# **ADDENDUM**

TO THE

# CLASS A WILD TROUT STREAMS STATEWIDE

# WATER QUALITY STANDARDS REVIEW STREAM REDESIGNATION EVALUATION

Drainage Lists: A,C,D,E,F,H,I,K,L,N,O,P,Q,T

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#### **Preface**

This addendum to the December 2014 Class A Wild Trout Streams Report consists of stream maps for all of the 50 streams or stream segments that are being considered for redesignation to HQ-CWF along with the Class A Stream Redesignation Rulemaking Package. All of these recommended revisions which are included in the Class A Stream Redesignation Rulemaking are the result of stream evaluations conducted by the Department in response to data submitted from the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) under §93.4c (relating to implementation of antidegradation requirements). Section 93.4c(a)(1) pertains to the process for changing a designated use of a stream. In this rulemaking, redesignations rely on §93.4b(a)(2)(ii) (relating to qualifying as High Quality or Exceptional Value Waters) to qualify streams for High Quality (HQ) designations based upon their classifications as Class A wild trout streams. A surface water that has been classified a Class A wild trout stream by the PFBC, based on species-specific biomass standards, and following public notice and comment, and approval by the PFBC Commissioners, qualifies for HQ designation. The PFBC published notice and requested comments on the Class A designation of these streams. The Commissioners of the PFBC approved these waters after providing public notice and review of the comments received.

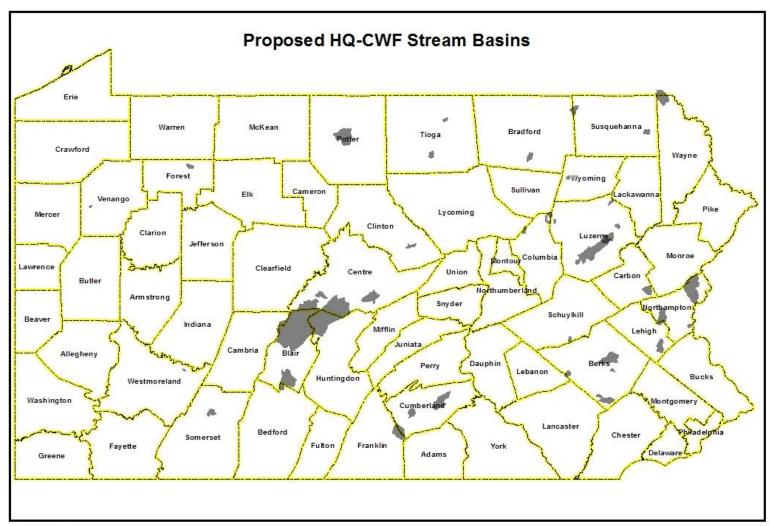
The Environmental Quality Board (Board) approved the proposed rulemaking for the Class A Stream Redesignation Package at its November 17, 2015 meeting. On February 23, 2016, the Department submitted a copy of the proposed rulemaking to the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC) and to the Chairpersons of the Senate and House Environmental Resources and Energy Committees for review and comment in accordance with Section 5(a) of the Regulatory Review Act (71 P.S. §745.5(a)). The proposed rulemaking was published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin on March 5, 2016 (46 Pa.B. 1205) with provision for a 45-day public comment period that closed on April 18, 2016.

The Board received supportive comments from 307 commentators for this rulemaking package, of which 302 of these commentators indicated strong support for the entire package. Additionally, some commentators expressed their support for certain streams in the rulemaking. Commentators provided many reasons for their support of this rulemaking, either in part or its entirety, including (1.) the appropriateness of the redesignation, as these streams have met the necessary qualification for High Quality: (2.) these candidate streams deserve to be redesignated in order to protect all of their uses; (3.) these redesignations will help Pennsylvania meet requirements of the Clean Water Act; (4.) these redesignations will preserve Pennsylvanians' constitutionally protected right to "pure water"; (5.) these candidate streams should be redesignated so that the streams themselves, the aquatic biota and the recreational opportunities that they support and the economic benefit of maintaining these resources can all be protected; (6.) trout angling is an important culture in Pennsylvania and protecting these wild trout streams and the angling opportunities they provide will preserve that culture; (7.) offering protection to the smaller streams promotes the health of the larger watershed; and (8.) these redesignations will protect the water supply. In addition to all

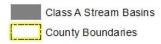
of the reasons that were given as support for this rulemaking, comments were also received that encouraged the Department to continue its work to redesignate streams that currently have inappropriate designated uses. Another comment was received that each state should prioritize water quality protection because streams are a common resource and they do not stop at state lines. There were no opposing comments.

The IRRC submitted comments specifying which regulatory review criteria have not been met. IRRC requested more thorough responses and additional information be provided along with the final-form regulation submittal. This addendum was created, in part, to respond to concerns raised by IRRC.

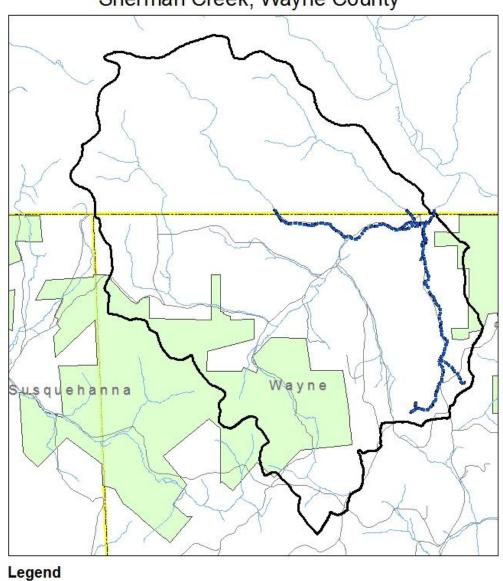
A more detailed summary of the comments submitted to the Board and the Department's responses to those comments are available in the Report to the Environmental Quality Board Comment and Response Document.

