## **ADDENDUM**

TO THE

# CLASS A WILD TROUT STREAMS STATEWIDE

## WATER QUALITY STANDARDS REVIEW STREAM REDESIGNATION EVALUATION

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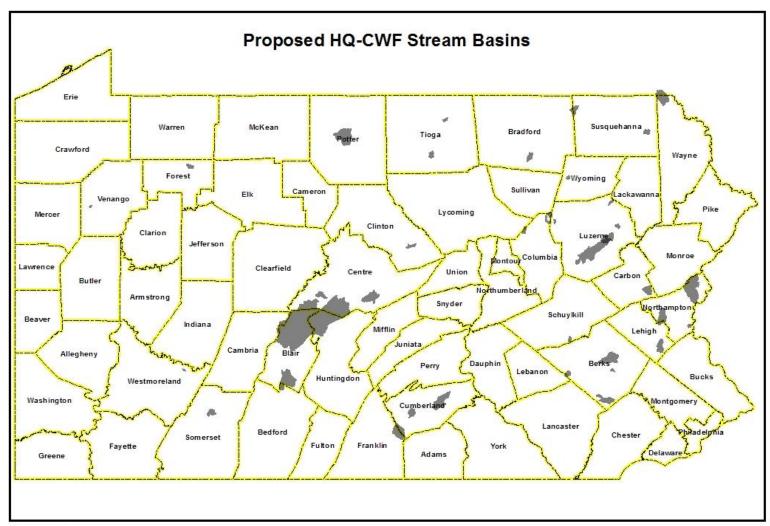
#### **Preface**

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.

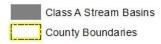
The Environmental Quality Board approved the proposed rulemaking for the Class A Stream Redesignation Package at its November 17, 2015 meeting. On February 23, 2016, the Department submitted a copy of the proposed rulemaking to the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC) and to the Chairpersons 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 Department received 307 supportive comments for the proposed regulatory amendments. Commentators provided many reasons for their support of this rulemaking either for specific stream redesignations included in the rule or for all of the regulatory amendments included in the rule. Commentators highlighted the following: these streams have met the necessary qualification for High Quality; citizens support the redesignation of streams in order to protect all of their uses; redesignations help Pennsylvania meet requirements of the Clean Water Act; redesignations preserve Pennsylvanians' constitutionally protected right to "pure water"; the aquatic biota and the recreational opportunities are supported by the redesignations; economic benefit results from maintaining these resources; trout angling opportunities and the community that engages in angling will be additionally supported by the redesignations; protection of smaller streams promotes the health of the larger watershed; and redesignations protect the water supply. Further, commentators encouraged the Department to continue to be diligent in evaluating other streams that are potential candidates for redesignation and to prioritize the protection of water quality for both those within and outside of this Commonwealth.

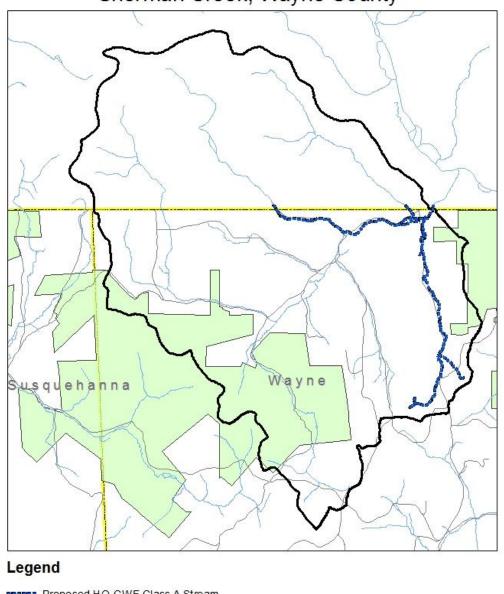
All public comments were supportive of the proposed regulatory amendments. IRRC also submitted comments requesting amendments to the regulatory analysis form (RAF) for the final-form rulemaking. The RAF was amended accordingly and is included as part of the final-form rulemaking package. Further, IRRC 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 comment and response document that also accompanies the final-form rulemaking package.

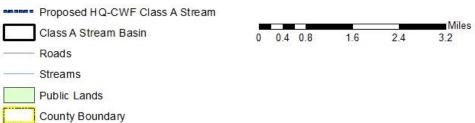


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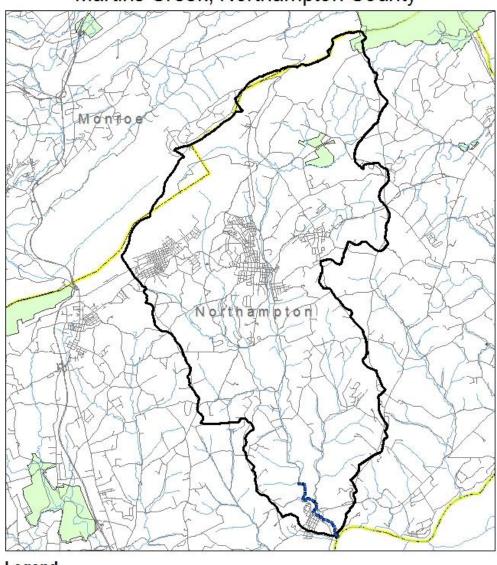






