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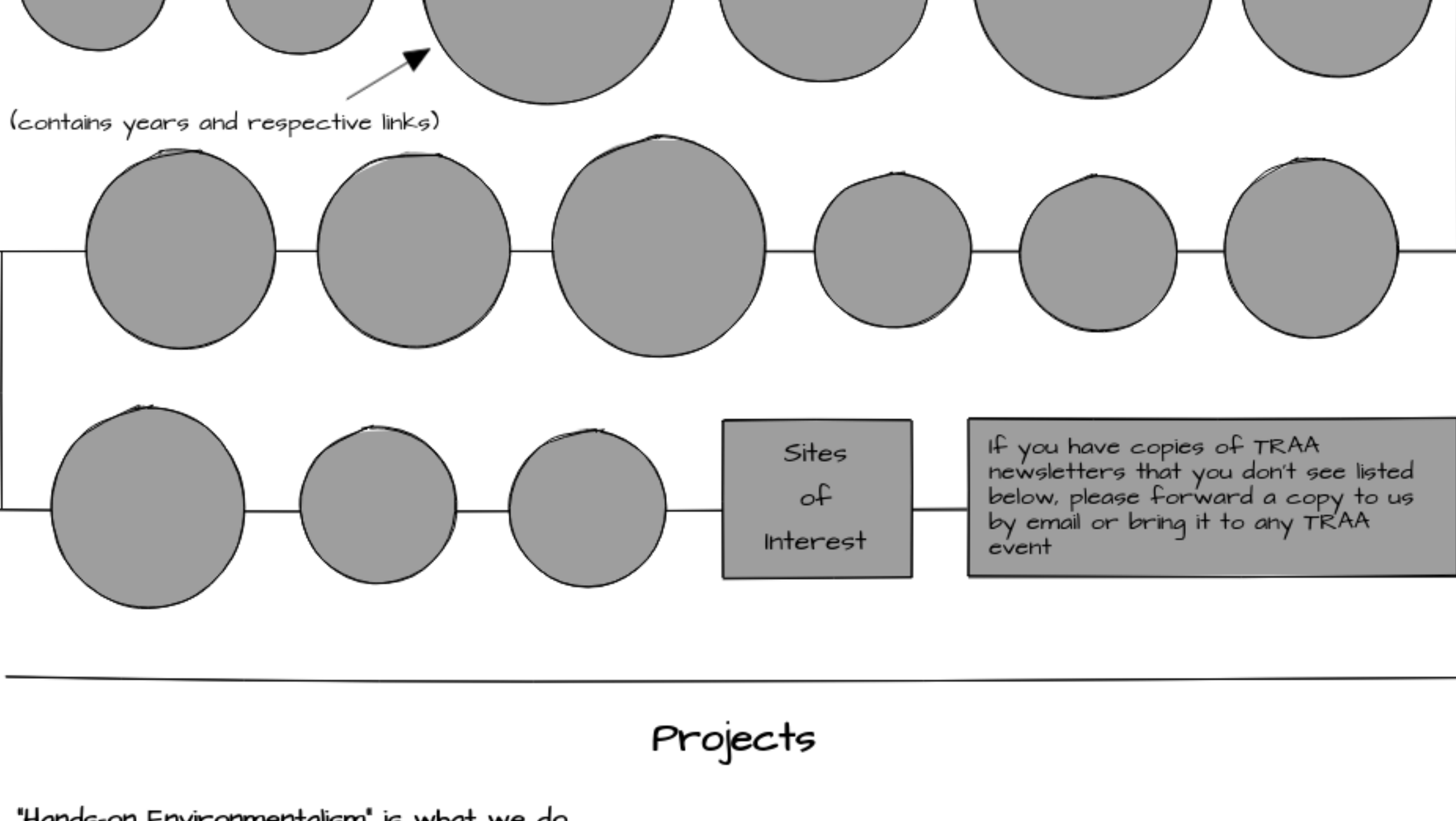
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Newsletters

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.



Projects

"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.

Current and Former TRAA Projects:

Salmonid Monitoring Program
A five-year project that began in 2012.

Read More

TRAA Trout Hatchery
Rearing both brown and rainbow trout since 1986.

Read More

Project Archives.

- Walleye Hatchery
- Stream Rehabilitation

Past Events

Participate, Help Out, Have Fun

Events & activities are what the TRAA's all about!

Stream Habitat Work Party
Took place on Saturday, October 13, 2018

A few TRAA members cleared a number of fallen trees and other blockages on October 13th. Dan Shinkelshoek made a video of the proceedings and it's worth a look, so click on the picture to view. If you have further questions about TRAA stream habitat projects and events, please come out to the TRAA General Meeting on Wednesday, November 14th or contact us.

Stream Habitat Work Party
Thursday, July 12, 2018

We were very excited to have a group from the MNRF's Stewardship Youth Rangers Program to do some work on Komoka Creek. This program gives groups of 16 or 17 year-olds an opportunity to spend 8 weeks working outdoors on natural resource management projects in their own community. They worked on clearing a section of Komoka Creek upstream of the TRAA trout hatchery. A major tree had fallen and a lot of the bank went with it. This created a blockage and was diverting the stream, increasing the likelihood of further bank side damage and erosion.

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Annual TRAA Paddle & Fish
Saturday, July 14, 2018

This year we mixed it up a bit by having the Annual TRAA Paddle & Fish on Sharon Creek Reservoir.

