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E. Christopher Abruzzo, Secretary
Department of Environmental Protection and Environmental Quality Board
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Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105-2063 c/o ledinger@pa.gov

In re: Petition that EQB and DEP Recognize Attained Uses and Upgrade Designated Uses of Certain Streams in Delaware County (Brandywine-Christina-Delaware Basin)

Dear Mr. Abruzzo:

This letter transmits a petition with supporting documents concerning several small streams including Beaver Creek (Beaver Run) and its tributaries near the Pennsylvania-Delaware state line. I provide these documents on behalf of the Beaver Valley Conservancy, a local grass-roots organization, and its member petitioners.

The Conservancy requests that the Department and the Environmental Quality Board identify any existing Special Protection uses that have been attained and thus will require particular scrutiny when development is proposed so as to prevent degradation of their existing uses. Kindly also update and upgrade the appropriate designated uses listed in 25 Pa. Code 93.9g.

Development that will affect some of these streams is imminent, and existing controls are minimal. Similar development during the past forty years has led to degradation in many nearby streams within the Brandywine drainage in both Pennsylvania and Delaware. That history should not be repeated here.

My clients would appreciate your advising them of any action taken in this matter. Please contact us if we can be of further assistance.

Yours truly,



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Enclosures