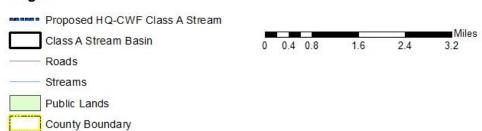


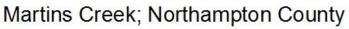
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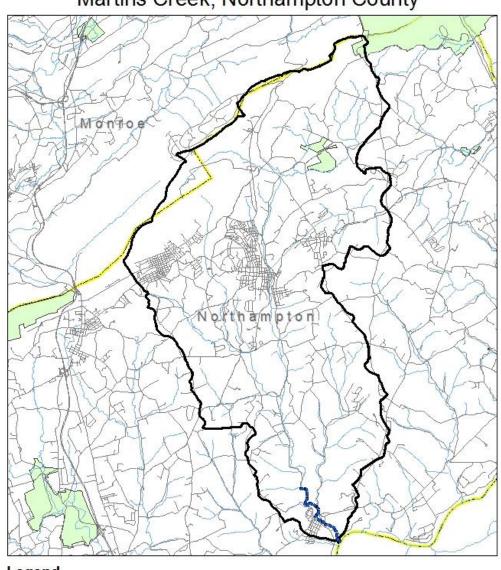


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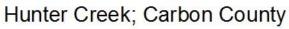


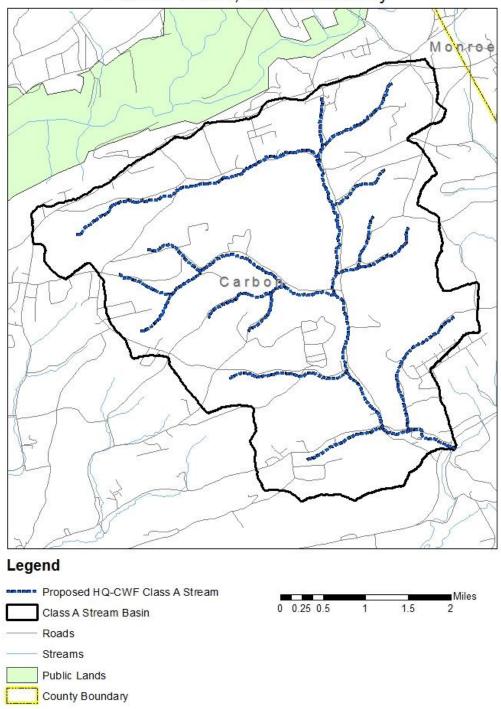




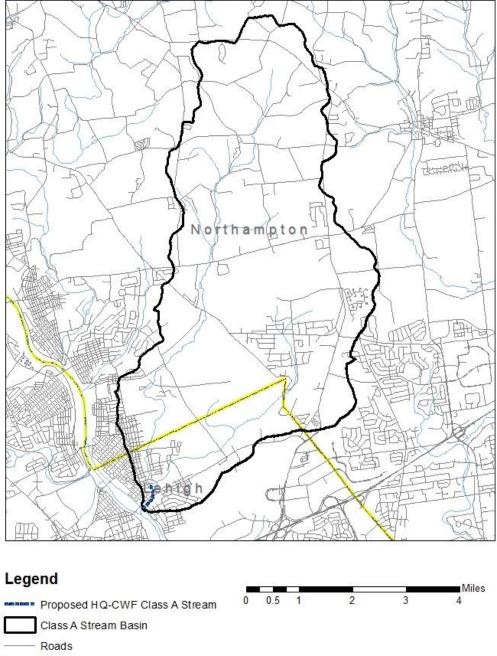
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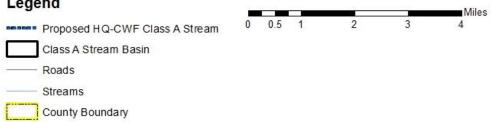


