

# Eastern Water

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The New England states historically have been blessed with free-flowing rivers. However, over the past century, changing demographic patterns and antiquated laws and policies have combined to strain the region's water resources. The result is an increasing number of rivers with so little water that they no longer support aquatic life. Some literally run dry during the hot summer months.

Trout Unlimited's Eastern Water Project is modeled on our successful water advocacy efforts in the Western states. We are working with communities throughout the region to address a host of water management issues including dry streambeds, water shortages and habitat degradation. Our volunteers spend thousands of hours annually engaging in these issues - from working on the ground to restore streams to advocating for modernized water regulations in state legislatures. Our experience shows that existing regional water policy cannot protect our water resources today.

We will continue to work with policy makers in the New England states to modernize laws and policies to assure sustainable water management and healthy instream flows.



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