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DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

TO: Secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection
P.O. Box 2063
Harrisburg, PA 17105-2063

RE: PETITION FORM FOR THE RE-DESIGNATION OF A SEGMENT OF THE
BRODHEAD CREEK, MONROE COUNTY, PA

Please find enclosed the completed Environmental Quality Board Petition Form 0120-FM-PY0004 for the re-designation of a segment of the Brodhead Creek in Monroe County, PA.

Enclosed are letters of support from all three of the affected municipalities in the proposed segment for re-designation. Also included are letters of support from the Monroe County Conservation District; Pocono Mountain Bluestone Company; Parkside Angling Association; Brodhead Flyfishers, LLC; and Brodhead Forest and Stream Association.

Additional letters of support for the petition will be forthcoming.

Thank you for the Boards consideration of this Petition.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Brodhead Watershed Association at:
executive@brodheadwatershed.org ; and 570-839-1120.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the BWA Board of Directors:

Alexander Jackson, PhD
Executive Director



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July 11, 2022

Brodhead Watershed Association
Attention: Alexander Jackson, PhD, Executive Director
P. O. Box 339
Henryville, PA 18332 USPS & email: alex@brodheadwatershed.org

RE: Petition to Re-Designate a segment of the Brodhead Creek to exceptional value (EV)

Dear Alex,

On behalf of the Stroud Township Board of Supervisors, and by their official approval on July 5, 2022, I'm writing this letter of support to re-designate segment of Brodhead Creek, from its confluence with Paradise Creek to its headwaters on Middle Branch, from current high quality designation to exceptional value. Enclosed herewith is a map depicting the subject segment.

Please contact me if you have any questions about the Board's action regarding this matter.

Sincerely yours,

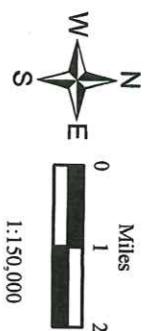
Daryl A. Eppley, Manager/Treasurer
Stroud Township

Enclosure

cc: Stroud Township Supervisors
 Todd Weitzmann, Supervisors' Solicitor
 Fallon Horan, Open Space Coordinator, MCPC (via email)
 Correspondence file

