NEWS RELEASE

Town stocks Eagle Creek with rainbow trout

As part of an effort to promote Eagle Creek among residents and visitors, the Town of Zionsville has stocked the Creek with about 1,200 10-12" farm-raised rainbow trout. This is the third year the Town has placed rainbow trout in the Creek. This year the trout were released at Turkey Foot Park and Elm Street Green.

This initiative is in coordination with local resident Todd Settle, who initially introduced the concept to the Town of Zionsville and who has contributed to the budget. The Town obtained a permit from DNR and submitted a statement of health and condition from the source of the fish.

By stocking the Creek in the fall, people have the opportunity to fish year-round. Fishing and other recreational activities in Eagle Creek are an economic benefit and yet another reason visitors choose to come to Zionsville and explore all the town has to offer.

"Any initiative like this that connects people to our waterways serves as a fun reminder of the importance of our natural resources," said Mayor Emily Styron. "Eagle Creek flows through the heart of Zionsville and there is a lot of opportunity for recreational activity within the Creek or relaxation along the trails by the creek. It's important that we protect and preserve our Creek for residents and visitors."

"Because of the trout stocking, we see anglers from all across Indiana and neighboring states coming to Zionsville," said Jessica Snodgrass, Marketing Manager at Moving Water Outfitters. "We have also experienced an increase in youth getting involved in the sport because they are able to access Eagle Creek so easily. Fly fishing can be enjoyed by all ages and skill levels, so having this resource is beneficial to many people – both residents and visitors alike."

Please practice catch and release until the last Saturday of April so this resource can be enjoyed by all.

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