

Shades Creek, Luzerne County Stream Redesignation Petition

Petitioners:

Delaware Riverkeeper Network, Natural Lands,
North Pocono Citizens Alert Regarding the Environment

Environmental Quality Board
12/9/2025



Stream Petition Contents

Petitioner Provides:

- Petitioner Information
- Requested action (to amend a regulation)
- Justification for requesting action
- Who/What entities will be affected by this regulation change?
- Is current litigation involved?
- Stream redesignation information
- Water basin description

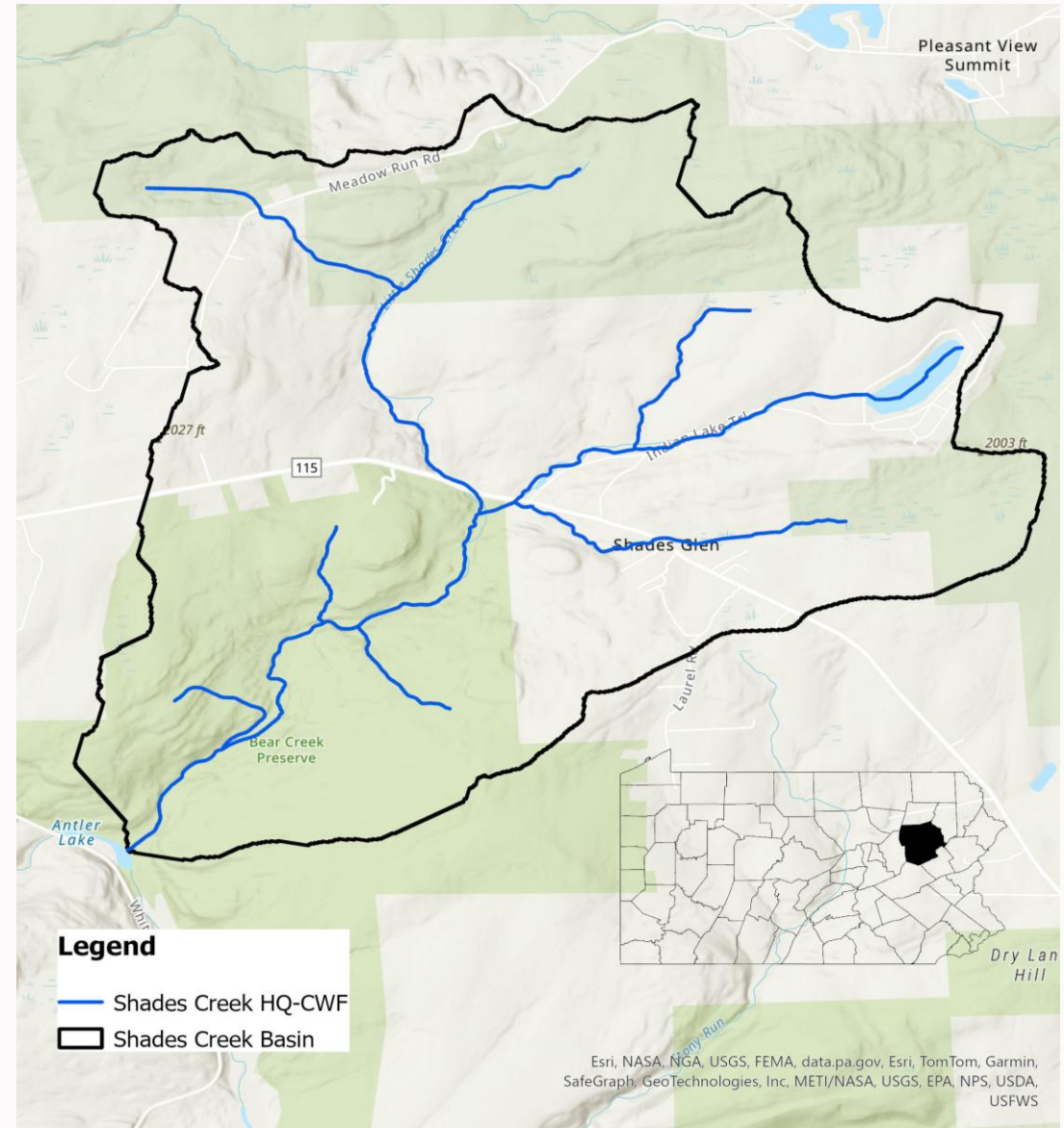
Stream Redesignation Process

- Submit petition to EQB via Policy Office
- Completeness review
- Present to EQB for consideration
- If accepted by EQB for further study:
 - Department conducts evaluation; file search; and public information request