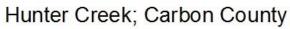


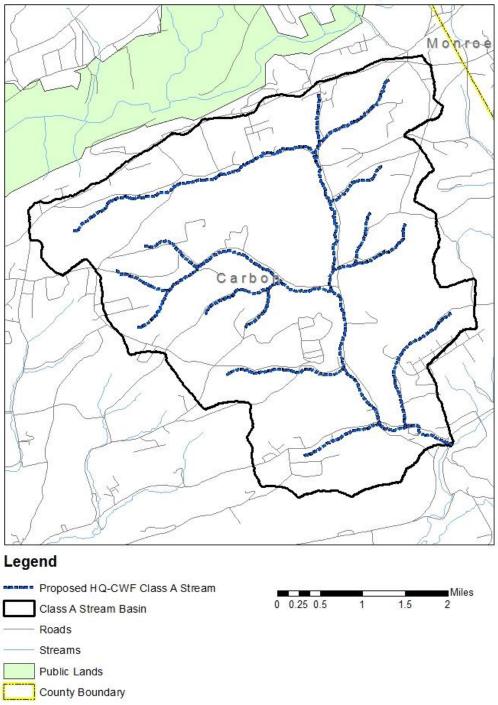
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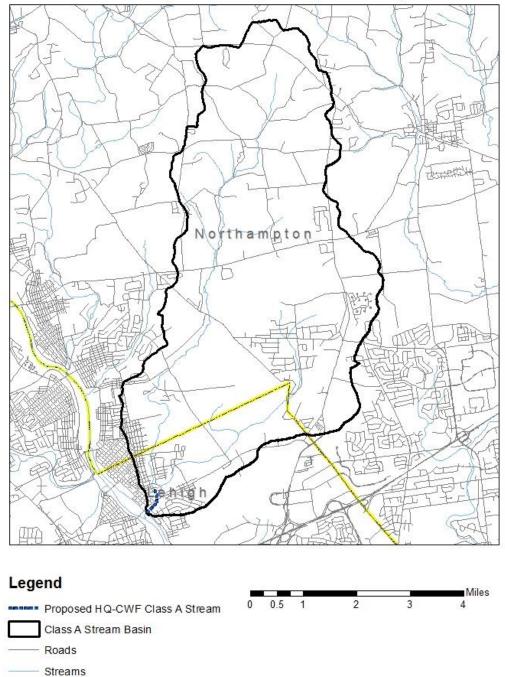
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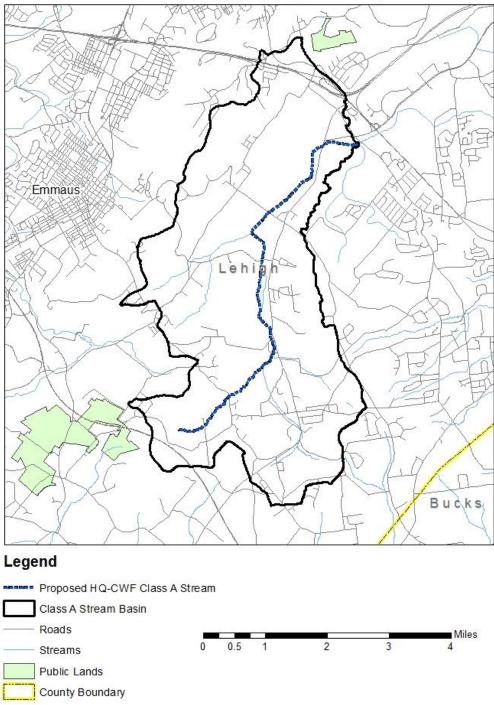




