

Special Protections for Wild Trout Streams



TU works to protect, reconnect, restore and sustain North America's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds.

We use science to drive conservation priorities.



By the next generation, Trout Unlimited will ensure that robust populations of native and wild coldwater fish once again thrive within their North American range, so that our children can enjoy healthy fisheries in their home waters.

Wild Trout Stream Assessments/Protection



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Wild Trout Stream Designations



- 🐟 TU seeks PA wild trout stream designations
 - Wild Trout = support naturally reproducing populations of brook, brown or rainbow trout
 - Class A = have highest wild trout biomass
- 🐟 Wild trout status provides increased protections in permit review process

Wild Trout Stream Designations



- 🐟 Special protections for PA wild trout stream:
 - Wild Trout = Cold Water Fishes designation; contiguous wetlands are Exceptional Value
 - Class A = High Quality-Cold Water Fishes designation
 - Wilderness Trout Streams = Exceptional Value

Other States



NJ wild trout streams:

- Qualify for C1 protections, 300-foot buffers

NY wild trout streams:

- Protection of Waters Program requires permits to disturb stream bed or banks

Wild Trout Streams



Pennsylvania Unassessed Waters Initiative

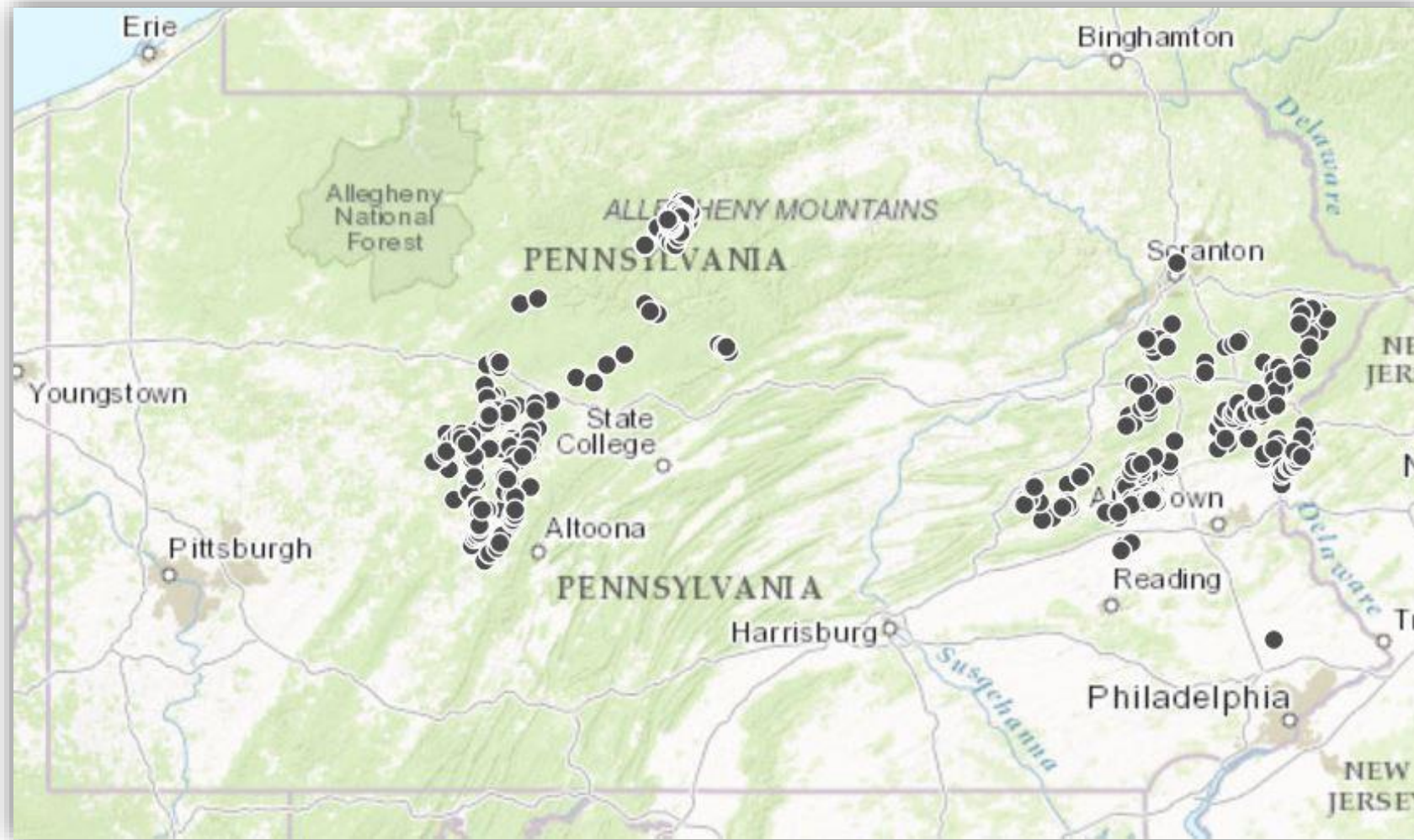
- ✦ Launched by PFBC in 2010 amid ongoing risks of pipeline and road construction and other forms of development
- ✦ Goal is to assess the most at-risk of PA's 86,000 miles of streams for wild trout, and protect them
- ✦ Half of streams still not yet surveyed

