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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



Office of Water Programs

Final Rulemaking: Sobers Run, et al. Stream Redesignations (25 Pa. Code Chapter 93)

Environmental Quality Board Meeting

August 15, 2017

Tom Wolf, Governor

Patrick McDonnell, Secretary

Petitioners

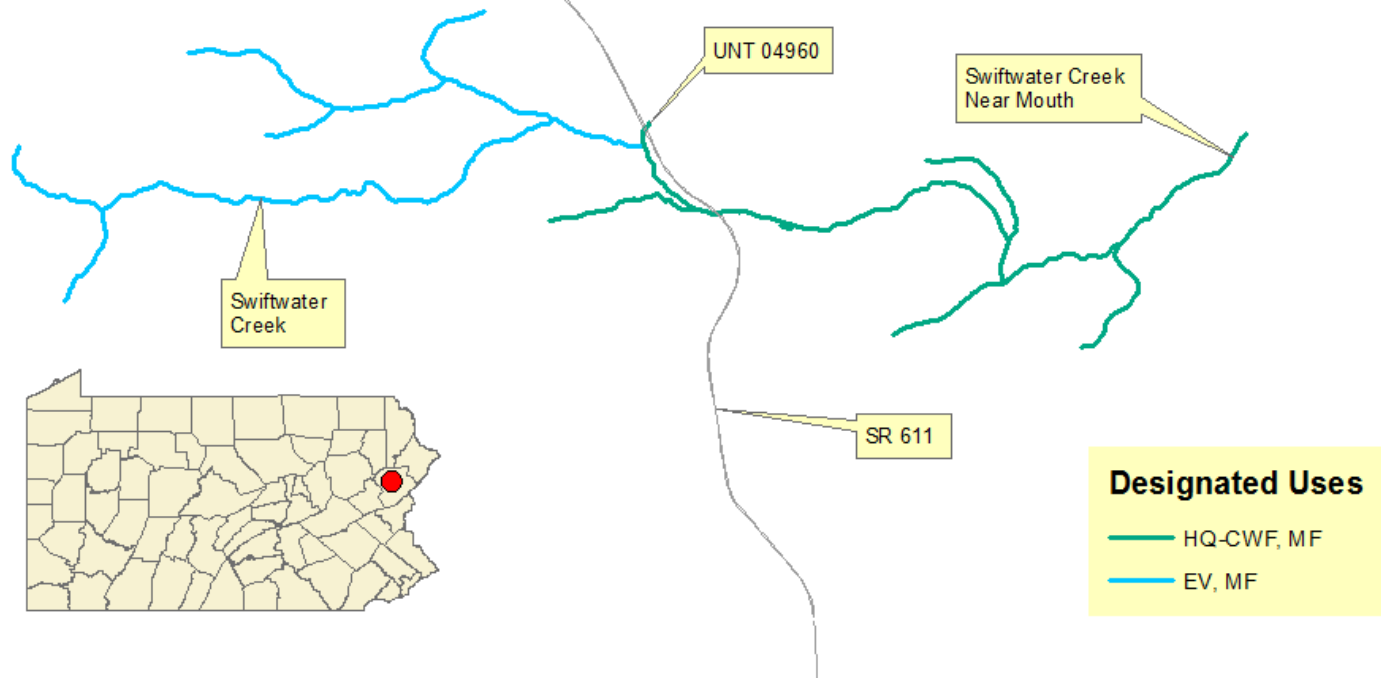
Stream	County	Petitioner
Swiftwater Creek	Monroe	Brodhead Creek Watershed Association
Sobers Run	Northampton	Bushkill Township
Mill Creek	Berks, Chester	Delaware Riverkeeper Network
Silver Creek	Susquehanna	Silver Lake Association

Regulatory Amendments

Stream Name	County	Zone Description	List	Current DU	Requested DU	Recommended DU
Swiftwater Creek	Monroe	Basin, Source to but not including UNT 04960	C	HQ-CWF, MF	EV (<i>Petition requested basin upstream of SR 611.</i>)	EV, MF
Sobers Run	Northampton	Basin	C	HQ-CWF, MF	EV	EV, MF
Mill Creek	Berks	Basin, excluding UNT at 40°14'33.8"N; 75°43'49.6"W	F	WWF, MF	EV (<i>Petition requested entire Mill Creek basin.</i>)	EV, MF
Silver Creek	Susquehanna	Basin, Source to Laurel Lake Creek	I	CWF, MF	EV (<i>Petition excluded Laurel Lake Creek basin, except McCormick Run basin.</i>)	EV, MF
McCormick Run	Susquehanna	Basin	I	CWF, MF		EV, MF
Silver Creek	Susquehanna	Basin, From Laurel Lake Creek to Mouth	I	CWF, MF		EV, MF