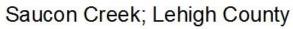


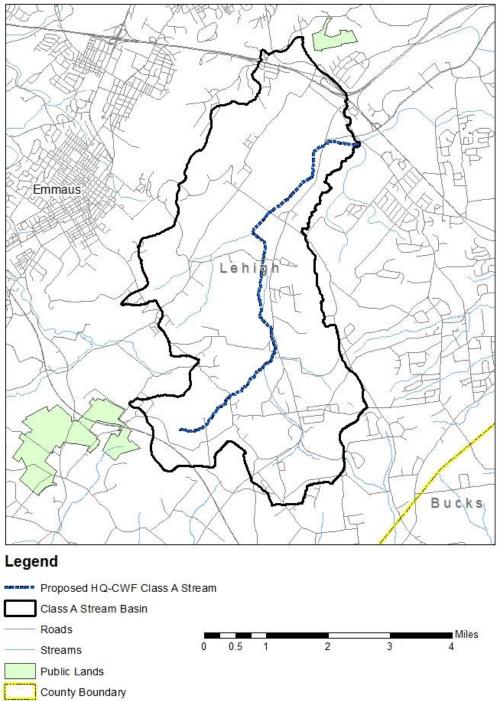




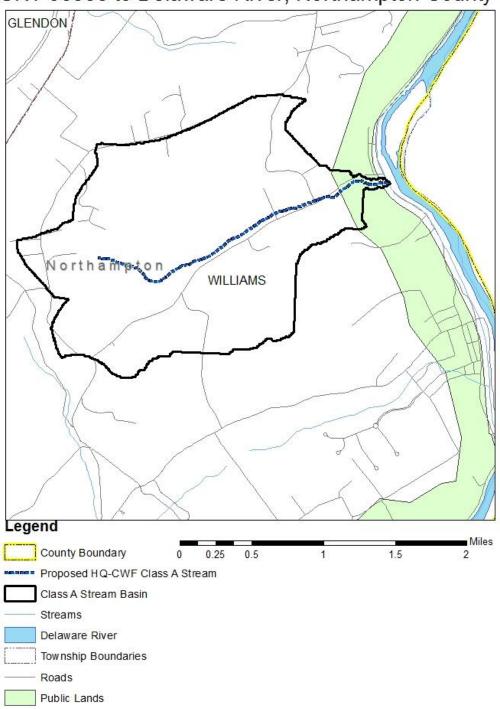


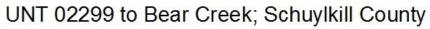


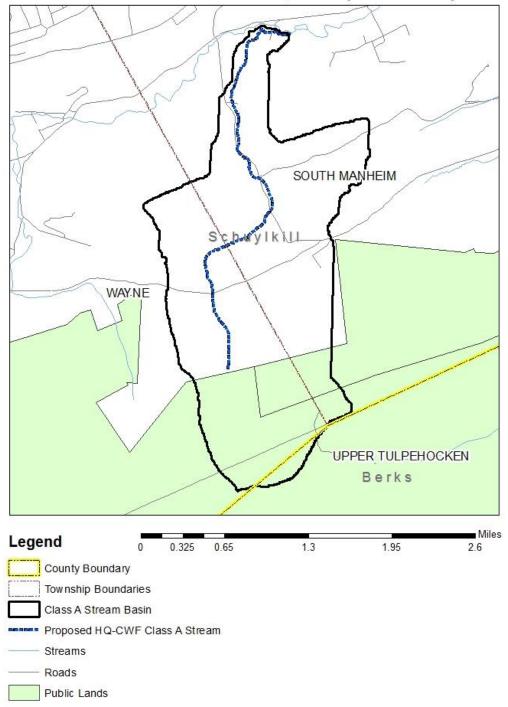




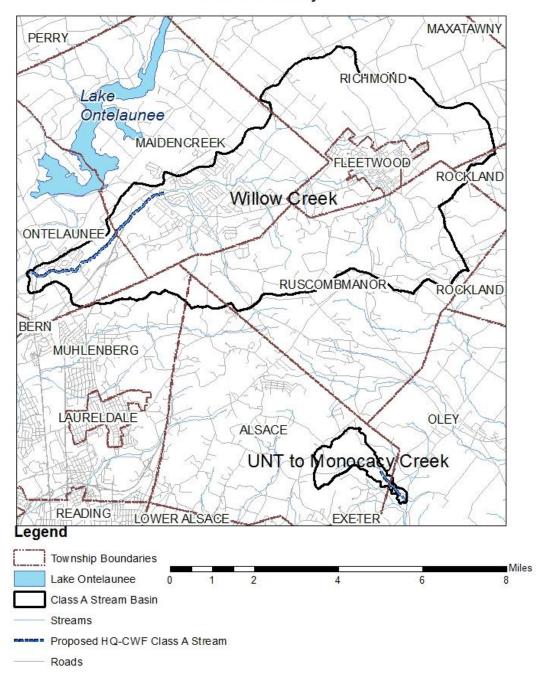




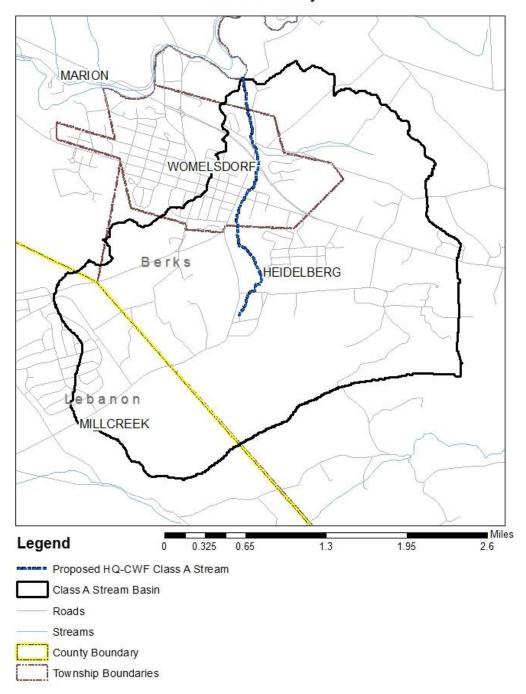




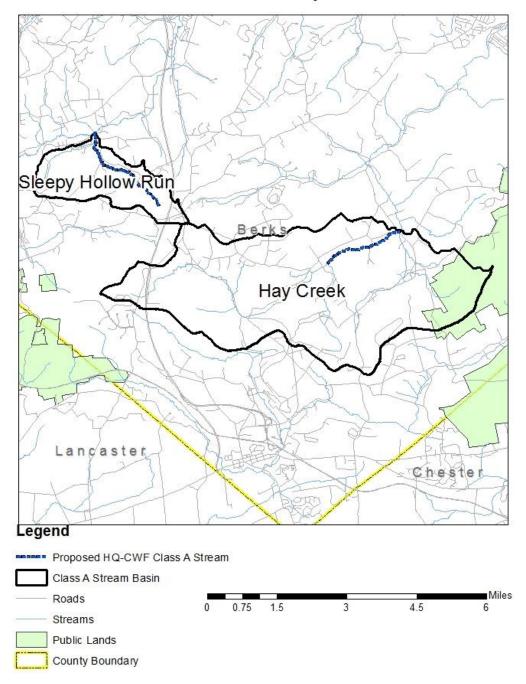