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In PA, TU has electrofished 800+ streams since 2011 – found wild trout populations 40% of the time

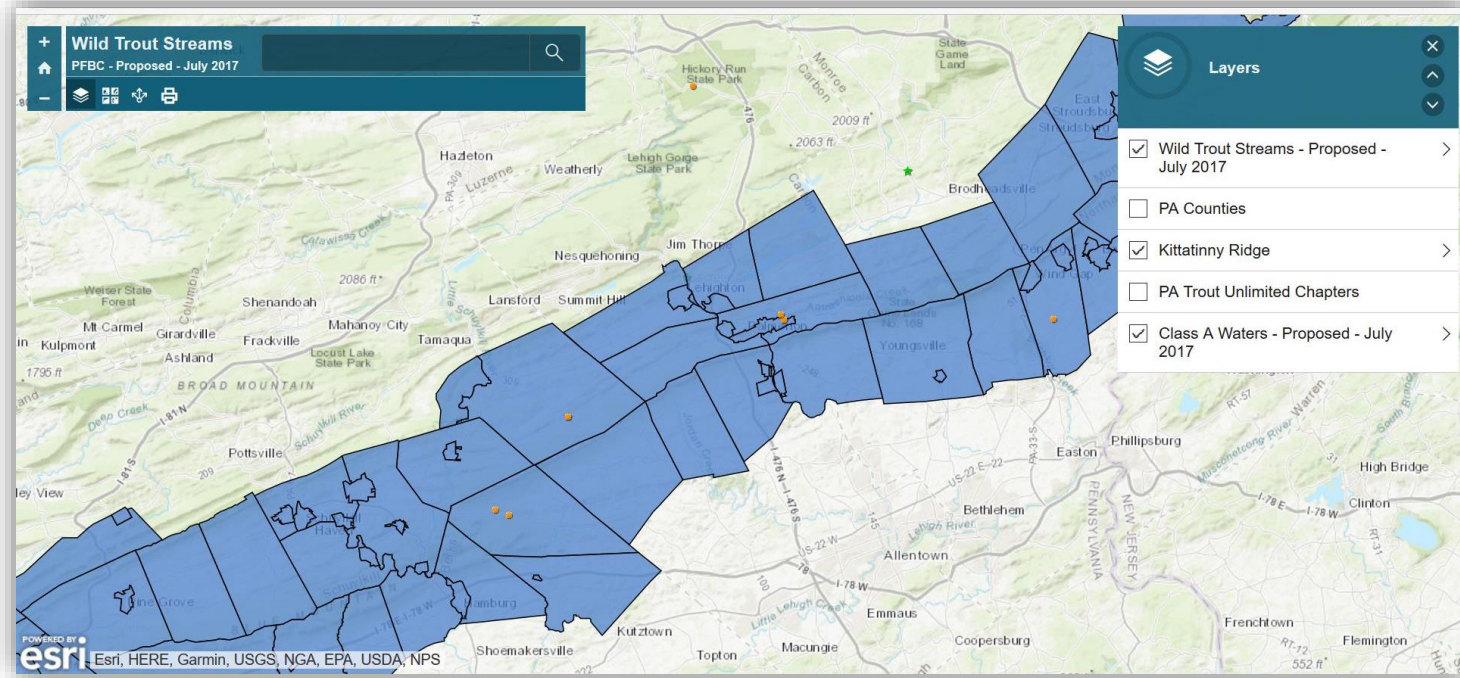
TU Wild Trout Surveys – 2011-2016



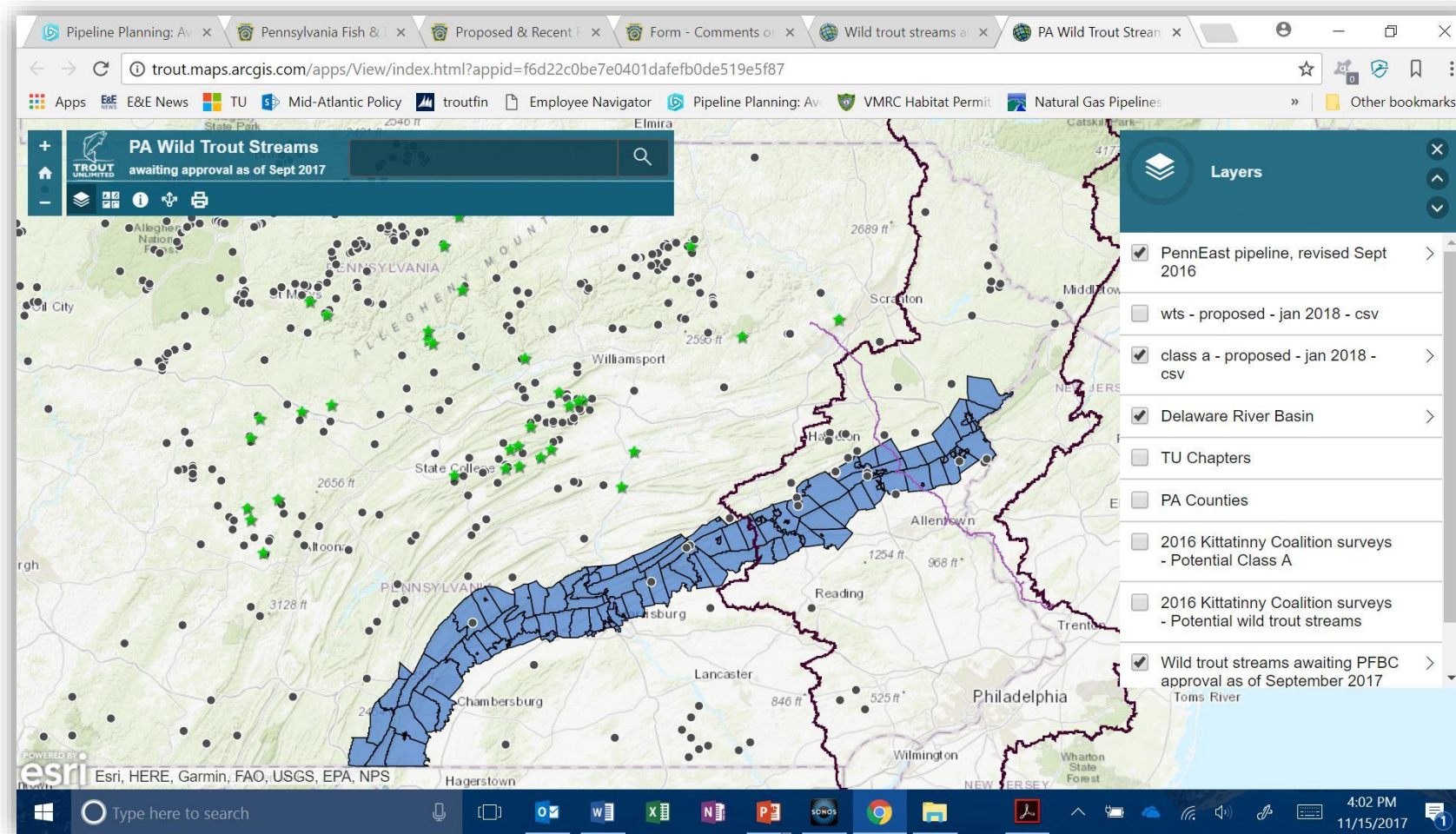
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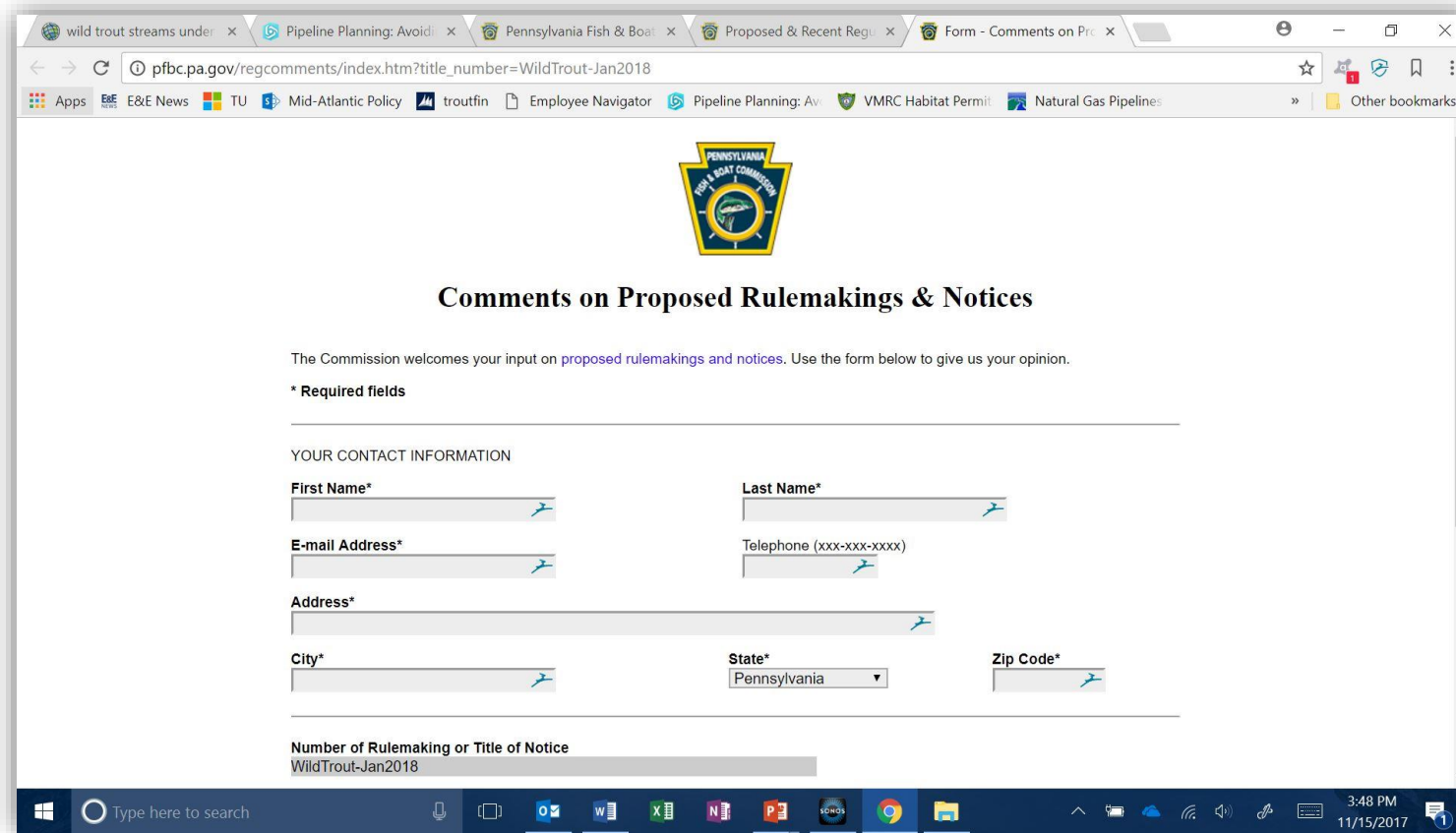


TU spearheads efforts to generate public comments supporting wild trout listings. More than 1,000 miles of streams were protected in the past year.