A thunderstorm threatened but only gave us a few minutes of rain to cool us off.

Fish targeted were largemouth bass, crappie and other panfish as well as some bruiser carp. Many bass were caught with some crappies mixed in to make it interesting. Paul Holmes ended up with the largest fish, a nice smallmouth bass.

Work Party - Hatchery Roof Repair
Saturday, June 30, 2018

As most members already know, a large tree was blown down during high winds on May 2nd.

Ironically, barely a week before this happened, we had already removed a couple of dead trees that had been identified as potential hazards to the hatchery. At the time, we thought this tree wasn't a threat as it was well up the hill and well off to one side. It unfortunately glanced off of a couple of other trees as it fell, steering it directly on to the hatchery roof!

The resulting damage, shown in this picture after the tree was removed, will require the replacement of these metal roof panels and the plywood sheathing underneath them. In addition a couple of the roof trusses needed to be repaired. It was an incredibly hot morning but the job was finished in record time. There were materials left over for the tool shed roof as well but that will be another day!

Rainbow Trout Release
Saturday, June 23, 2018

This year we were pleased to welcome visitors from Chipewas of the Thames First Nation to tour the trout hatchery and assist us with the release of more than 40,000 rainbow trout.

Everyone was thrilled that the dead eagles with their young ones were keeping an eye on the proceedings at the release site. This was another successful year and those volunteers on the trout hatchery rotation are to be commended.

The trout hatchery will undergo roof repairs as a result of a damaging blow from a fallen tree. Otherwise, the hatchery will be idle for the summer except for routine maintenance.

Fundraising

United we stand.

Efforts are underway to get the \$\$\$ we need to continue many of the TRAA's most vital projects.

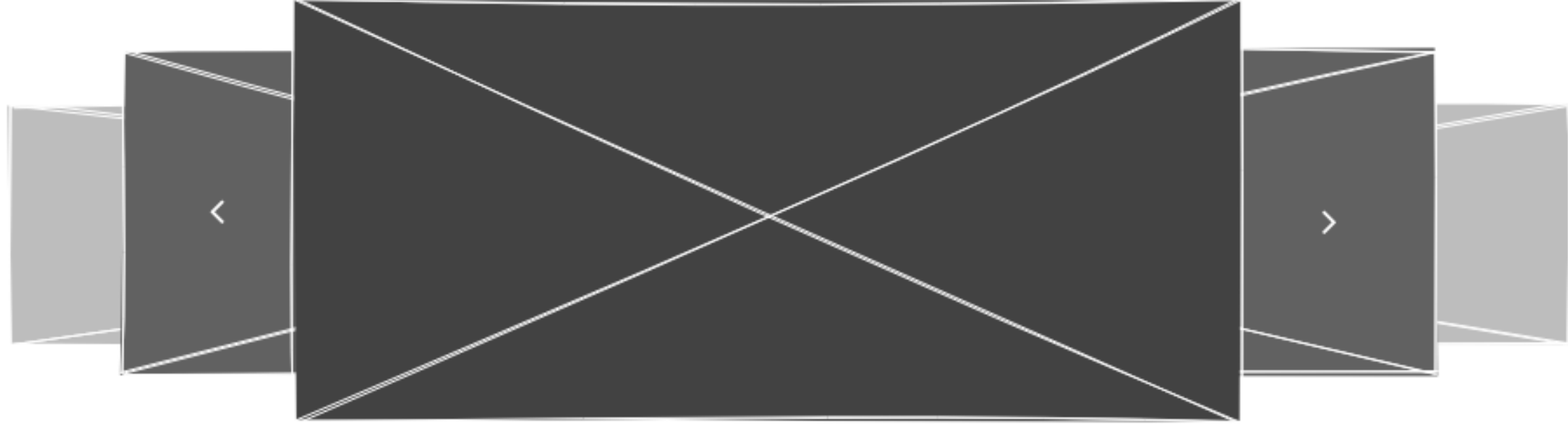
Please email us if you'd like to take an active role in raising the funds needed for these and other important TRAA activities. Help us -

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About

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.



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.

Local businesses helping out TRAA

The support of the following businesses is much appreciated!

Become a member!

YOU GET TO BE A TRAA MEMBER FOR A WHOLE YEAR FOR ONLY \$25.00

Your membership is adding another voice to our efforts in protecting and enhancing aquatic habitats in the London & area community.

YOU'VE TAKEN A LOT OF ENJOYMENT FROM THIS UNIQUE FISHERY. IT'S TIME TO GIVE BACK BY BEING PART OF THE SOLUTION.

Contact Us

There's a bunch of ways to get in touch with the TRAA.

If you're with a like-minded organization or group looking for more information on the TRAA and its activities or if you're an individual who would like to become involved with the activities undertaken by the TRAA -

...the TRAA would like to hear from you!

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Come and talk to us at a TRAA General Meeting
(Guests are welcome!)

The TRAA meets every second Wednesday of each month. We always try to get the meetings started by 7:00pm so try to be there a few minutes beforehand. The venue is the Western Ontario Fish & Game Protective Association's clubhouse located just east of the Dearness Home on Southdale Road (East), on the North side of Southdale Road. The address is 790 Southdale Road East, London, Ontario.

Note: Every now and then we have "off-site" meetings. For example, the July and August meetings are "Fishing meetings" so we won't be at WOGPA clubhouse. Stay on top of these changes by visiting this Web site often.

Email the TRAA at traa@anglers.org or check out our Facebook page!

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