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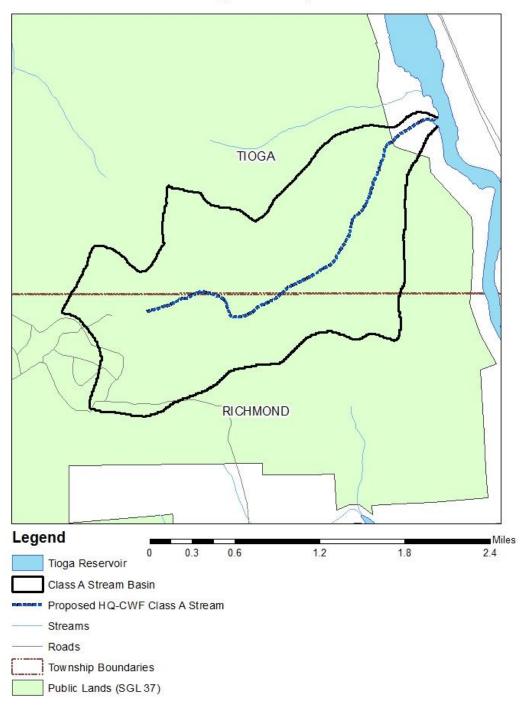
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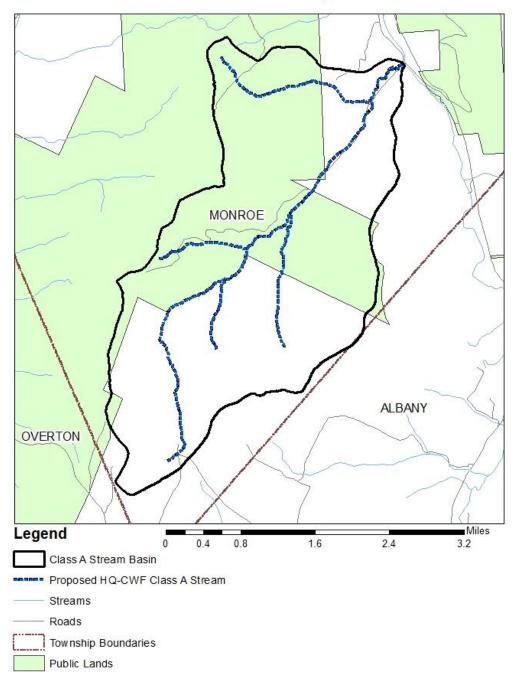
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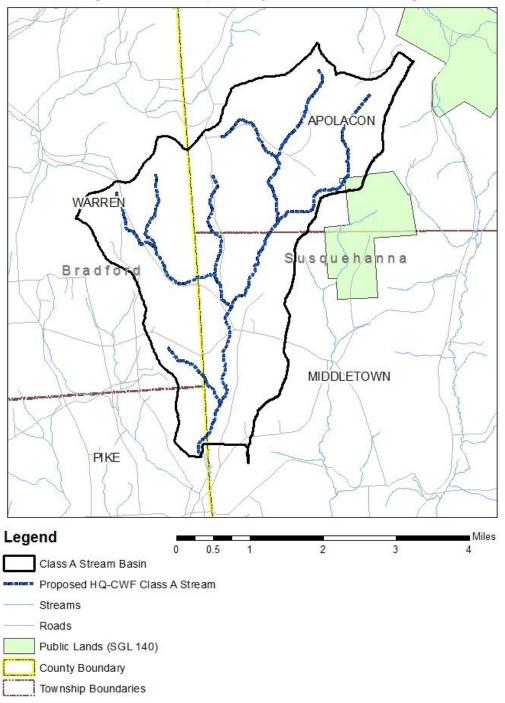
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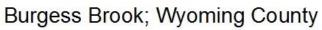