Wild Trout Streams






wild trout streams under x Pipeline Planning: Avoid x Pennsylvania Fish & Boat x Proposed & Recent Regi x Form - Comments on Pr

pfbc.pa.gov/regcomments/index.htm?title_number=WildTrout-Jan2018

Apps E&E News TU Mid-Atlantic Policy troutfin Employee Navigator Pipeline Planning: Av VMRC Habitat Permit Natural Gas Pipelines Other bookmarks



Comments on Proposed Rulemakings & Notices

The Commission welcomes your input on [proposed rulemakings and notices](#). Use the form below to give us your opinion.

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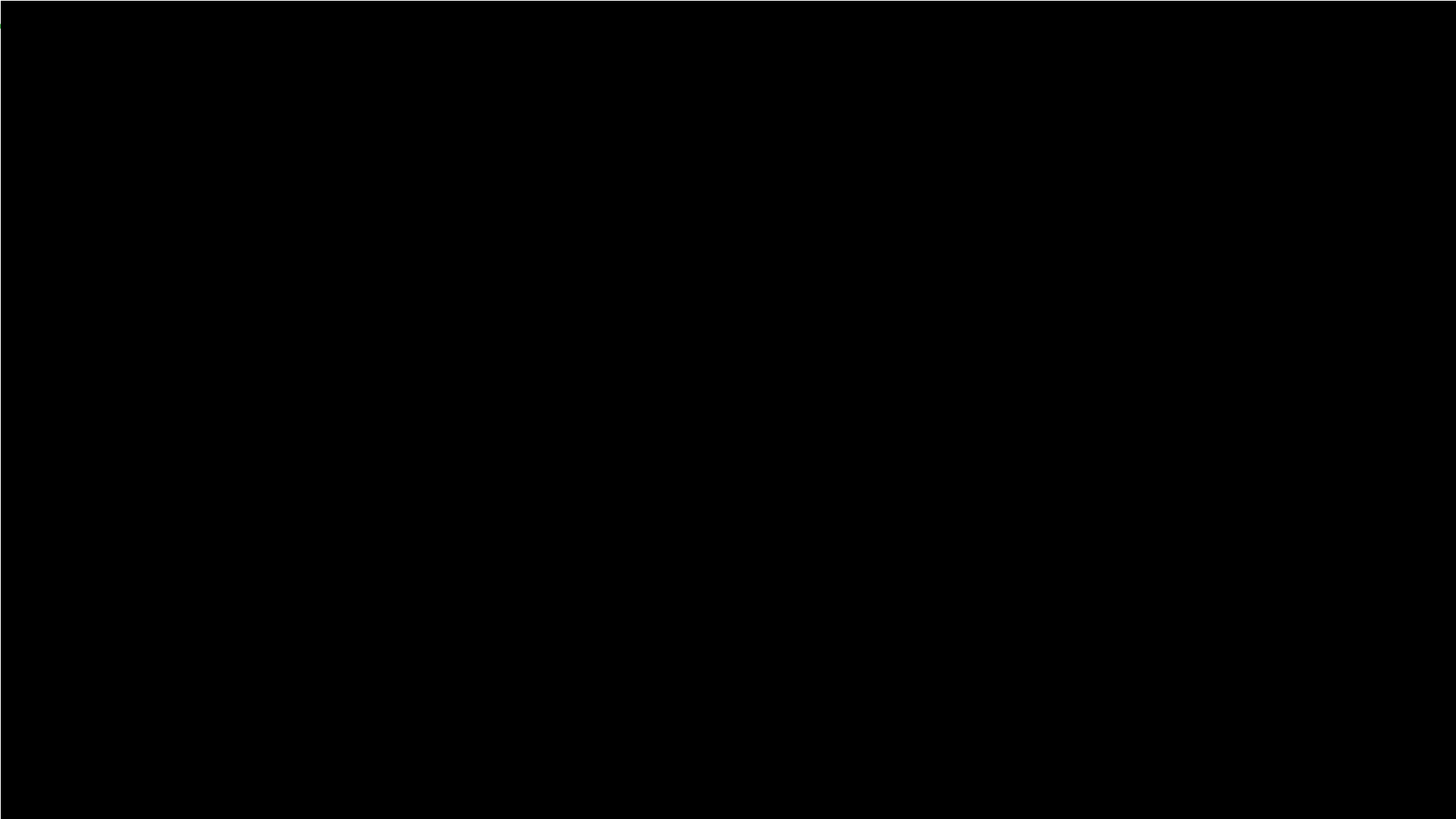
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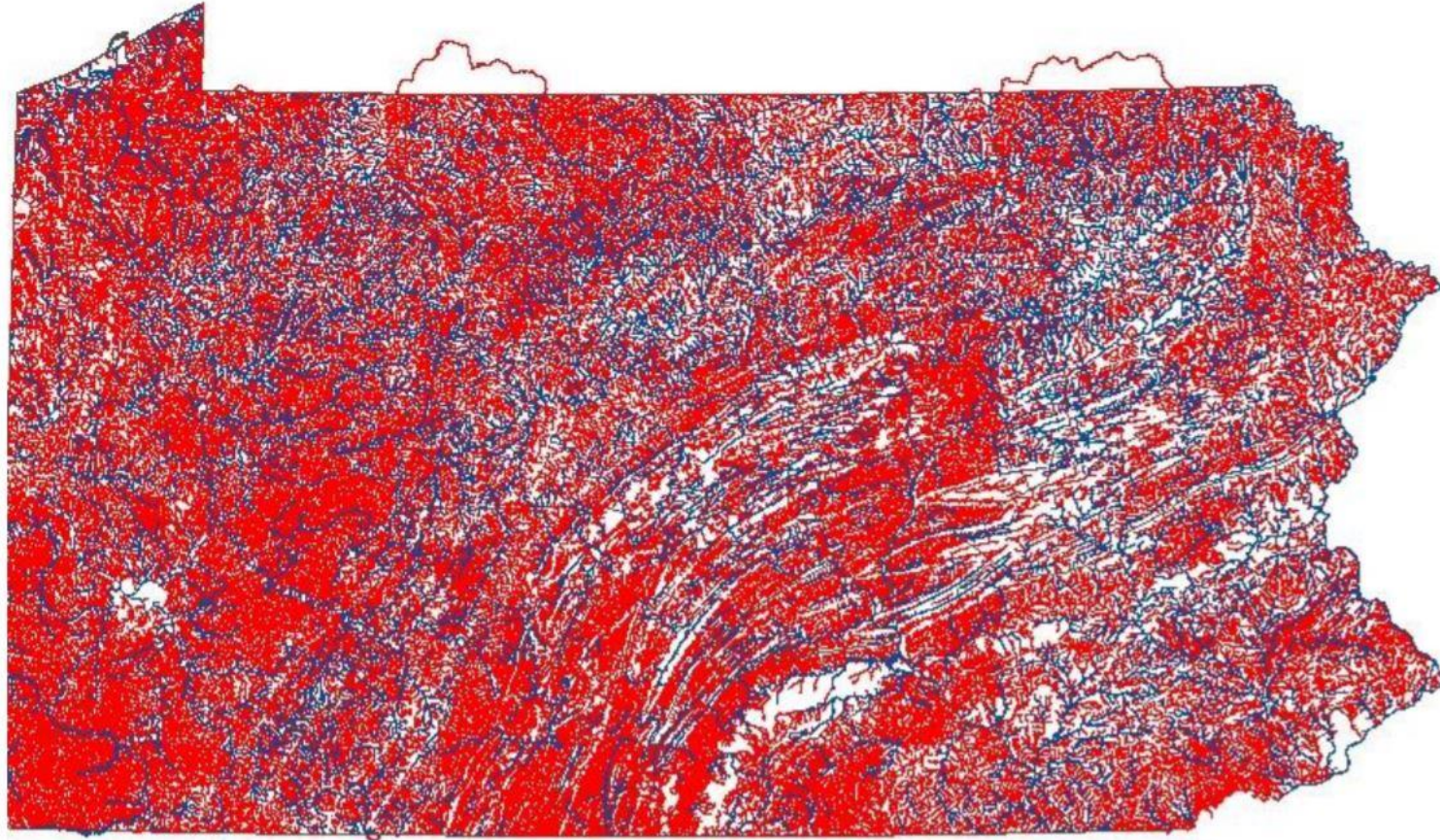
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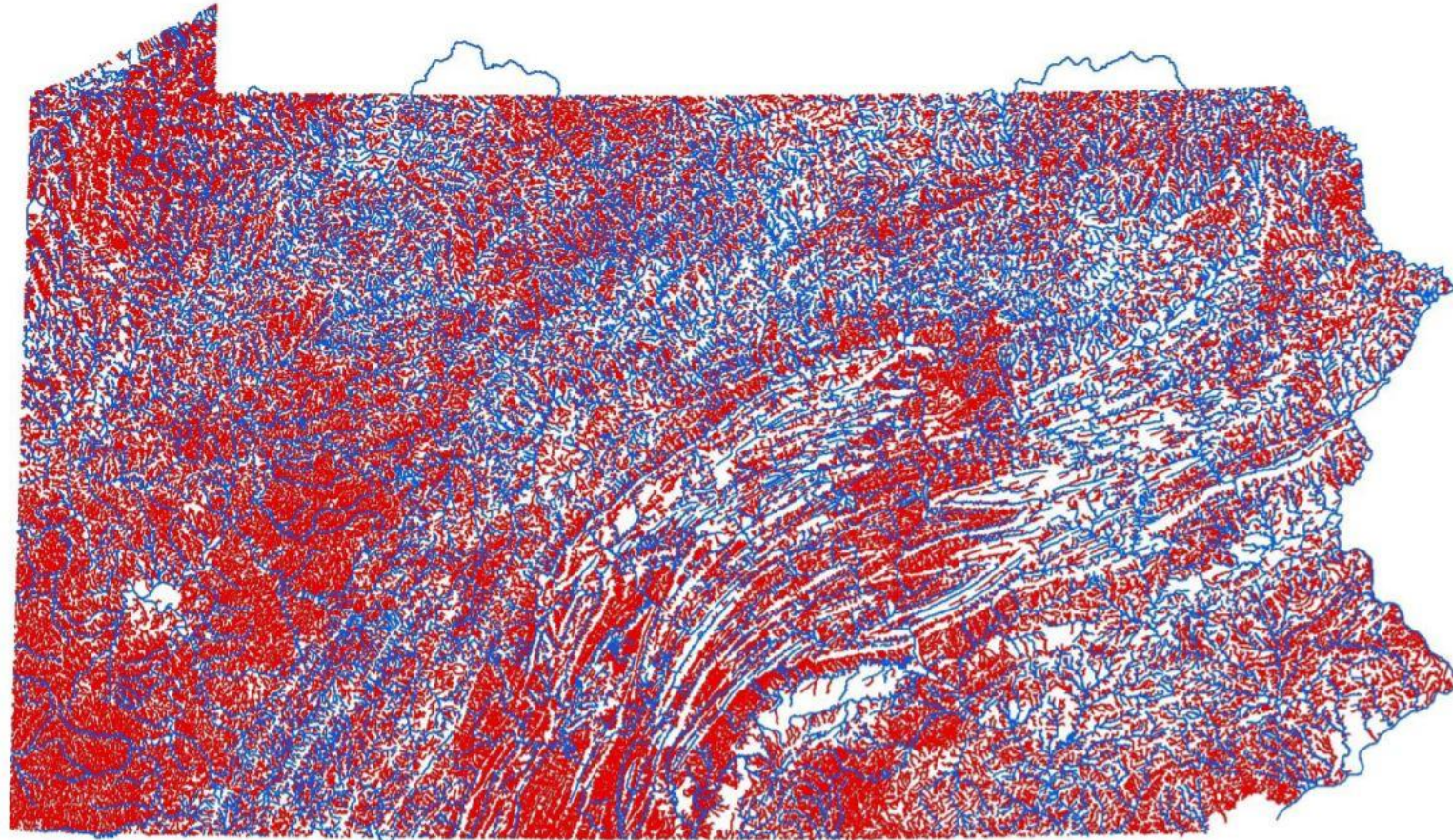


