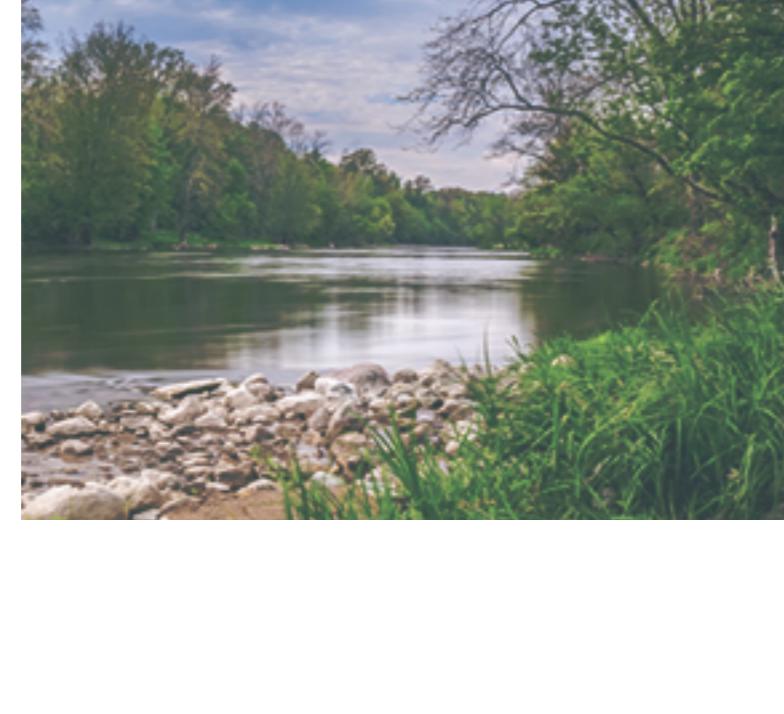
*Rearing both brown and rainbow trout.*

The TRAA first began rearing rainbow trout in an outdoor upwelling incubation box back in 1986. Since then we've successfully taken on both brown trout and brook trout eggs ...  
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### BROWN TROUT RELEASE

*Saturday, May 4, 2019*

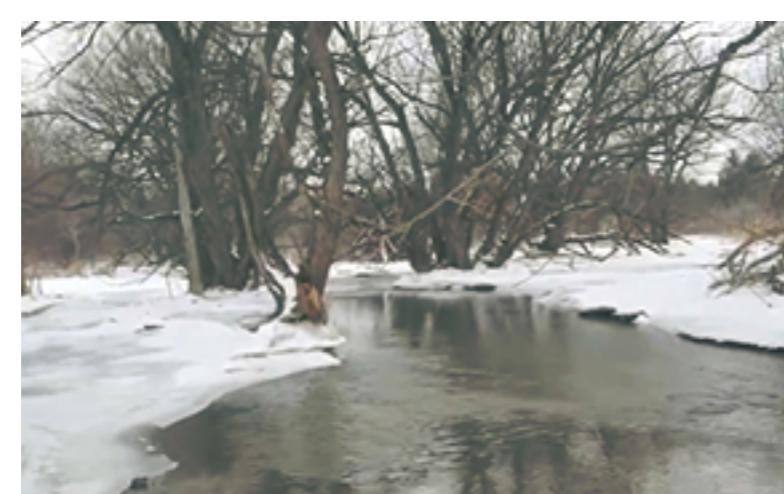


The brown trout were transferred from the TRAA hatchery and released at the same site on Medway Creek as in previous years. TRAA members loaded up the trout fry into the transfer tank at the hatchery site. We then proceeded to the release site north of London, Ontario.

We were met there by two of the landowners through which this section of Medway Creek flows. They also brought out a large contingent of family and friends to lend a helping hand. This video gives you a pretty good idea how it went. It was a beautiful day, the stream was in perfect shape and everyone was smiling and laughing. Good times.

### RIVER CLEANUP!

*Sunday, May 5, 2019*



The TRAA be helped out again this year with a cleanup of the shoreline and area of the river near the Komoka Road bridge.

After meeting at the NEW parking lot for Komoka Provincial Park on Gideon Drive, everyone carpooled to the usual stretch around the bridge.

