

Fish Grow on Trees

Though it may look different, we and fish share the same needs for a high quality of life. These include:

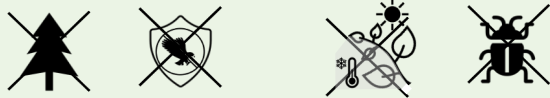
Shelter Safety Food Comfort



High-quality trout habitat is:



BUT extensive agriculture & logging practices
Cleared rivers of downed trees and boulders & Cut down upland and streamside trees



Vermont Fish and Wildlife has found a lack of housing, or fish habitat, is the #1 factor limiting trout populations in cold streams. VFWD and partners are successfully restoring fish habitat through tree plantings & wood strategically added to streams.

10 years of wood addition
+
300 staff hours
+
50 stream miles restored



= 60,000 more Brook Trout each year!

Help us protect and restore high quality fish habitat!



Wood is good!

Mature trees are the building blocks of future fish habitat and their cooling shade protects fish from warming water temperatures. Avoid cutting trees or mowing within 100 feet of a stream.



Mess is best!

Leave fallen trees, branches, and leaves in and along streams. Leaves feed the critters that fish eat, and trees provide structure where fish live.



Help ensure a cold, complex future for fish by contacting your local conservation district to learn how you can have trees planted along your stream for **free!**
www.vacd.org/contact-nrcds/

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For more information visit:
vtfishandwildlife.com/conserv/aquatic-habitat-conservation