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 **Surveyed Sections**

 **Unassessed Sections**

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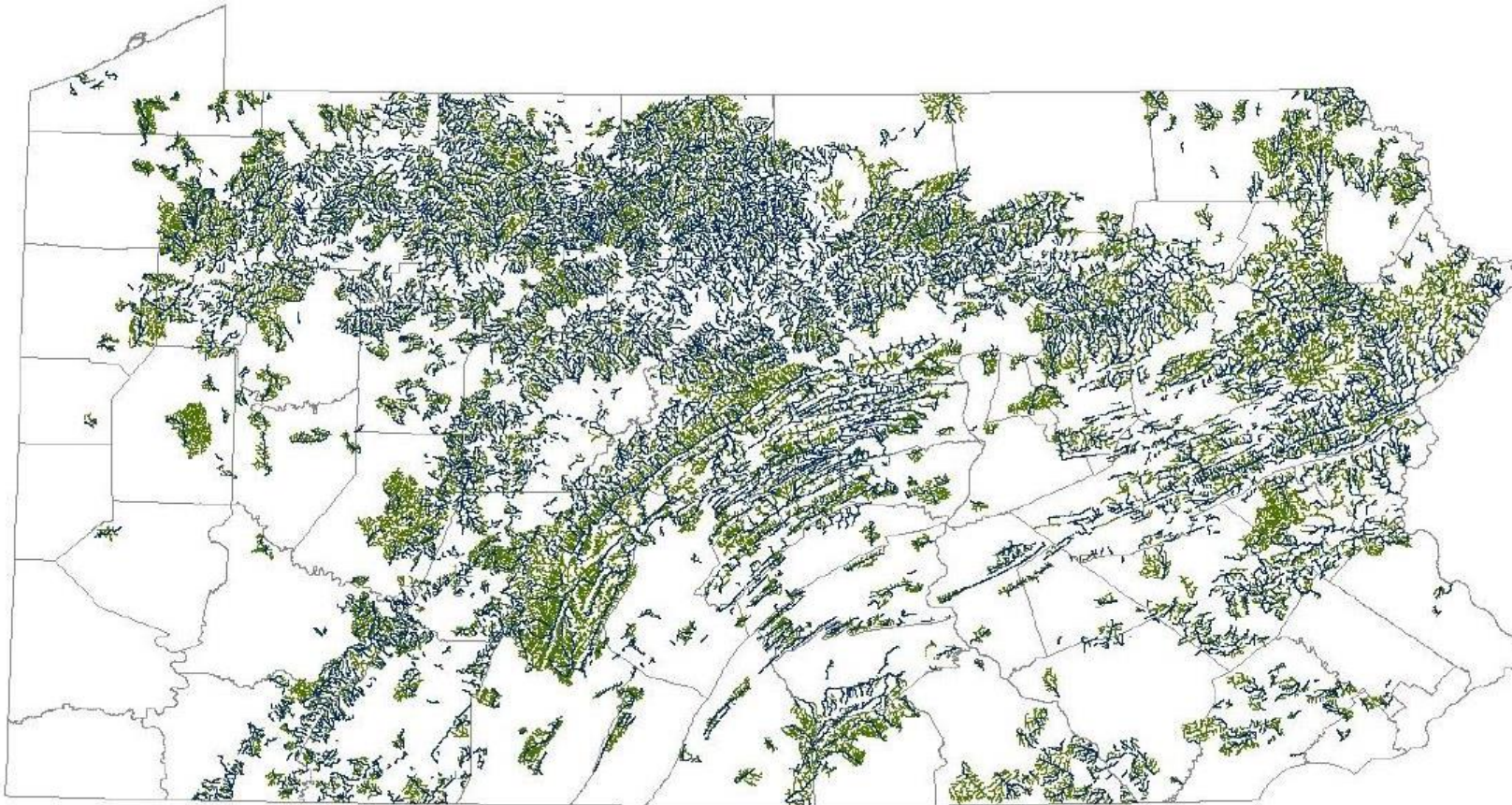


2016

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Wild Trout Streams



More than
15,000 miles of
wild trout water

More than
35,000 with
linked tributaries

Beyond wild trout



Brodhead TU Chapter:

- Petitioned for upgrade of Paradise Creek watershed to EV in 2014.



Beyond wild trout



- 🐟 Defense/advocacy for EV and HQ streams in Pennsylvania



Protect Our Pocono Waters: Sign the Petition.

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