

BEAR CREEK



Southeastern WI

This area was previously degraded by farming and livestock grazing, but has since been restored due to trout habitat improvement measures by the Aldo Leopold chapter of Trout Unlimited, including:

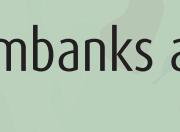
LUNKER Structures: Crib-like, wooden structures that provide overhead cover and resting areas for fish.



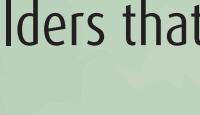
Log and Boulder Placement: Provide structure for fish resting and habitat.



Rock Weirs: Reduce streambank erosion by slowing flow of water; create scour holes, a habitat and cover for fish.



Log Deflectors: Stabilize streambanks and change water flow.



Riprap: A layer of stones and boulders that prevent bank erosion and provide cover for fish.

riprapped banks reduce erosion

Turtle Hibernacula: Provide structure and habitat for turtles, which stabilizes stream ecology and diversity.



Since its restoration, it now holds populations of both brown and brook trout. The WI DNR has also worked to improve access to anglers through acquiring land easements and providing parking.