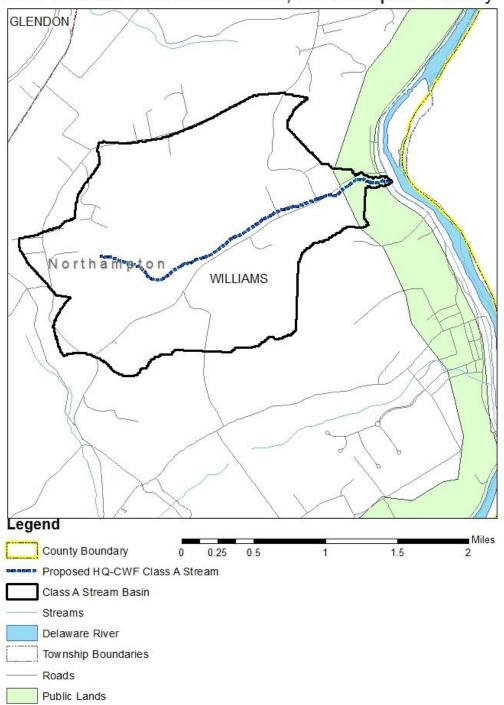


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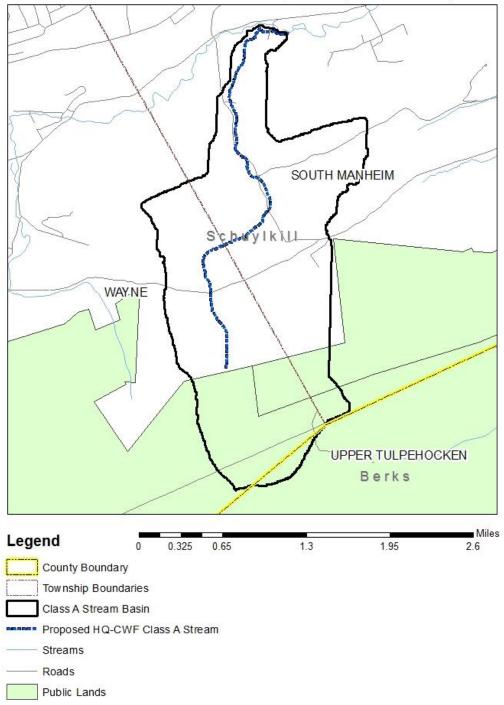




