



MICHIGAN TROUT UNLIMITED

Dedicated to the Conservation, Protection and Restoration of Coldwater Fisheries & their Watersheds

Michigan Trout Unlimited: Donations Policy

Introduction:

In order to assess offers by individuals, businesses, foundations and associations (collectively “Donor” or “Donors”) to donate money, goods, services or other things of value (“Donation” or “Donations”) to the Michigan Trout Unlimited (“MITU”), the guidelines outlined in this Policy shall be applied. It is our responsibility that, in our deliberations, we adhere to the premise of “do no harm”. We must carefully weigh the benefits, as well as potential detriments, 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 Trout Unlimited (“MITU”) 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 (“TU”) 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 regularly-scheduled MITU quarterly meeting. In reviewing the proposed Donation, the following guidelines 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 MITU and at the sole discretion of MITU.
- 2) There must be a clearly defined separation between the proposed Donation and it’s application. (No quid pro quo.)
- 3) The decision to accept or decline the proposed Donation should be well grounded in, and consistent with, TU’s mission statement.
- 4) The proposed Donation should advance the goals of TU.
- 5) The Donor cannot be involved in any ongoing or known pending litigation that MITU believes is contrary to TU’s mission statement.
- 6) Does the Donor have an established program of funding for resource conservation purposes?
- 7) MITU shall not accept Donations from a Donor that does not demonstrate environmentally responsible behavior.
- 8) The members of the MITU Executive Committee or the Executive Director must publicly disclose any known conflict of interest arising from or related to the Donor or the proposed Donation.
- 9) Donations will not be accepted in cases in which it is clear to MITU that the proposed Donation was acquired by other than legal means, or that clear title to the Donation does not

flow from the Donor to MITU. MITU does not have the capacity to scrutinize or make judgment about the means by which the proposed Donation was acquired by a Donor.

10) No Donation will be accepted that infringes on MITU's control over its policies and process to conduct its established business.

MITU reserves the right to apply a percentage of a donation towards the general cost of operations.

MITU reserves the right to accept or decline any donations offered to MITU. Acceptance of a Donation does not imply endorsement or approval by MITU of the views, occupations or activities of a Donor.

Accepted Donations shall become the property of MITU, after which the Executive Committee shall determine their use and propose the use to the seated membership of the MITU for approval by simple majority vote.