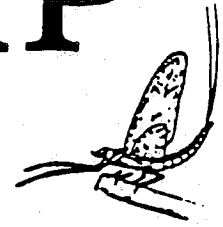




# RIP-RAP

Restoration, Improvement and Preservation  
through Research and Projects



January 1988

## Winter Stream Improvement Plans Mapped

Kiap-TU-Wish is announcing a three-month stream improvement project that will begin in January. It's called Fishworks '88, and it's the first phase of a multi-year project aimed at rehabilitating the Kinnickinnic.

For years this lovely spring creek has been one of the best in the state, producing astronomical numbers of wild brown trout and prolific insect hatches. But the lack of maintenance is beginning to take its toll.

Downed trees, overgrown

banks and too much shade have clogged the stream and lowered its productive capabilities. But in January we're going to begin our efforts to reduce this process, and we'll start by attacking "The Jungle"--the stretch of river from the county farm down to its confluence with Parker's Creek (see map).

Our objective is to increase stream flow and light penetration to the stream bottom in this area. We'll be removing deadheads and snags from the river, cutting and removing

standing dead timber and selected live trees where appropriate, and cutting and hauling brush from the stream bank. There will be work for everyone no matter what your age or frailties. To give you a better idea of what to expect, a short slide program will be shown at the January meeting.

### Location:

Go three quarters of a mile south of County Road N on Orchard Road, turn east past the gray farm, then go a quarter of a mile to the river.

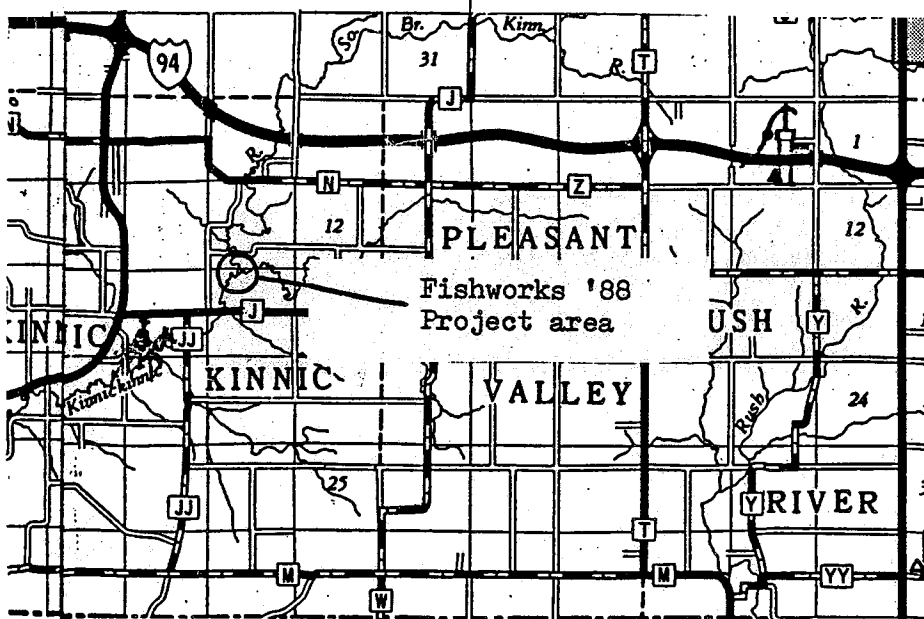
### Dates:

January 9th and 23rd from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Dates in February to be announced.

### What to Bring:

Waders, work gloves, warm clothes and coffee. We'll supply lunch. We also have cables, chain saws, hard hats and goggles. Bow saws and large pruners work best for brush. If you have a chain saw, bring it--we never seem to have enough.

-Mike Alwin



# Chapter News and Notes

## Winter Stream Trout Season Announced for Minnesota:

Fans of frost-bitten fingers and iced fly lines can pull on their waders January 1, for that's when a special season opens on portions of the South and Middle branch of the Whitewater River. The season will close on March 31. Fishing will be strictly catch-and-release--and bait fishing is prohibited. If you're interested, there's a map of the areas included at Bob Mitchell's Fly Shop.



Our Christmas Party on December 3 was a stunning success. Never before were so many talented anglers

gathered together in one place, and never before was there a speaker as engaging and gracious as Bill Farmer.

Our party drew 64 revelers, smashing to splinters our previous record of 48. Our thanks to Santa Claus for stopping by--and to everyone else who helped make the party a success.



**More New Members:**  
Kiap-TU-Wish extends a hearty welcome to this month's new members, including Beard Webster, Joseph Remitz, Marley Ogata, Colleen Grant, Jim Evans, and Dan Brandt.

# Meeting Notice

Date: Wednesday, Jan. 6  
Time: 8:00 p.m.  
Place: The Sports Club  
in Midtown Hudson

Start the new year right by joining area fish manager Doug Erickson at our January meeting. He's bringing a slide presentation and news of some revolutionary changes that have been proposed for Wisconsin's trout fishing regulations. He'll also be happy to take questions from our ever-inquisitive members.

You're also invited to join Doug and his wife for dinner at the Sports Club before the meeting. If you're interested, give Jean or Bob Mitchell a call at (612)770-5854.

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