



# FISH HABITAT INSTALLATION AT YOUGHIOGHENY RIVER LAKE



## Event:

•The Friends for Youghiogheny River Lake and the Yough Walleye Association came together to install fish habitat around Youghiogheny River Lake.

## Communication Objectives:

- Improve the fish population and the health of the lake's ecosystem.
- Educate the public on the benefits of fish habitat which include: they provide a safe haven for smaller fish to take refuge, this attracts larger game fish, and ultimately makes a great fishing location.
- Mossback fish habitat is uniquely designed with V-shaped arms in an effort to help prevent snags while fishing.
- The V design of these structures will allow for plants, algae, and insects to flourish.

## Activities:

- Worked with Friends for Youghiogheny River Lake, members of the Yough Walleye Association to construct 20 fish habitat structures.
- We used the USACE pontoon and a volunteer's boat place and connect GPS coordinates to each fish habitat structure.
- Team building and partnership strengthening by collaborating with multiple groups to accomplish a similar goal.

## Key Take-Aways:

- Yough Walleye Association has extremely educated members who understand fish activity.
- We were able to build relationships with the public by demonstrating an interest and action towards their needs.
- We will now be able to monitor usage through a volunteer with a fish finder who was willing to step up and check on them.

