

## Michigan Council of Trout Unlimited: 2004 Donations Policy

### Preamble:

In order to assess offers by business and individuals to donate monies to the Michigan Council of Trout Unlimited the following parameters shall be applied towards review of the offer. It is our responsibility, that in our deliberations, we understand the premise of "do no harm". We must carefully weigh the positive and negative benefits of our decisions. In exercising this standard of care demonstrate a responsible and defensible position of action for the good of the resource.

### Policy Statement:

The Michigan Council of Trout Unlimited (MCTU) makes itself available for the receipt of solicited and unsolicited donations from individuals, businesses, foundations and associations for the purposes of financing the Trout Unlimited mission statement, "to conserve, protect and restore cold water resources and watersheds." Said donations are to be accepted or declined by a simple majority vote of the seated council membership at a published, scheduled MCTU quarterly meeting. In the review of said donation the following parameters shall be considered.

- 1) Donations can be designated towards a specific cold-water conservation purpose, otherwise, donations are offered with the understanding they are to be unrestricted, for the use of MCTU at the discretion of MCTU.
- 2) There must be a clearly defined separation between the donation and it's application. (No quid pro quo.)
- 3) The decision to accept or decline should be well grounded in and consistent with the TU's mission statement.
- 4) The donation should contribute to the goals of TU.
- 5) The donating entity cannot be involved in any ongoing or known pending litigation, which MCTU believes is in opposition to the TU mission statement.
- 6) Does the donating entity have an established program of funding for resource conservation purposes?
- 7) Does the donating entity demonstrate a corporate consciousness towards environmentally responsible behavior?
- 8) The members of the MCTU Executive Committee or the Executive Director must publicly disclose any known conflict of interest arising from or related to the donating entity and/or the donation.
- 9) Donations will not be accepted in cases in which it is clear to MCTU that the funds or property donated were acquired by other than legal means, or that clear title to the donated assets does not flow from the donor to MCTU. MCTU does not have the capacity to scrutinize or make judgment about the means by which gift property was acquired by a donor. But acceptance of a gift does not imply endorsement or approval by MCTU of the views, occupations or activities of a donor.
- 10) No gift will be accepted which infringes on MCTU's control over its policies and process to conduct its established business.

MCTU reserves the right to apply a percentage of certain gifts towards the general cost of operations.

MCTU reserves the right to accept or decline any donations offered to MCTU.

Funds accepted shall become the property of MCTU, to which the Executive Committee shall determine their use and direct said determination to the seated membership of the MCTU for approval by simple majority vote.