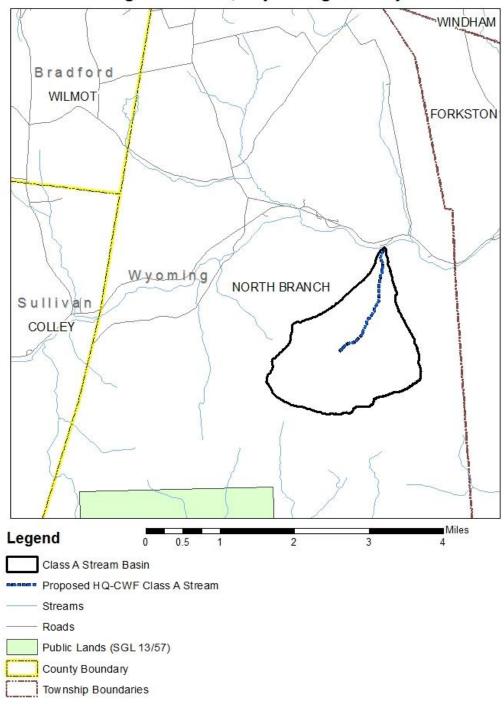
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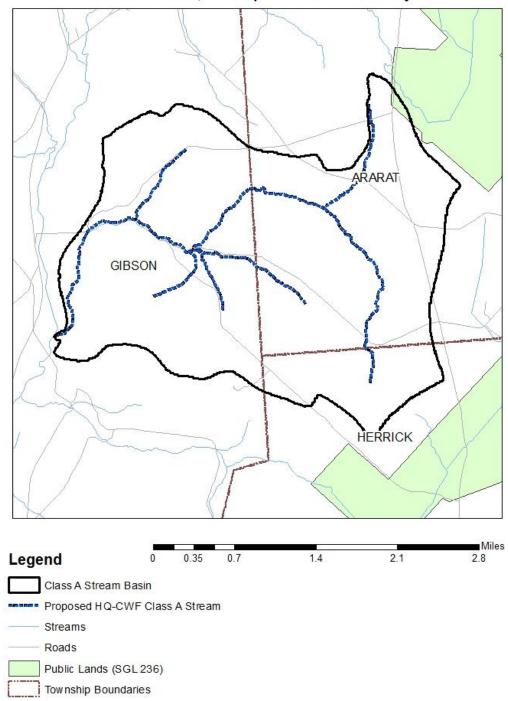
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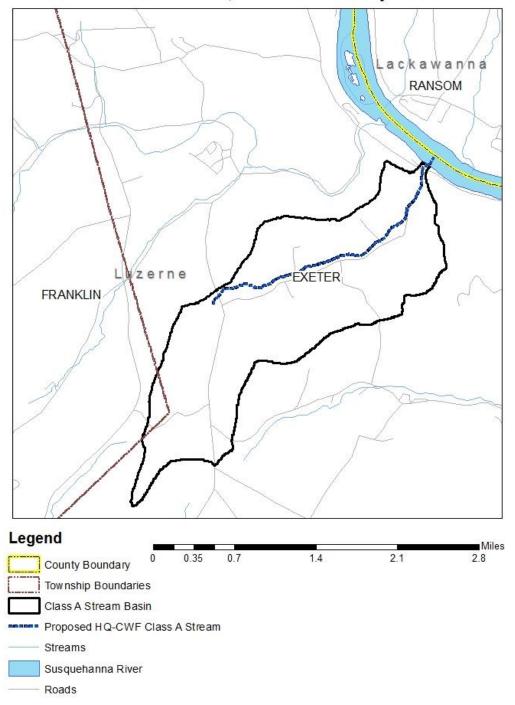




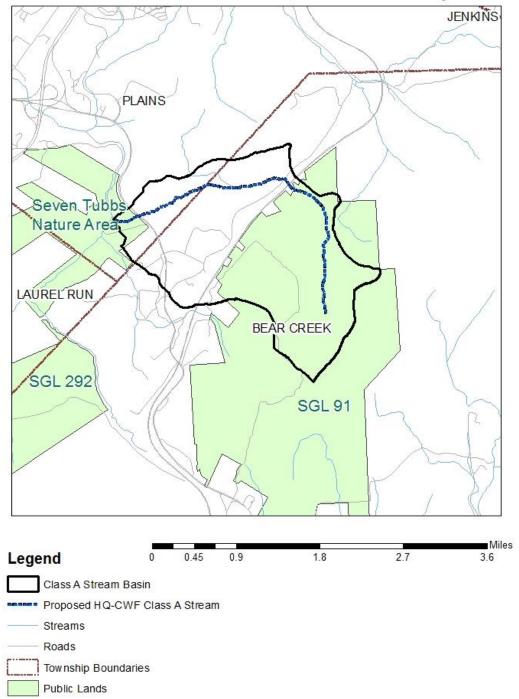
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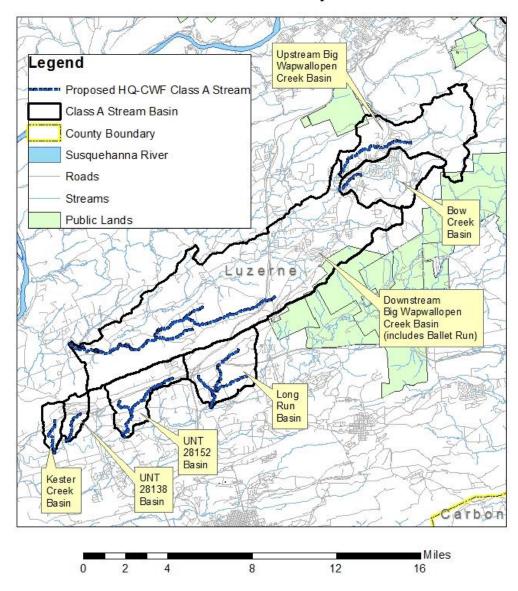
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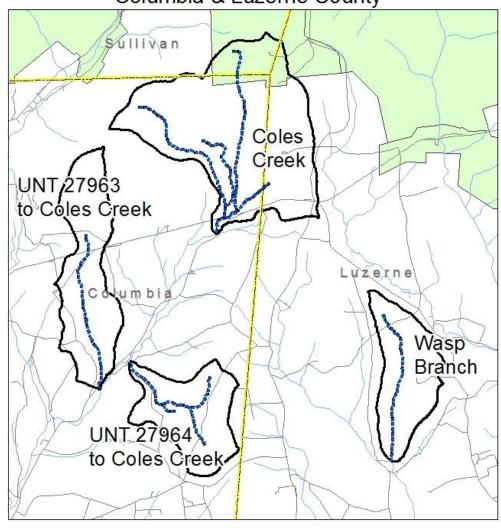
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#### Legend