**BWA PETITION TO
RE-DESIGNATE A
SEGMENT OF THE
BRODHEAD CREEK**

MONROE COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA



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County Boundaries

Arterial Roads

EV Streams

HQ Streams

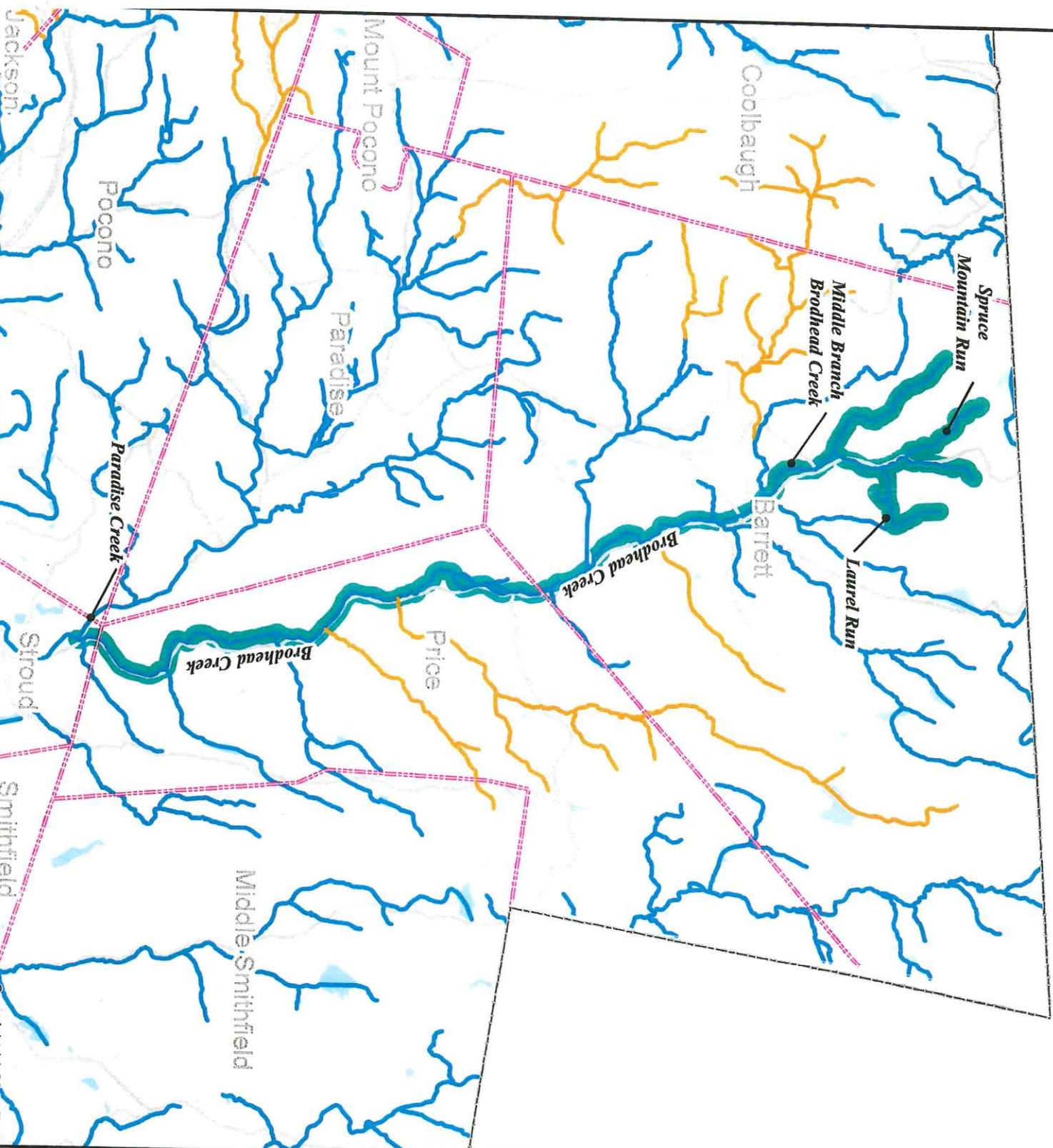
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DATE August 17, 2022

Brodhead Watershed Association

PO Box 339

Henryville PA 18332

On behalf of the PAICE Twp BOS, and by the official vote of approval on 8/17/22. The SEC is writing this letter of support for the Brodhead Watershed Association's petition to re-designate the Brodhead Creek from its confluence with the Paradise Creek, to its headwaters of the Middle Branch (map attached) from High Quality Waters (HQ) to Exceptional Value Waters (EV).

Recent water quality data, including macroinvertebrate, water chemistry, and fish studies suggest that water quality in the segment of Brodhead Creek, and Middle Branch headwaters under BWA's petition compares favorably to that in Pennsylvania's EV designated waters. The entire Brodhead is popular for kayaking, canoeing, hiking, bird watching, fish and game, etc. Downstream the Brodhead provides a major source of exceptional drinking water provided by Brodhead Creek Regional Authority.

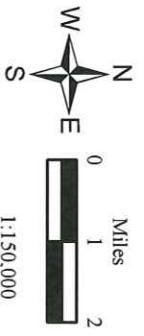
An exceptional value (EV) designation of this segment of the Brodhead Creek impacts the overall welfare of the watershed and will improve overall stewardship efforts. The Board offers their support for this effort.

