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**ERNIE NESTER CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED STOCKS  
THOUSANDS OF FINGERLING BROWN TROUT IN THE ELK RIVER**  
*Local Trout Unlimited chapter has been stocking the Elk River for two decades*

**Charleston, W.Va.** – The Ernie Nester Chapter of Trout Unlimited (ENCTU) announced today that they stocked over 8,000 fingerling brown trout in the Elk River this past weekend. This year marks twenty years that the group has placed fingerling brown trout in the Elk River.

"For twenty years, our organization has stocked fingerling brown trout in the Elk River, which is considered by many to be one of the best trout streams in our region. Our work over two decades has helped create a healthy, vibrant fishery. The Elk River is one of several streams that the Ernie Nester Chapter of Trout Unlimited stocks annually," said Steve Young, President of the Ernie Nester Chapter of Trout Unlimited (ENC TU).

From 1996 to 1999, the ENC TU, formerly known as the Kanawha Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited, stocked fingerling brown trout in the Elk River below Webster Springs in Webster County. Since 2000, the ENC TU has stocked fingerling brown trout in sections of the Elk River from Monterville to Bergoo, above Webster Springs.

In 2007, the ENC TU and the Division of Natural Resources (WV DNR) celebrated the organization stocking its one-millionth brown trout fingerling in the Elk River. Since that milestone, the ENC TU has stocked many thousands of additional fish in the Elk River.

"The Ernie Nester Chapter is committed to ensuring cold, clean, fishable waters in West Virginia. This stocking is one example of that commitment. We appreciate the support from the WV DNR and also the local residents who showed up to help us place the fish," concluded Young.

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*The Ernie Nester Chapter of Trout Unlimited is based in Charleston and is the largest Trout Unlimited Chapter in West Virginia with over 400 members. For more information, visit [www.enctu.org](http://www.enctu.org).*