Brook Trout are the only native trout species in Connecticut and are in decline due to habitat loss, climate change and a variety of other factors.

Using the RIVERS app from Trout Unlimited, we photo-documented areas of stream impairment. While our assessment of Town Farm Brook identified a sizeable population, we also uncovered a wide array of habitat degradation impacting the overall health of the stream, threatening the future of these native fish.

The primary impacts to the stream include barriers to fish passage, lack of healthy riparian canopy, and bank erosion leading to siltation.
In order to restore Town Farm Brook and protect the future of the native Brook Trout living in its waters, we are recommending a series of habitat restoration projects, science and monitoring activities and community engagement efforts.

Connecting our work to the broader New Milford and angling community is essential in order to ensure the effort is sustainable and will continue beyond this generation.

Clatter Valley Park offers an excellent pilot project location for getting started in this effort! We have identified riparian buffer planting projects, in-stream habitat structures and barrier removal opportunities.

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