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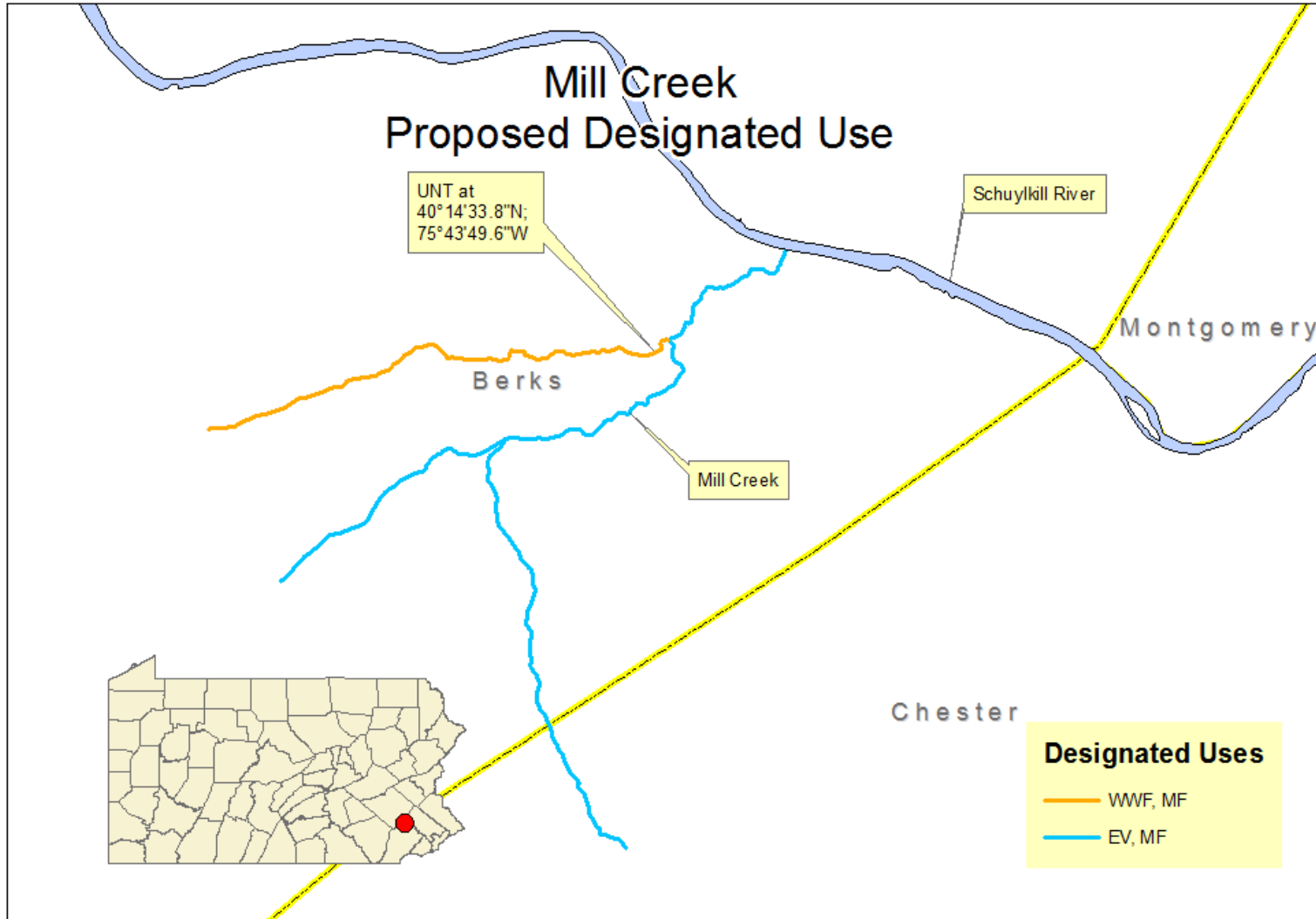
Swiftwater Creek Proposed Designated Use