Proposed HQ-CWF Class A Stream

Class A Stream Basin

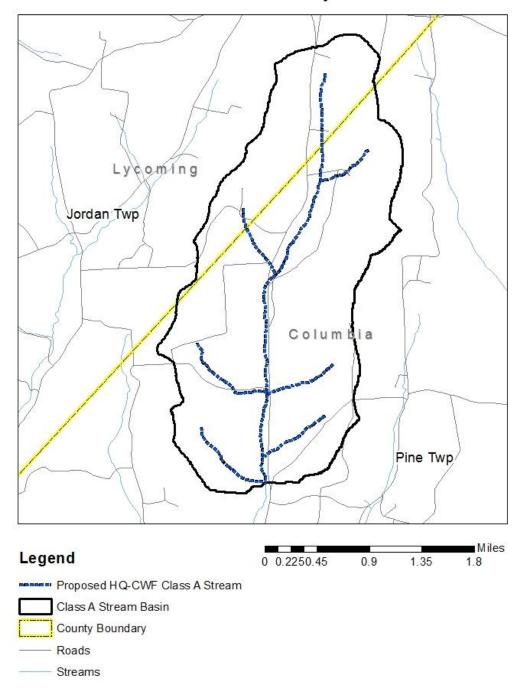
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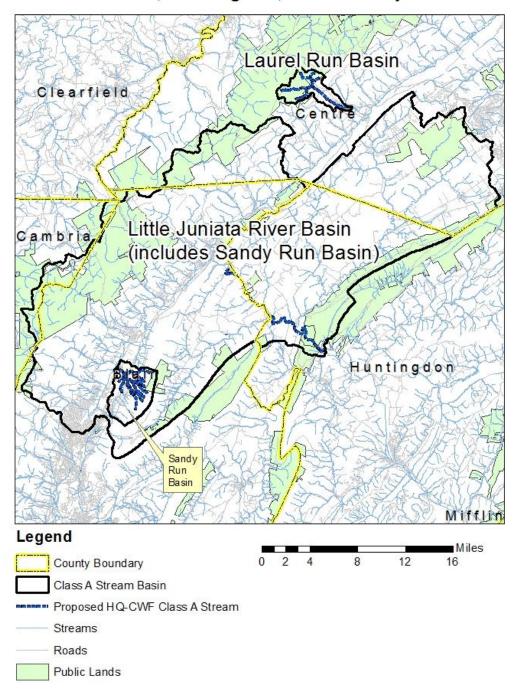
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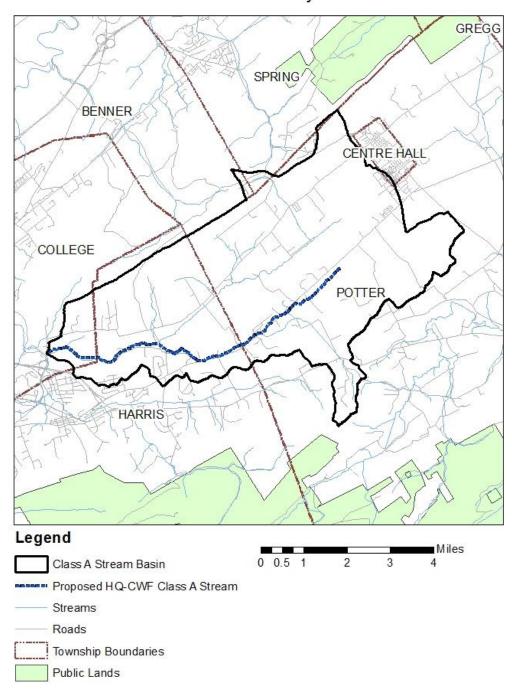
Lick Run Columbia County



