



**Mason-Griffith Founders Chapter
of Trout Unlimited**

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Message from the President:

First of all, I am going to be up front. This is a letter asking for donations to fund our restoration projects. Why now?

1. Mason-Griffith Founders Chapter (MGFTU) did not have a spring banquet in hopes that MGFTU members that usually attend the Anglers of the Au Sable Banquet and the MGFTU Banquet would support the Anglers efforts to ensure the Grayling Fish Farm is managed responsibly and does not compromise the Au Sable River.
2. We have been very fortunate to receive funds from the DNR via the Habitat Improvement Account (HIA) established by Consumers Energy to support a majority of our projects to this date.
3. On the headwaters of the Au Sable above Grayling, there has been some fantastic work done. You will note below in an attachment, that MGFTU has worked on this section of the river since 2013 and received grants to fund this work.
4. We applied to the DNR for further HIA funding. This year MGFTU did not receive a Habitat Improvement Grant to continue and finalize work conducted above Grayling, from Ole Dam Road to M-72. As you can see above the HIA Grants have afforded us the money to improve stream habitat from the Williams Tract to Ole Dam Road. The DNR has given us \$26,000 left over from the previous project to help with funding. Total cost is close to \$55,000 to pay for the crew and equipment needed to perform this work.
5. MGFTU Board of Directors voted to use \$30,000 out of our general funds to ensure completion of the Ole Dam Road to M-72 Project.

MGFTU is now asking you to support our river rehabilitation efforts. Can you find a way to contribute to our rivers and the excellent progress made by your TU Chapter? Keep in mind matching funds through employers for MGFTU is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization.

Please find enclosed an announcement about our September 23, 2017 banquet and ongoing raffles.

Sincerely,

Karen Harrison
President, MGFTU