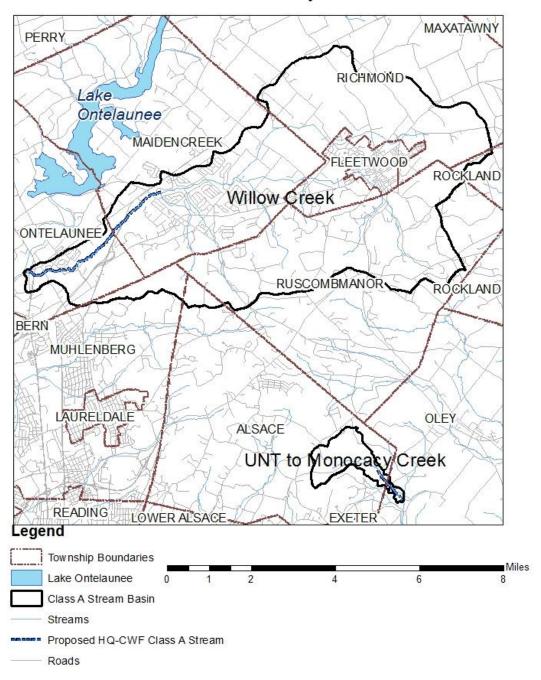




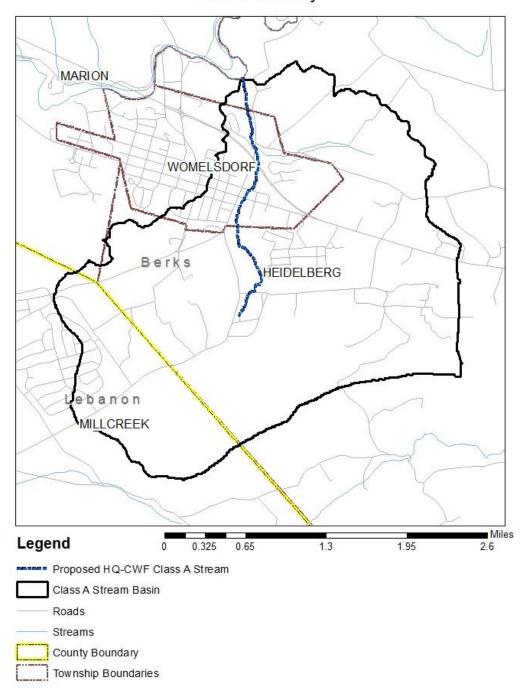




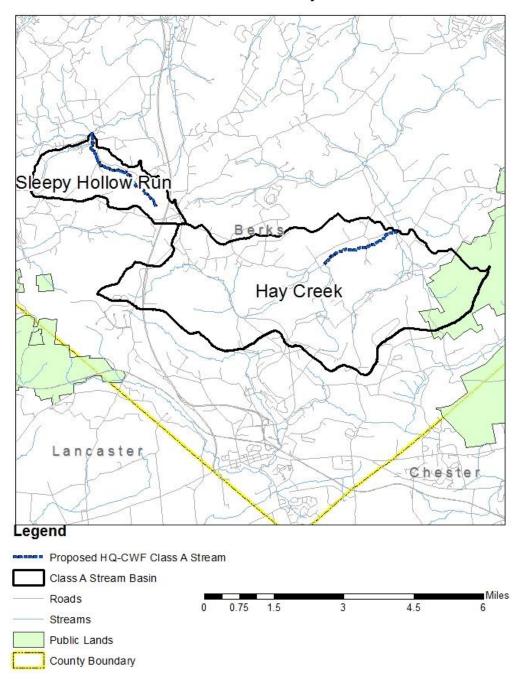
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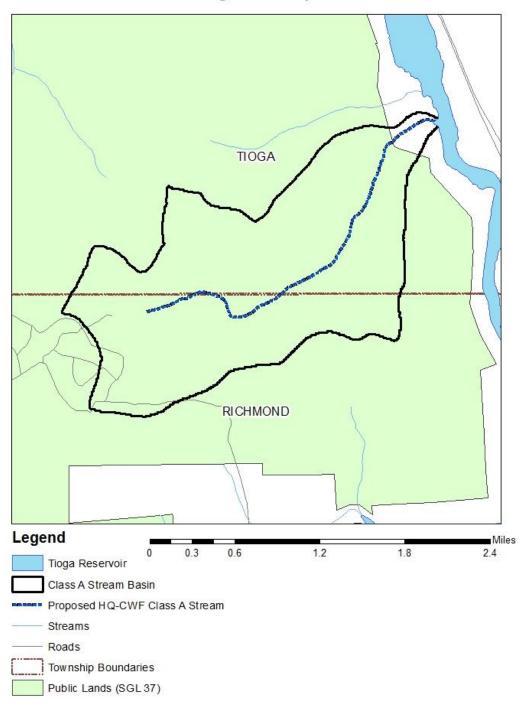
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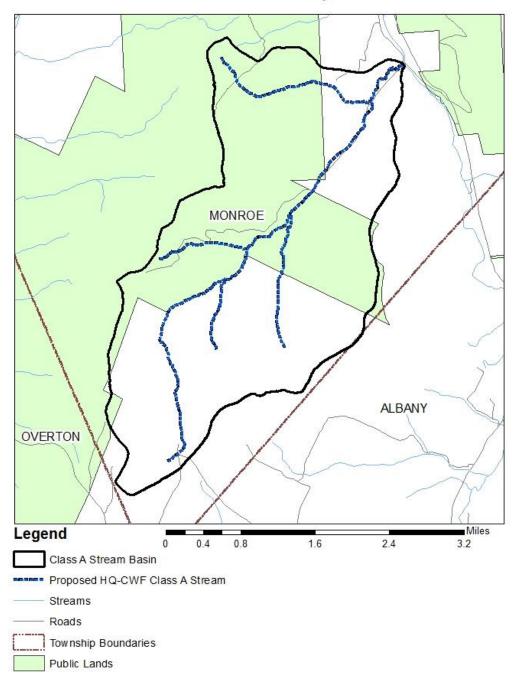
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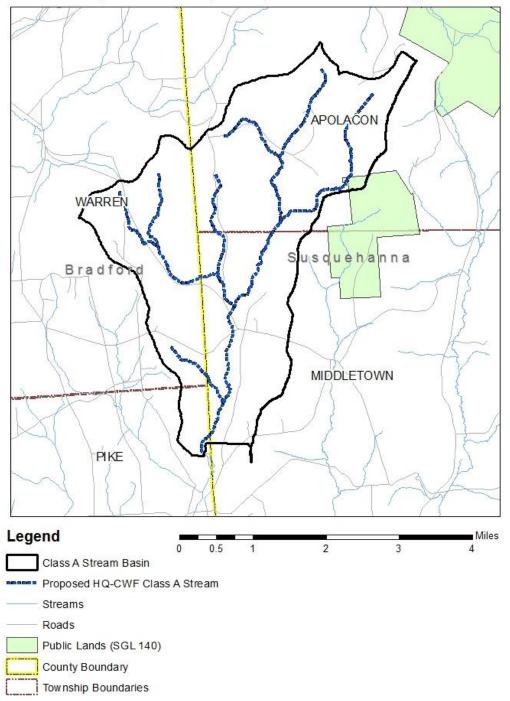
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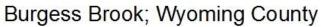


