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Mr. John Quigley  
Chairperson, Environmental Quality Board  
Acting Secretary, Department of Environmental Protection  
16th Floor, Rachel Carson State Office Building  
400 Market Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Re: Hosensack Creek Upgrade Petition

Dear Mr. Quigley,

The Montgomery County Conservation District is writing in support of Delaware Riverkeeper Network's petition to upgrade the designation for the Hosensack Creek watershed. Not only is the basin home to naturally reproducing brown trout and the endangered bog turtle, the Hosensack Creek is vital as a tributary to important drinking water resources.

For these reasons, the Hosensack Creek was selected for the site of a Growing Greener funded stream restoration project recently completed by a partnership of Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, the Lehigh and Montgomery County Conservation Districts, Trout Unlimited, Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy, and landowner PPL. Additionally, other investments have been made by the local communities to protect and restore the area. The additional protection afforded by an upgrade would be a crucial step to preserve the water quality and other important natural resources of this watershed in the face of development pressure and other impacts.

Furthermore, the fish and macroinvertebrate surveys conducted by the co-petitioners provide justification for reconsidering the current designation as a cold water fishery. We join the co-petitioners in respectfully requesting that the Hosensack Creek basin be re-examined for special protection and Exceptional Value status.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Erlbaum  
Chair, Montgomery County Conservation District Board of Directors

CC: Maya K. van Rossum, the Delaware Riverkeeper