Sincerely Yours,

Rebekah Mashee

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MONROE COUNTY
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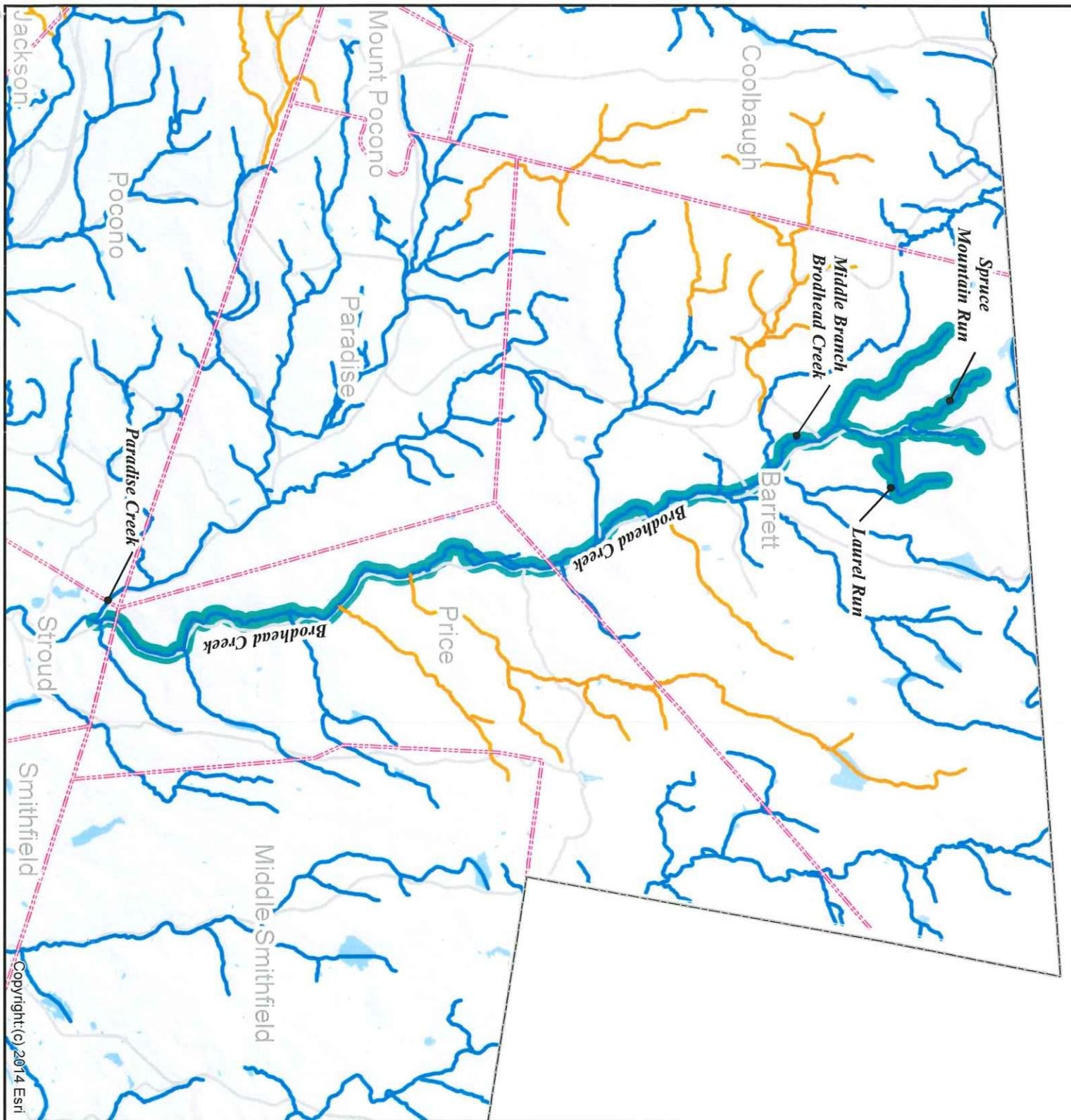
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August 15, 2022

Brodhead Watershed Association
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Henryville PA 18332

On behalf of the Barrett Township Board of Supervisors, I am writing this letter in support of the Brodhead Watershed Association's petition to re-designate the Brodhead Creek from its confluence with the Paradise Creek, to its headwaters of the Middle Branch (map attached) from High Quality Waters (HQ) to Exceptional Value Waters (EV).

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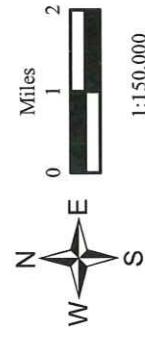
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pamela Gardsy".

