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Comments:

As a recent transplant from the Pocono region of PA to DE, I applaud your efforts to have a trout fishery in DE despite the limited streams you have to work with. I have enjoyed many hours the past 2 years fishing the stocked streams of New Castle county, and I support your efforts to expand the stream section on Red Clay Creek for stocking. I'd like to see this new section open to all anglers, not just fly fisherman, which I consider a 'special interest' group. I have yet to see any fly anglers on White Clay or other streams participating in fly fishing other than the special section on White Clay Creek. Is there really the interest level to warrant fly fishing only on Red Clay ? What I would like to see done is similar to what the PA Fish Commission has done with their Delayed Harvest program. Why not have this section or another area open to 'artificials only' with no harvesting of trout from the beginning of the season till maybe May 15th or 30th, after which time, anglers could harvest fish before the waters get too warm to support them. Still gives fly anglers a place to fish away from bait fisherman and helps utilize the resource better, with fish being caught multiple times and perhaps lessen the number of times the stream needs to be stocked. My experience in PA is that these areas are very popular with catch and release anglers, including fly fishermen. Thank you for your continued efforts to bring trout fishing to DE.