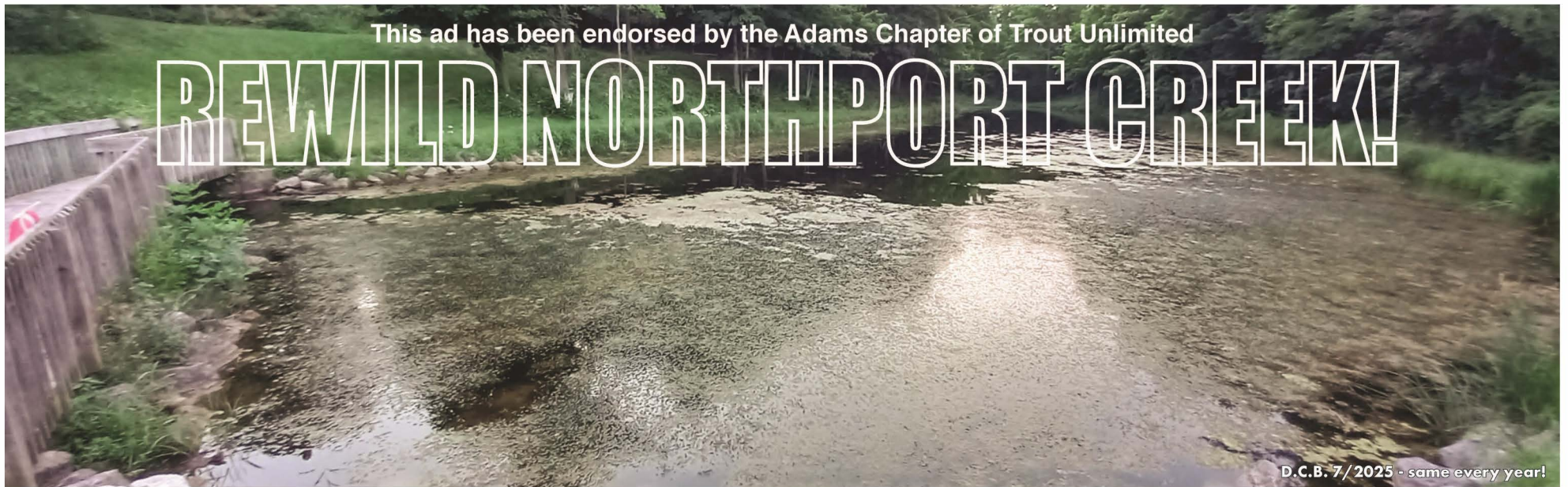


Vote **NO** on \$2,000,000 Dam Millage Tax

Save the creek– Remove the dam with federal & state funding\$



“A Michigan Trout Stream In Peril” *Tom Kelly; Founder of Inland Seas Education Association*

It’s time to remove the deteriorating, obsolete 1935 dam and log pond that’s choking our trout stream while being a liability to the taxpayer. Please be aware of this opportunity for our Village leaders to apply for creek restoration funding \$ **NOW before they’re gone!**

- Northport Creek is a Michigan Type 1 Trout Stream — but it’s severely impaired!
- The crumbling “mill pond” dam traps 2,600 cubic yards of stream sediment in 13 years, warms cold spring water, and blocks fish passage.
- Dredging costs taxpayers \$120,000 every decade or so— but does nothing to fix the problem.

- **Dam Inspection & Feasibility Study**

In 2023, GEI’s PE, Dan DeVaun, completed a \$25,000 Dam Inspection “due to Village concerns about ongoing maintenance needs and deterioration of the dam.”

- **Costs and Funding Opportunities:**

1. Dam Removal + Culvert Replacement & Stream Restoration: \$701,250 after dredging deduction.

Christopher Grobbel Ph. D. , B.S. Environmental Science & Brett Fessell, River Ecologist, concur dredging sediment is unnecessary with restoration. “.....there are funding sources for removal of the dam.”

2. Dam Replacement + Culvert Replacement:\$2,000,000 “....unlikely to attract any state or federal funding”

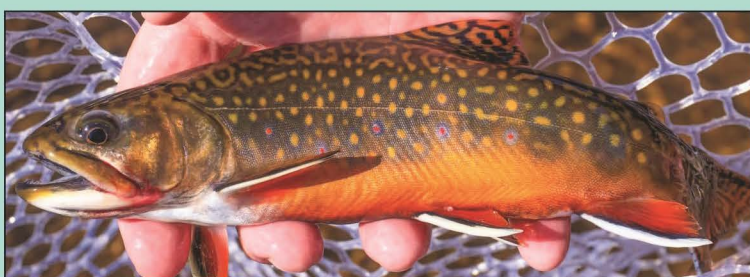
- MDNR records show thousands of brook trout, Michigan’s State Fish, were stocked to Northport Creek from 1933 to 1972 but were unable to thrive and rehabilitate the creek’s fish community due to the unnatural conditions caused by the dam.

- **Removing the dam** and the algae infested bio-mass Pond would:

1. restore essential trout and aquatic organisms’ habitat,
2. improve water quality, reduce E. coli bacteria caused by Pond waterfowl feces,
3. and qualify for **state and federal funding**.

Let’s join the national initiative to reconnect “broken streams” and not keep paying to dredge. A win, win, for trout, for clean water, for posterity, forever.

**See QR code for DeVaun Dam Inspection -
Science based “Benefits of Dam Removal”
Funding Opportunities, and more in-depth information:**



Brook Trout

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