Copeland Creek Free Flow Project

Improving Infrastructure & Fish Habitat Together



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Copeland Creek

- Thermal regime is cold water
- Benthic invertebrates indicate water quality is good



 Supports Brook Trout, as well as other native fish, bait fish and sport fish



Site: Tiny Trail Bridge P5





The Problem



The Solution



- Remove culvert to promote free flowing conditions within the creek channel
- Stabilize creek banks to prevent erosion



Planning: Design & Securing Funding



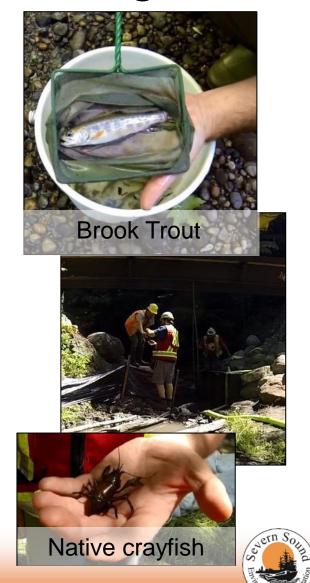
Implementation: Creek By-pass & Site Dewatering





Implementation: Fish Salvage





Implementation: Culvert Removal

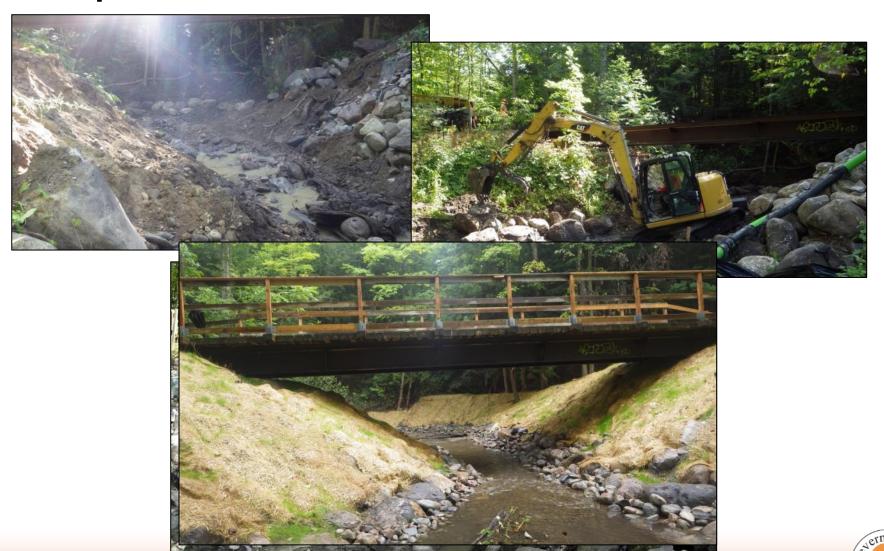






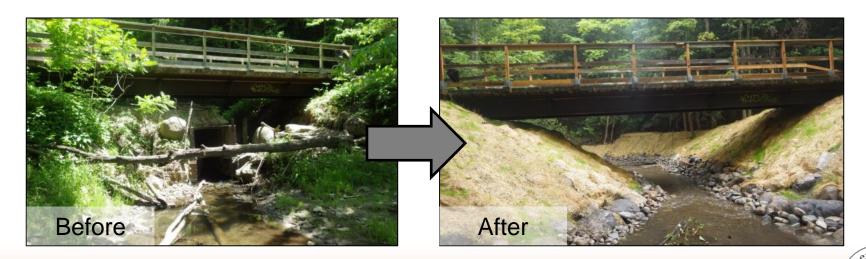


Implementation: Bank Stabilization



Benefits

- Improved stream habitat
- Permanent access for Brook Trout & other fish to upstream areas of Copeland Creek
- Protection of bridge infrastructure



Future Enhancements

- Interpretive sign installation
- Additional tree planting
- Invasive species management





Partnerships: The Key to Success!





















Thank You! Questions?