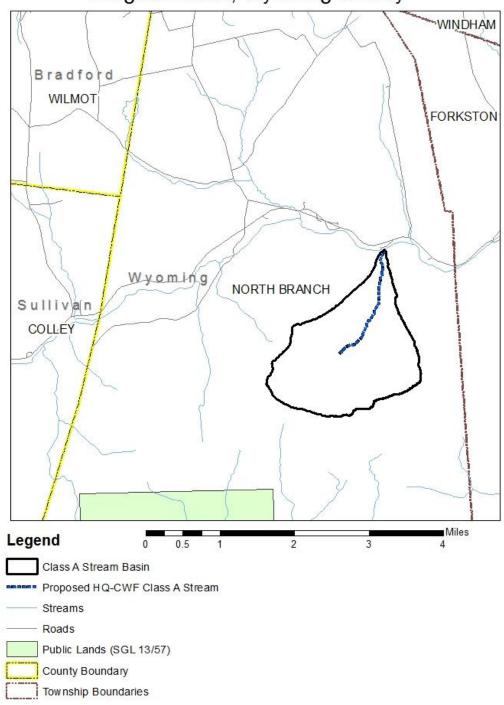
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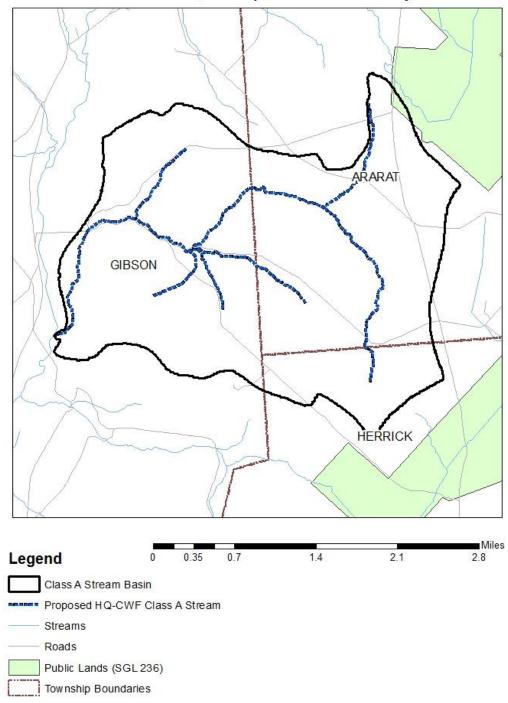
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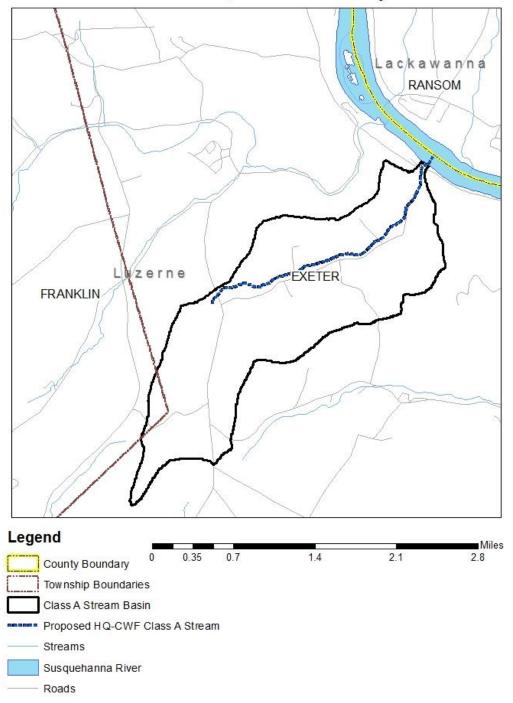




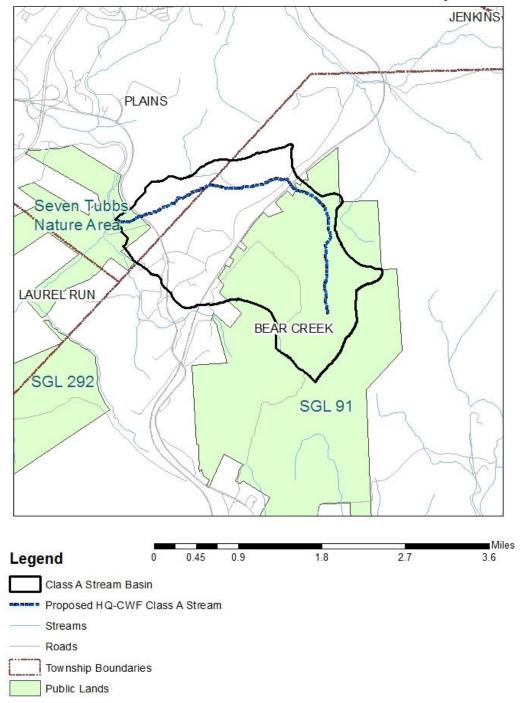
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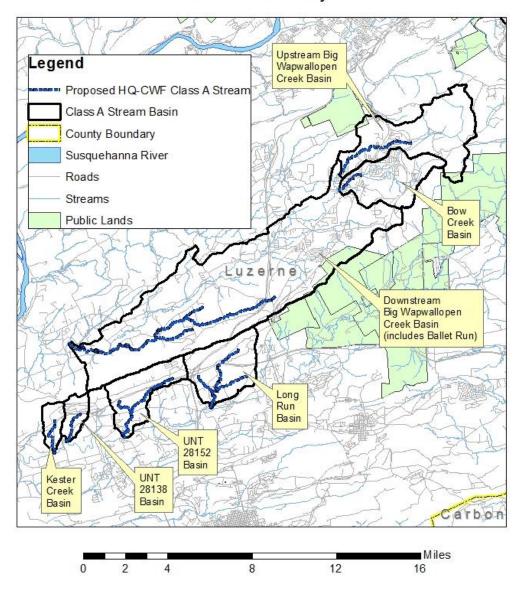
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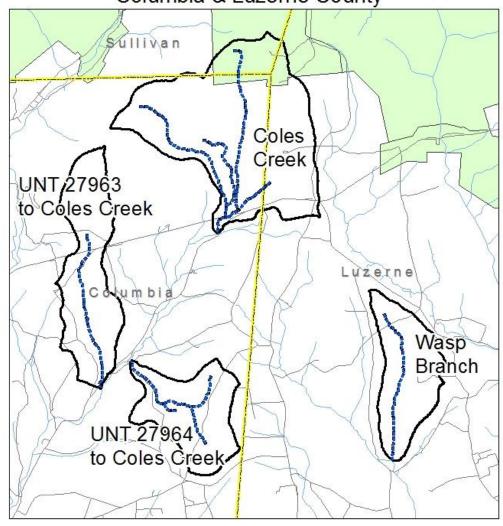
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Proposed HQ-CWF Class A Stream