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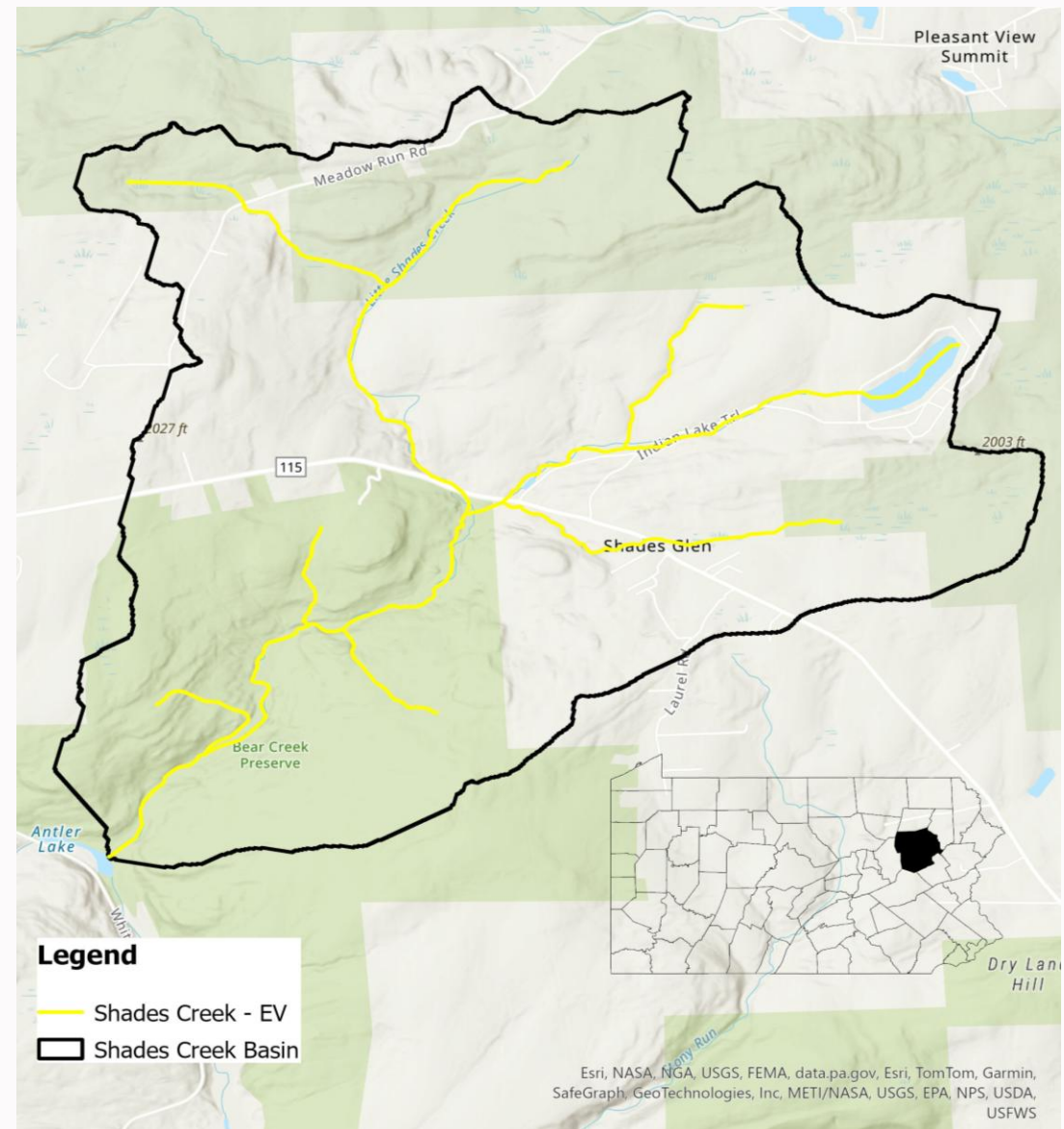
Current Designation: HQ-CWF





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Proposed Designation: EV



Basis of the Petition

- Petitioners submitted the petition on October 15, 2025.
- Water quality data was provided in support of the petition for Shades Creek.
- The petitioner believes an evaluation of the petitioned stream will qualify it for Exceptional Value redesignation.



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Department Findings and Recommendation

- Petition is complete
 - Information requirements have been met as defined in § 23.2 of the EQB petition policy
- This redesignation request does not conflict with federal law
- The Department recommends the acceptance of the Shades Creek petition for further study.

Questions?

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