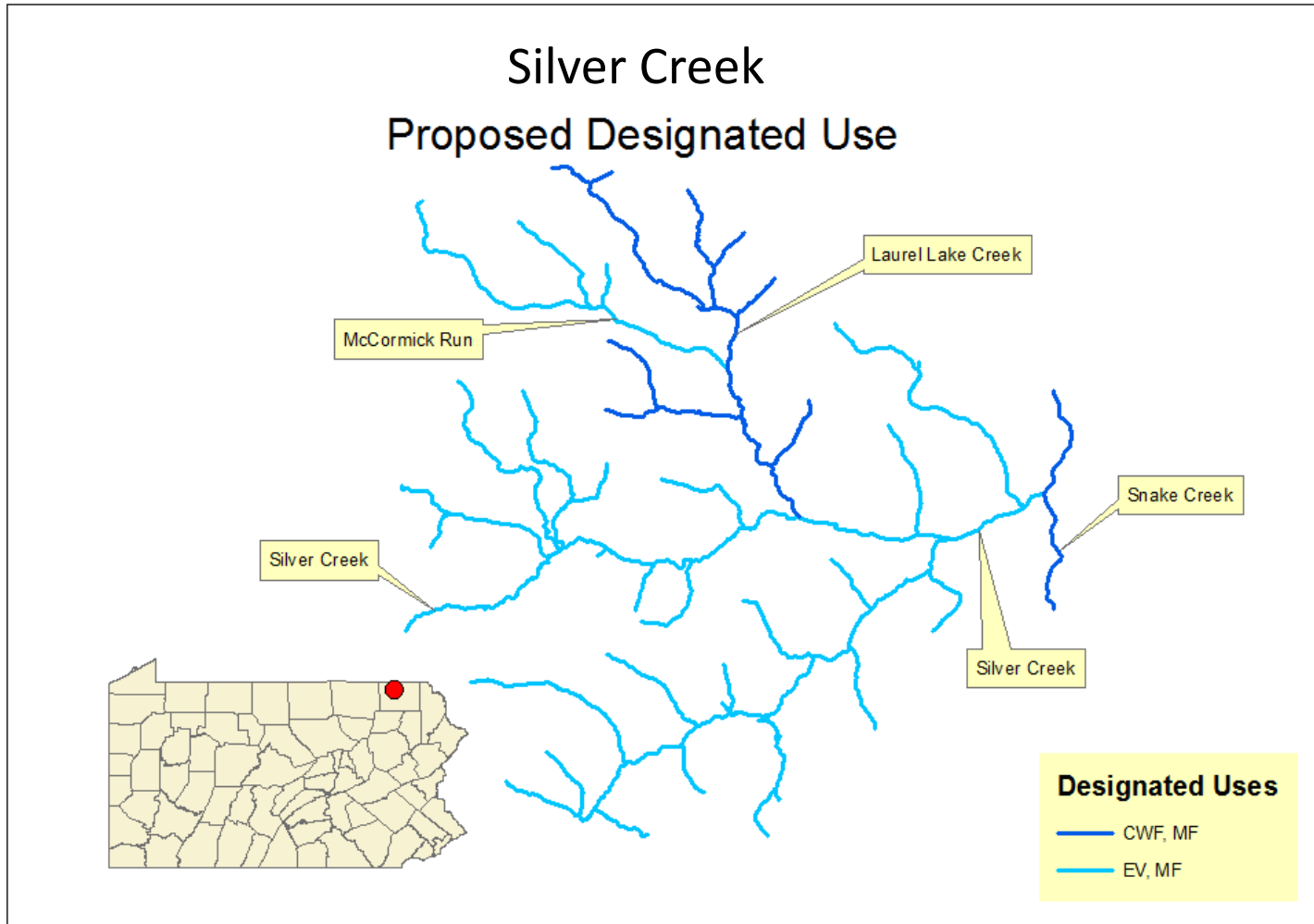
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Corrections (Stream Names)

Proposed Stream Name Corrections that Do Not Affect the Current Designated Use			
Stream	County	List	Proposed Correction
Saw Kill Creek	Pike	C	Sawkill Creek
Raymond Kill	Pike	C	Raymondskill Creek

Implementation

National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)

- Requires effluent limitations that are protective of the designated use (DU).
- Candidate streams are all currently protected at their existing use (EU) (i.e. EV), therefore no impact on existing treatment requirements.
- New or expanding discharges may be subject to more stringent treatment requirements to meet DU and EU.

Affected Parties

Opportunities for Public Participation Prior to Rulemaking

- Notice of intent to assess the streams.
- Availability of a draft evaluation report.

▶ Comments on Proposed Rulemaking

- Adopted by EQB on April 19, 2016.
- Published in PA Bulletin on June 11, 2016 (46 PaB 2970).
- 45-day public comment period ended July 25, 2016.
 - 4 Supportive Comments.
 - IRRC requested amendments to the regulatory analysis form in the final rulemaking.

Recommendations

DEP recommends the adoption of the
Sobers Run et. al Stream
Redesignations final-form rulemaking.



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