Class A Stream Basin

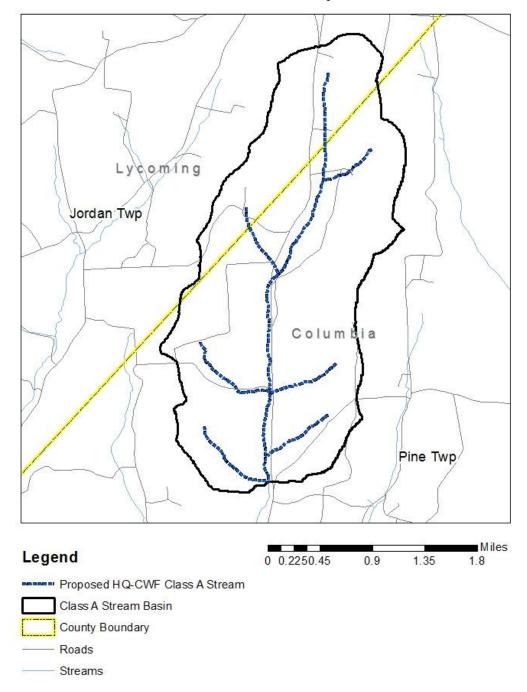
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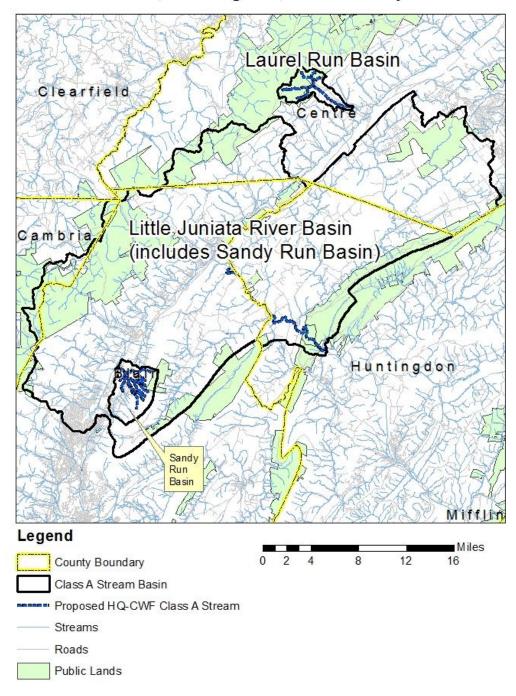
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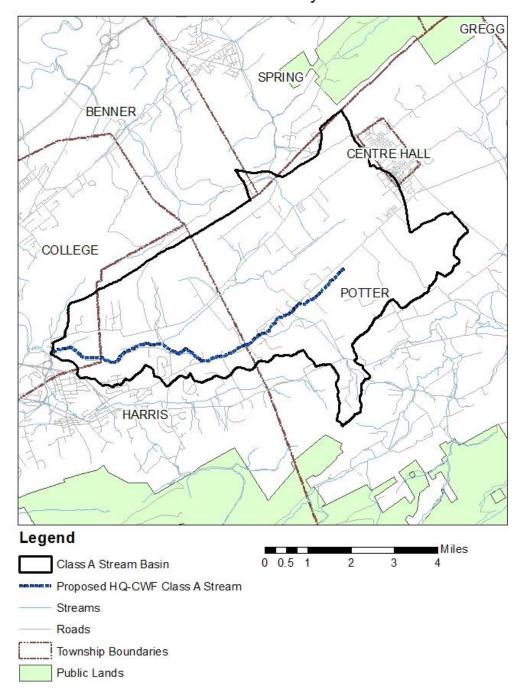
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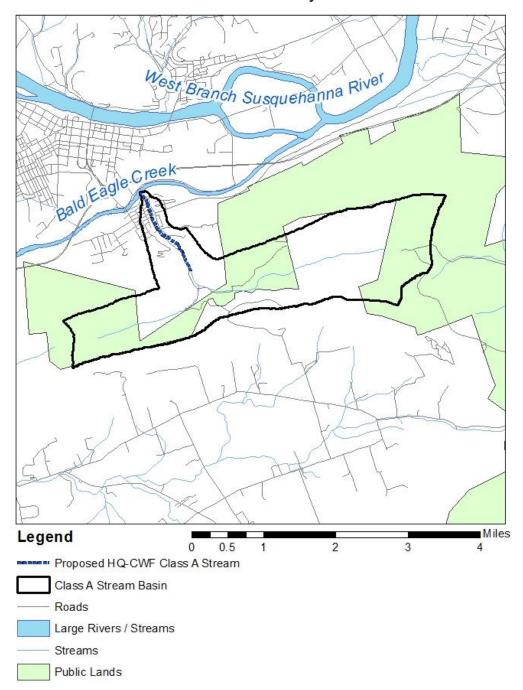
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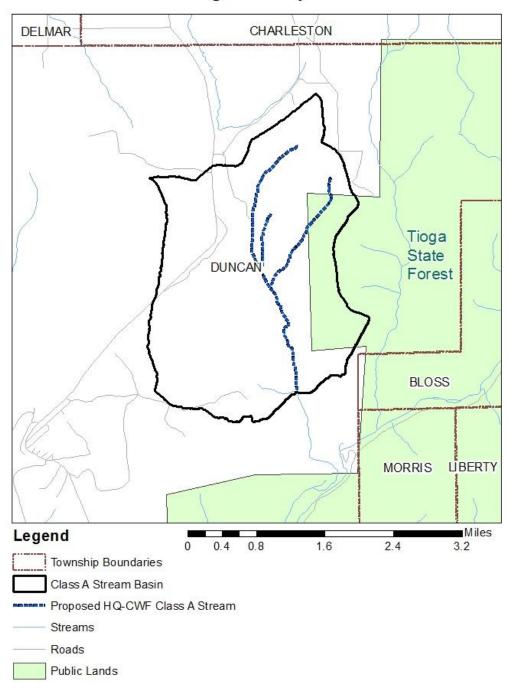