Pamela Gardsy, Chairman
Barrett Township Board of Supervisors

BWA PETITION TO RE-DESIGNATE A SEGMENT OF THE BRODHEAD CREEK

MONROE COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA



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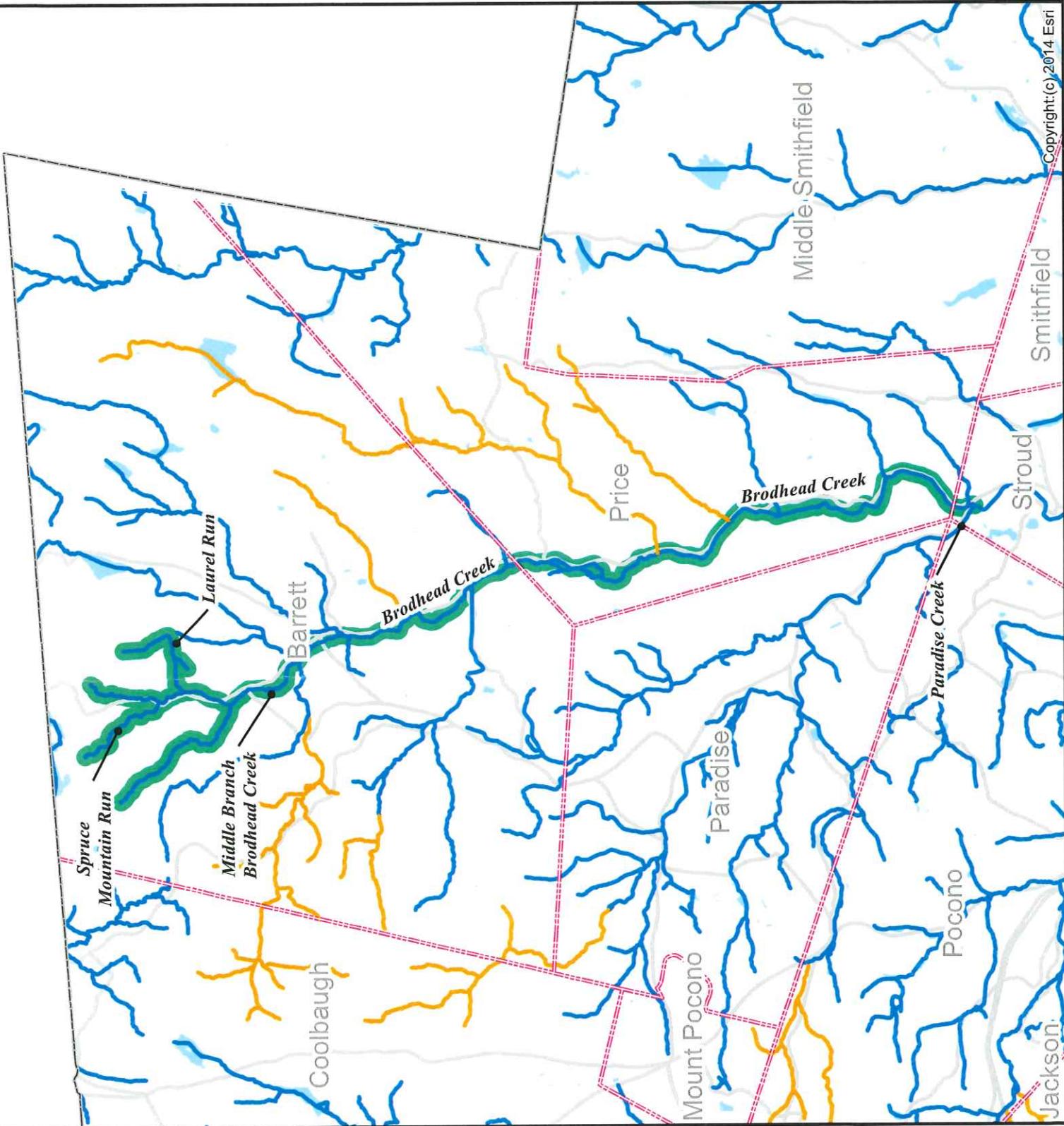
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July 2022

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July 27, 2022

Brodhead Watershed Association
PO Box 339
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On behalf of the Monroe County Conservation District Board of Directors, and by their official motion on July 21, 2022, I'm writing this letter of support for the Brodhead Watershed Association's petition to re-designate the Brodhead Creek from its confluence with the Paradise Creek, to its headwaters of the Middle Branch (map attached) from High Quality Waters (HQ) to Exceptional Value Waters (EV).

Recent water quality data, including macroinvertebrate, water chemistry, and fish studies suggest that water quality in the segment of Brodhead Creek, and Middle Branch headwaters under BWA's petition compares favorably to that in Pennsylvania's EV designated waters. The entire Brodhead is popular for kayaking, canoeing, hiking, bird watching, fish and game, etc. Downstream the Brodhead provides a major source of exceptional drinking water provided by Brodhead Creek Regional Authority.