Thank you to all that showed up to help out!

### MEDWAY CREEK HABITAT PROJECT

*Initial Stream Walk, March, 2019*



Those of you who have been involved with the brown trout releases over the past few years may recognize this spot on Medway Creek as the release point.

Those of you who have been attending the last few General Meetings will also know that this is part of a 280-metre stretch on which we will be focusing future habitat rehabilitation efforts.

We have met with and have the support of the two landowners through which this stretch of Medway Creek flows.

Back in March we put together a short video of our stream walk on this section of Medway Creek, during which we documented areas in need of work and added our initial thoughts. Watch our video here.

If you would like to be involved with TRAA projects like this one or one of the many others that we have ongoing, please [Contact Us.](#)

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*The TRAA Newsletters have evolved over the years.*

*The first newsletters were banged out manually on a typewriter and then copied about 100 times for distribution. These initial efforts were simple (no pictures or colour!) but they did the job.*

*The latest versions are electronic, emailed to members and other TRAA friends. They feature nice formatting, pictures and yes, colour!*

*The greatest challenge over the years has been getting editions published on time (or at all!). Such is life within a volunteer organization like the TRAA; you have to focus your energies on where they are most effective and a newsletter falls further down that priority list.*

**Take a stroll down memory lane by browsing through the TRAA Newsletter archive ...**

*and if you have copies of TRAA newsletters that you don't see listed below, please forward a copy to us by email or bring it to any TRAA event.*

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2006	June October November
2005	Spring Summer
2004	Winter
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2001	Spring Summer Fall/Winter Winter/Spring
2000	Spring Summer Fall Winter
1999	Spring Summer Fall Winter
1997	Summer Fall Winter
1996	Winter
1986	October

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## TRAAC LINKS

### Sites of Interest to the 'ConserFishinist'

#### CONSERVATION

Carolinian Canada - Carolinian Canada's diverse network advances a strategic 'Big Picture' vision for healthy landscapes and a green future in Canada's deep south.

Friends of the Thames / Thames River Cleanup - The Friends of the Thames has been organising and promoting the Annual Thames River Cleanup every spring for the past 14 years. Environmentally concerned volunteers, landowners, clubs, organizations and municipalities have come together during Earth week to help clean up portions of the Thames River watershed areas. Check out their Contacts page to find out who or what organization is cleaning up your favourite section of the Thames River.

Nature London - Nature London undertakes a variety of projects to promote environmental awareness, enhance habitat and protect natural areas. MFN members participate in the Christmas Bird Count, the annual Butterfly Count and other initiatives which encourage the study of local natural history.

North Shore Steelhead Association - The primary concern of the founding members was the protection and enhancement of the north shore migratory Rainbow Trout (Steelhead) fishery, but their foresight led to the inclusion of all coldwater species in our constitution. This, by default, includes all species that use Lake Superior tributaries in their life cycle.

Ontario Streams - To promote the protection and rehabilitation of Ontario's rivers and streams through education and community action.

Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters - You may think you know who they are and what they do, but check the site, you may be surprised!

Trout Unlimited Canada - To conserve, protect and restore Canada's freshwater resources and their watersheds for current and future generations.

#### CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES

Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority

Credit Valley Conservation Authority

Essex Region Conservation Authority

Grand River Conservation Authority

Halton Region Conservation Authority

Hamilton Region Conservation Authority

Long Point Region Conservation Authority

Lakehead Region Conservation Authority

Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority

Metro Toronto & Region Conservation Authority

Rideau Valley Conservation Authority

St.Clair Region Conservation Authority

Upper Thames River Conservation Authority

#### GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources

Ontario Ministry of the Environment

#### SUPPORT THESE LOCAL FISHING AND RELATED RETAILERS

Angling Sports - 681 Highbury Ave N, London, ON N5W 4L4 (519-649-7429)  
Lambeth Rod & Tackle - 2404 Main Street, London, ON N6P 1R2 (519-652-5598)

John's Fly Materials - 96 Rectory Street, London, ON N5Z 1Z9 (226-270-9029)