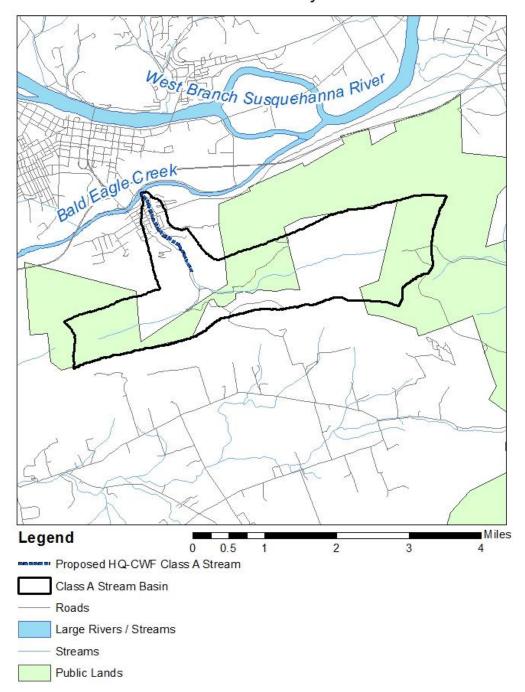
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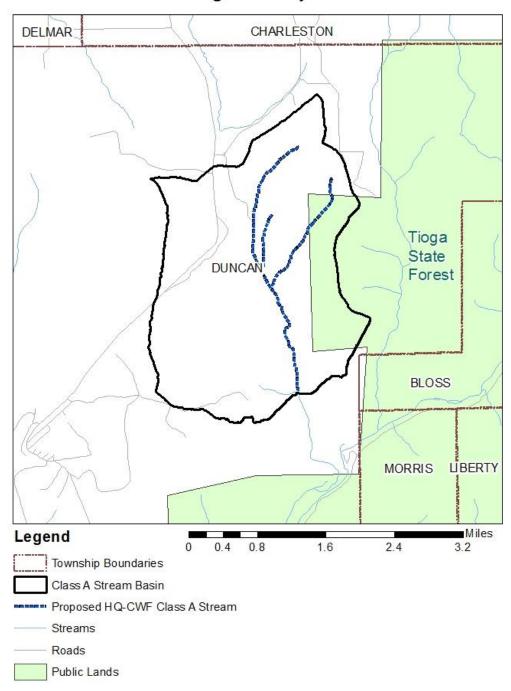
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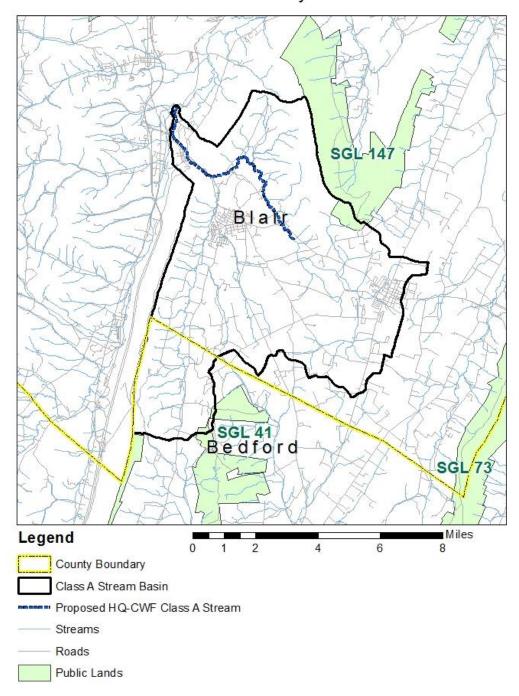
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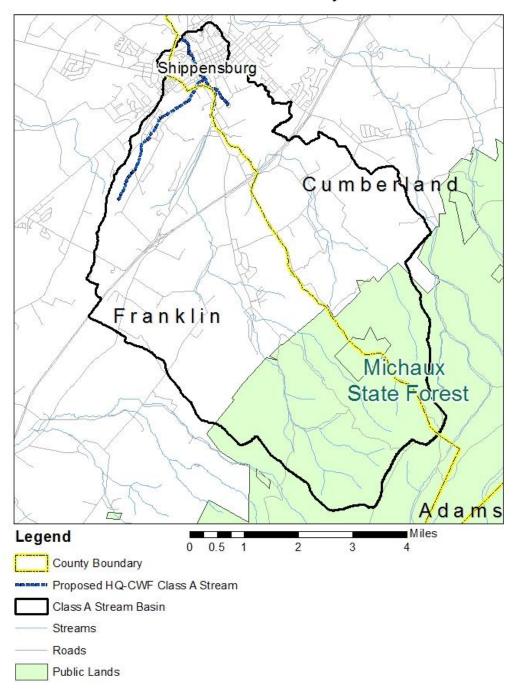
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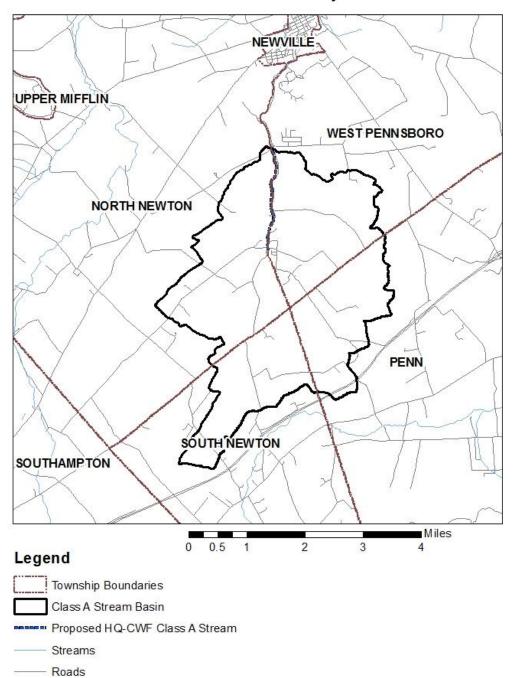
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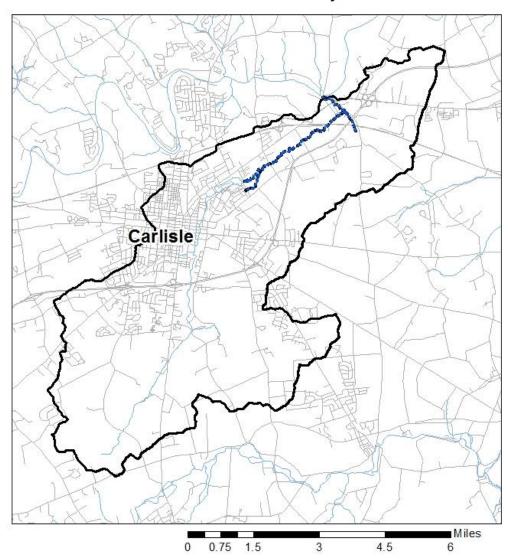
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# Big Spring Creek Cumberland County