An Exceptional Value (EV) designation of this segment of the Brodhead Creek impacts the overall welfare of the watershed and will improve overall stewardship efforts. The District offers our support for this effort.

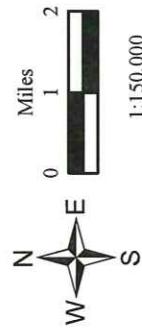
Sincerely Yours,

Kristina Heaney

District Manager
Monroe County Conservation District
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Stroudsburg, PA 18360
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Phone: 570-629-3060

BWA PETITION TO RE-DESIGNATE A SEGMENT OF THE BRODHEAD CREEK

MONROE COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA



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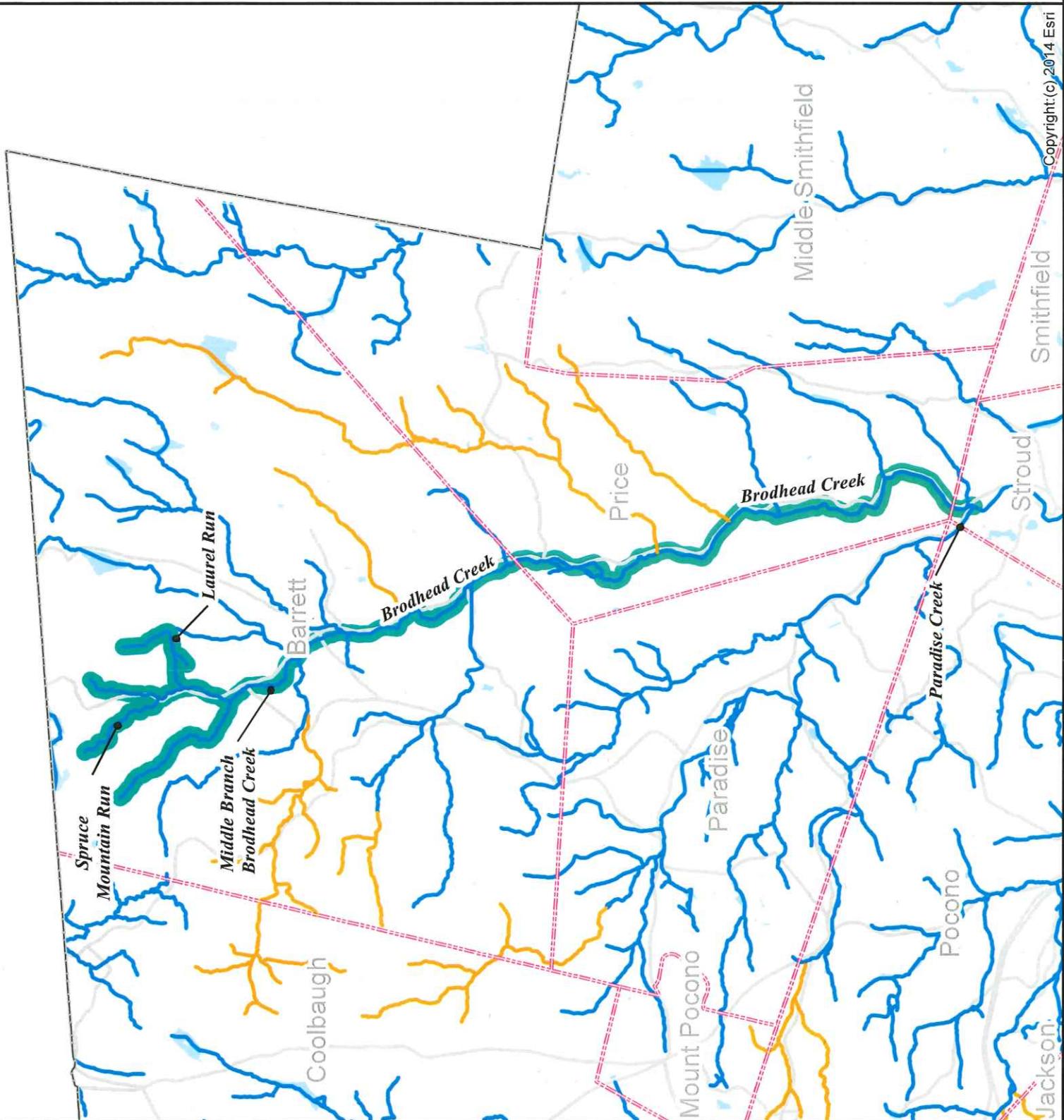
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Brodheads Forest and Stream Association
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East Stroudsburg, PA 18301

