

Citizens Advisory Council

to the Department of Environmental Protection

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Dear Mr. Dawes:

Thank you for your letter expressing concern for the state of the Susquehanna River and requesting that the Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) address the various issues raised by the PA Fish and Boat Commission (F&BC) regarding water quality and water quantity as well as the aquatic habitat in general.

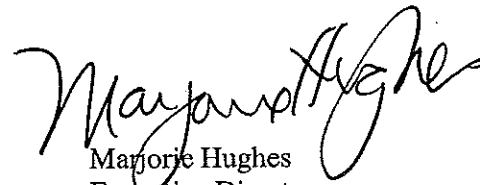
The F&BC attended the May 15th Council meeting and provided an overview of their concerns. Department of Environmental Protection representatives also attended and responded to specific questions from Council regarding 303d listing and impaired designation.

The CAC Water Committee has been tasked with continuing to follow this important issue. The Council agreed that additional scientific investigative work is needed to identify the cause of the water quality problems in the Susquehanna. It appears that there may be multiple causes which will require a dynamic strategy outside the traditional investigative approach. Once the cause is determined an appropriate control or mitigation strategy must be designed and implemented.

Council supports the Fish and Boat Commission in their effort to collect and analyze pertinent scientific data. Council supports Department of Environmental Protection efforts to preserve, protect and if necessary restore water quality in the Susquehanna River. Council encourages the Department to continue to share its expertise with the Fish and Boat Commission as they seek to solve this complicated water quality concern. It is our intent to also communicate with the General Assembly to support funding for further research by the Fish and Boat Commission.

Sincerely,


John Walliser
Chairperson


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cc: Mike Kane, Foundation for Pennsylvania Watersheds

