

2008 New York Chapter Award Recipients

The recipient of the Conservationist of the Year Award is Bill Wellman, Vice President New York State Council of Trout Unlimited. Bill has devoted much of his time working closely with NYSDEC regarding TU concerns and views on fisheries and environmental issues within New York. For example, he has played a critical role in responding to Didymo in NY. He has arranged for funding from several TU chapters, assisted the Ausable River Association with developing posters and rack cards and recruited volunteers to distribute posters and rack cards. In addition, Bill conducted two stream restoration projects on the Salmon River, helped garner public and political support for fish passage at the Imperial Dam and initiated the adopt a salmon program in several area schools.



Bill Schoch (NYSDEC) presenting the award to Bill Wellman (Trout Unlimited)