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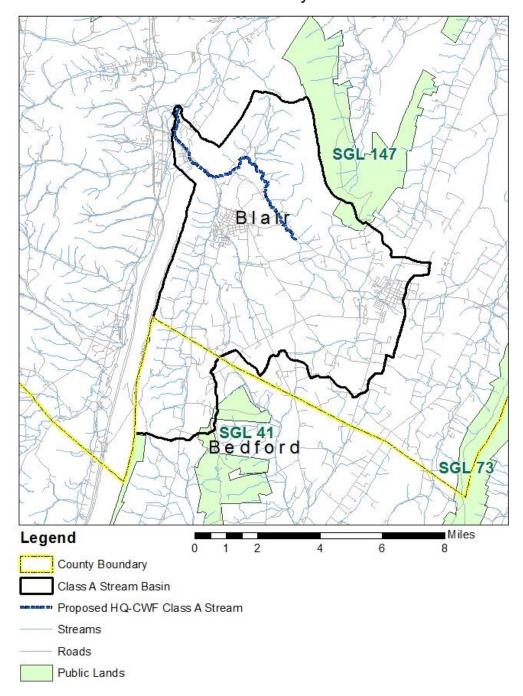
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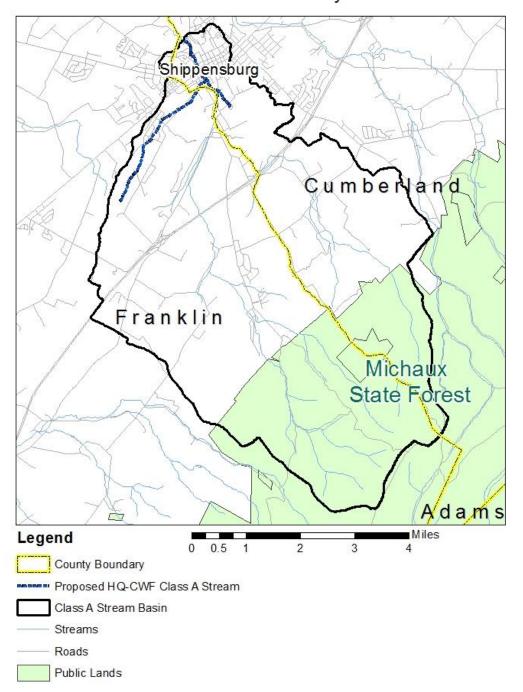
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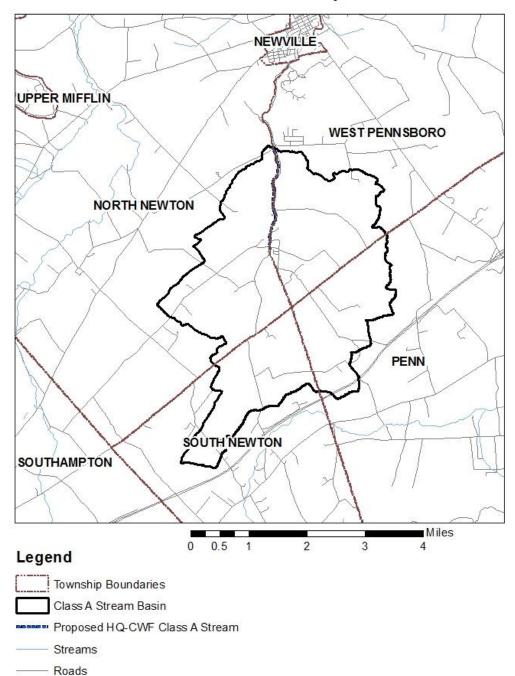
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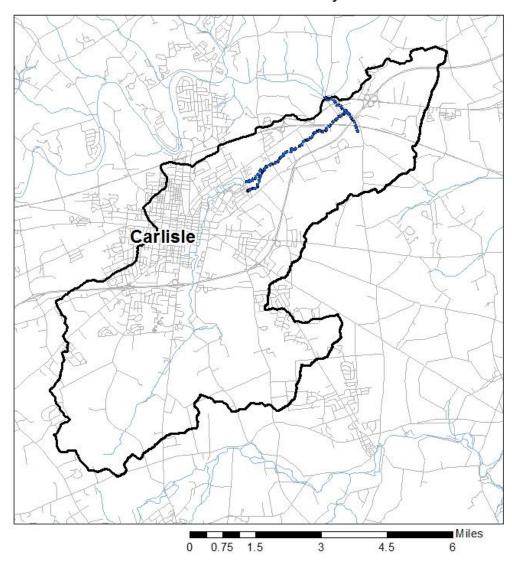
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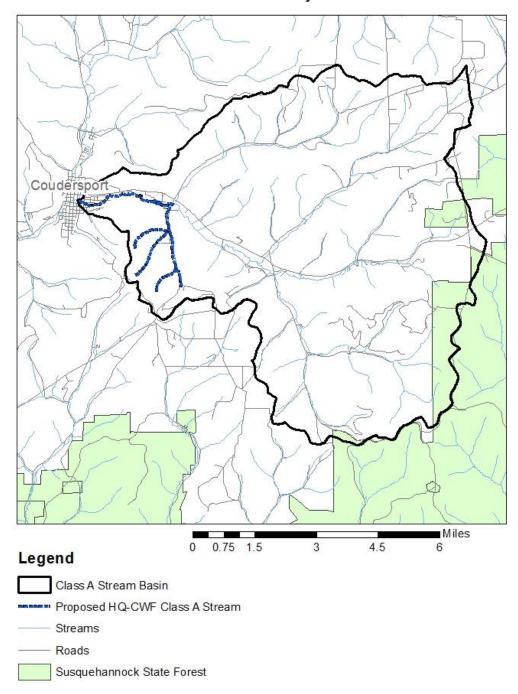