Angling Outfitters - 684460 Road 68, Woodstock, ON N4S 7V7 (519-539-5494)

#### FISHING AND RELATED LINKS

Ian Colin James - This late great friend of the Thames River and the TRAA was a Fly Fisherman, Tyer, Guide, Instructor, Author, College Prof\*, Artist, Raconteur, and Man About Town.  
Western Ontario Fish & Game Protective Association - Quite likely the oldest and still one of the most viable conservation clubs in the London area. It's also where the TRAA holds their meetings.  
Forest City Fly Fishing Club - Learn everything about all things fly fishing. Also great friends and supporters of the TRAA.  
Forest City Bassmasters - Activities include hosting fishing tournaments, guest speakers and events, and conservation activities with a focus on fun, friendship, learning and friendly competition.  
Real-Time Hydrometric Data - Explore real-time river levels and flows (discharges) before you plan your fishing or canoe/kayak trip.  
Match Angling Club of Ontario - An interesting site with lots of info' on match angling, a growing aspect of our sport in North America.  
SOTTO Fly Fishing Club - This club organizes a series of fun fly fishing competitions across Ontario, one of which is the Thames River Open.  
Thames River Paddling Routes - The aim of this website is to create a single source for accessing information for paddling the Thames River.

#### PLEASE NOTE

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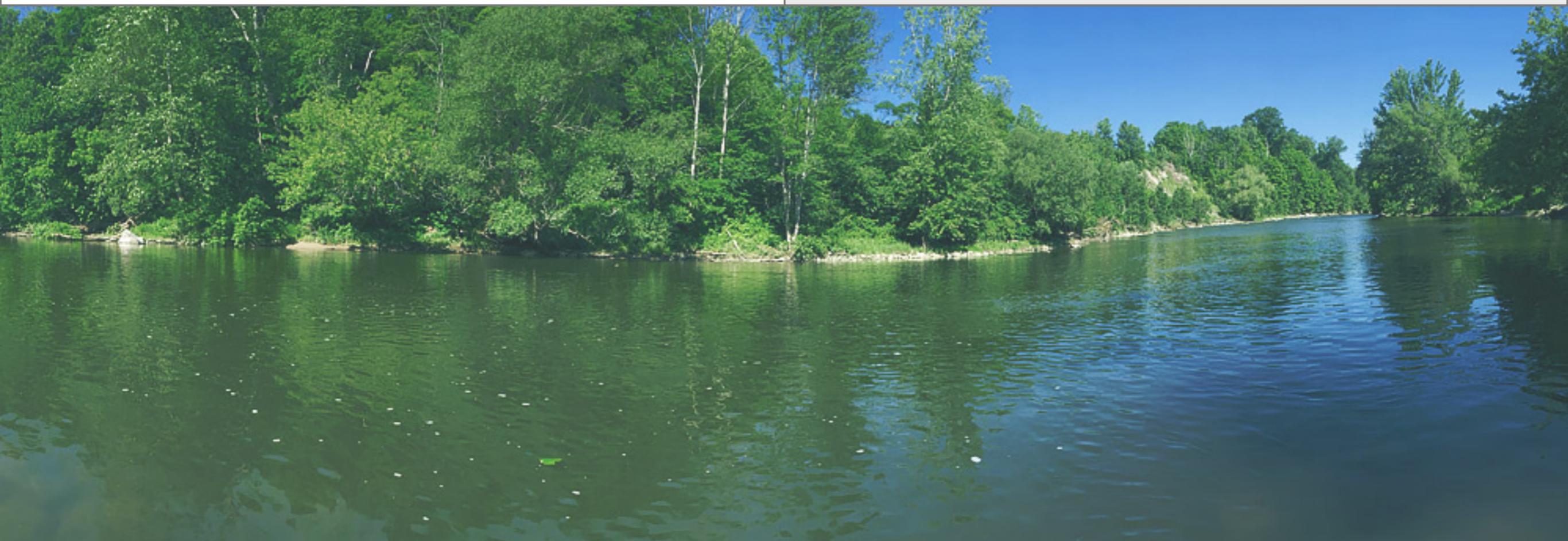
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790 Southdale Road East, London, Ontario.

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