# Letort Spring Run Cumberland County



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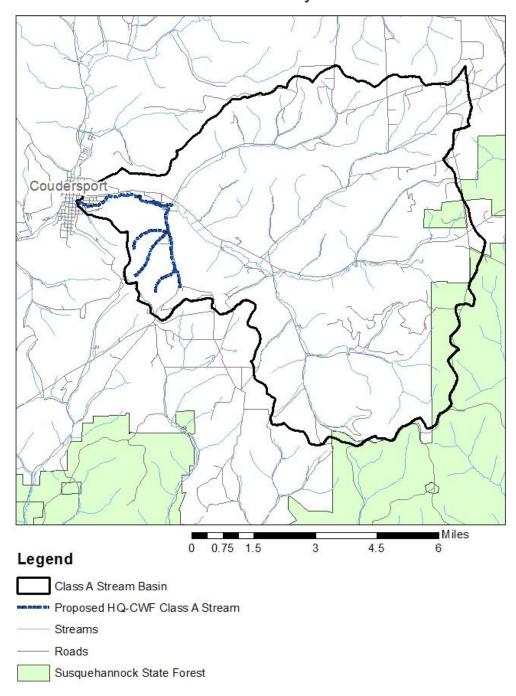
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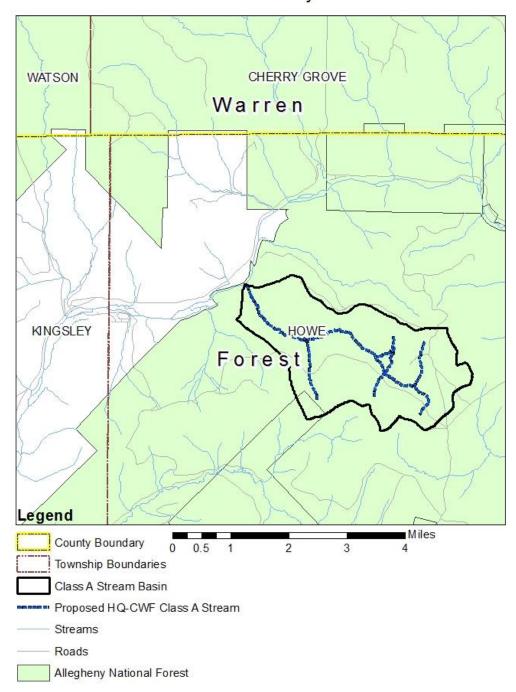
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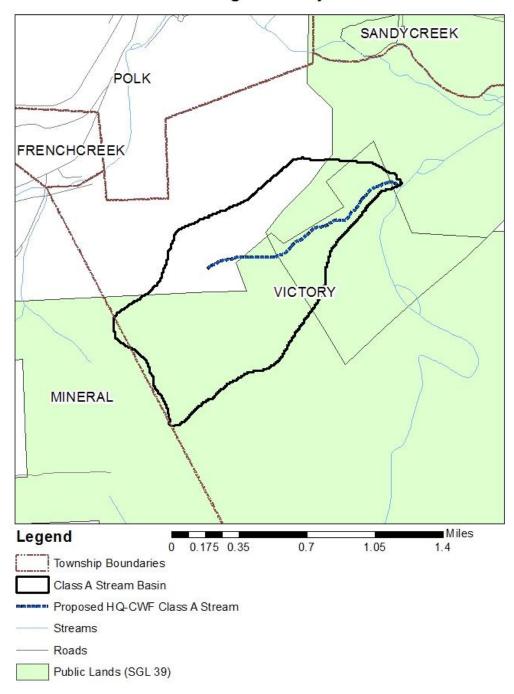
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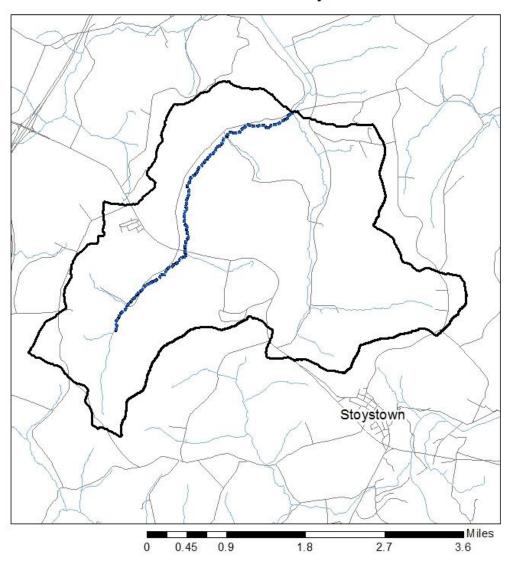
# Logan Run Forest County



Bear Run Venango County



Higgins Run Somerset County



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## UNT 44808 to Freeman Run Westmoreland County