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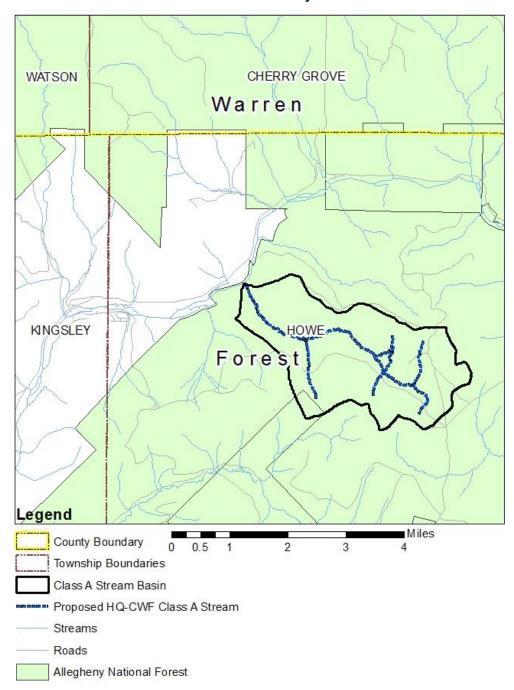
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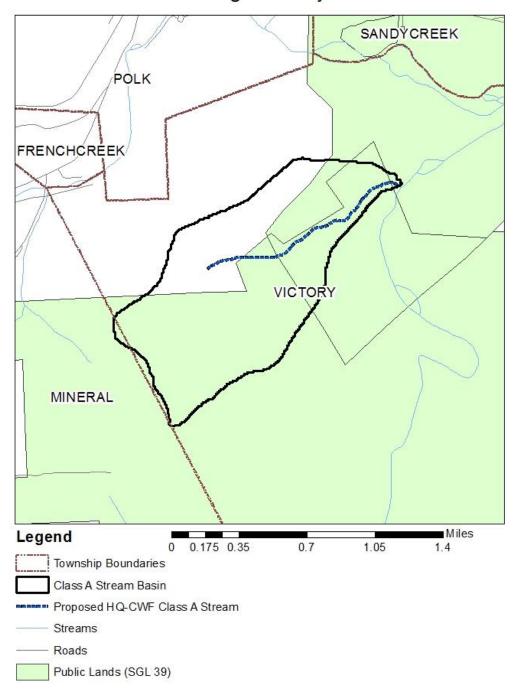
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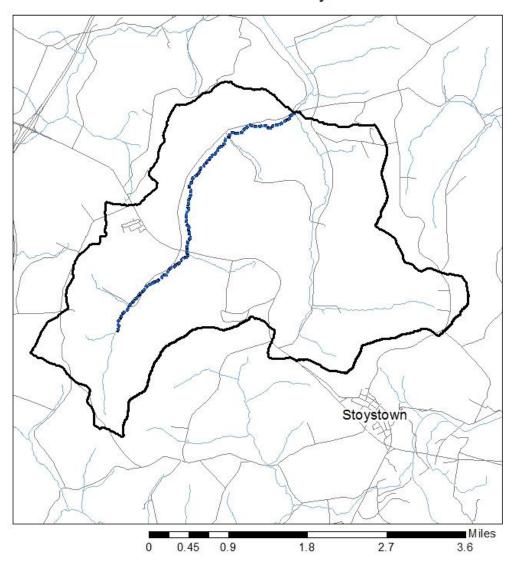
## Logan Run Forest County



Bear Run Venango County



Higgins Run Somerset County



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## UNT 44808 to Freeman Run Westmoreland County