July 8, 2022

Brodhead Watershed Association
1539 Cherry Lane Road
East Stroudsburg, PA 18360

Don Baylor
521 Quail Ridge Lane
Stroudsburg, PA 18360

Re: Petition for Upgrade of Section of Brodhead Creek

To Whom It May Concern:

With the unanimous consent of our forty members, Brodheads Forest and Stream Association ("BFSA"), a conservation and fishing club in Monroe County, submits this letter to support the Petition of the Brodhead Watershed Association ("BWA") For The Upgrade Of A Section Of Brodhead Creek in Monroe County (the "Petition").

BFSA, founded in 1929, is the owner of 1200 acres of undeveloped woodland and streamside property along Routes 447 and 191 in Monroe County, Pennsylvania. One and one-half miles of the section of Brodhead Creek that is the subject of the Petition flows through and over BFSA property.

We support the Petition because we appreciate that the Brodhead Creek-wild trout fishery, above the junction with Paradise Creek, is among the finest (if not the very best) of freestone, wild trout fisheries in the eastern United States. We also appreciate that many other freestone stream systems in the eastern United States, that once supported wild trout fisheries, have suffered from neglect or indifference and been degraded to the extent that wild trout are no longer able to survive in those waters. Wild trout fisheries are indicative of healthy and robust waterways. As such, the Brodhead Creek drainage represents a remarkable achievement of natural preservation.

The details in the Petition: the analysis of this section of Brodhead Creek's water quality, its biota, woodlands and wildlife habitat, depict an extraordinary natural resource. Surrounding local communities reside in its beautiful environs. Regional and more distant communities benefit from its provision of water supply, and the opportunity for those who would visit- to fish, hunt, hike, or relax and enjoy natural places.

The members of BFSA consider the Brodhead Creek drainage to be a natural resource of local, regional, and even national significance. We are encouraged to know that protections of water quality that are applied to one section of a waterway result in natural benefits that extend

both upstream and downstream of those protections. Therefore, we strongly back the Petition which we believe will secure the preservation of Brodhead Creek's exceptional water quality and promote the well-being of the human and natural communities that live within its geography.

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly with any questions or if there is anything BFF can do to advance the success of the Petition.

BWA may submit this letter with the Petition and share this letter with others.

BRODHEAD FOREST & STREAM ASSOCIATION

By: /s/ Doug Swift
Its: President
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(215) 510-3948

July 7, 2022

Brodhead Watershed Association
1539 Cherry Lane Road
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Don Baylor
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Stroudsburg, PA 18360

Re: Petition for Upgrade of Section of Brodhead Creek

To Whom It May Concern:

Pocono Mountain Bluestone Company (PMBCO) submits this letter to express its unqualified support for the Petition of Brodhead Watershed Association ("BWA") For The Upgrade Of A Section Of Brodhead Creek in Monroe County (the "Petition").

PMBCO, all the shares of which are owned by the Ferenbach family, is the owner of approximately 300 acres of undeveloped woodland and streamside property along Route 447 in Monroe County, Pennsylvania. Approximately one mile of Brodhead Creek that is the subject of the Petition flows through PMBCO property.

PMBCO holds title to lands that have been conserved by the Ferenbach family for over 100 years. To assure the continuity of that commitment, in 2018 PMBCO granted a conservation easement over all its property in Monroe County to Natural Lands Trust, an organization that, among other things, is active in protecting the drinking water of the Delaware Watershed, with the further assistance of the Pocono Heritage Land Trust.

PMBCO supports the Petition because our shareholders understand and appreciate that the upper reaches of Brodhead Creek are among the finest wild trout fisheries in the eastern United States and the preservation of that resource depends on exceptional water quality as well as good fisheries management. We respectfully submit that the protection of this unique resource benefits not just our shareholders but also the entire region and the citizens of the Commonwealth.

PMBCO strongly supports the Petition and urges the requested status change be granted based on the evidence presented and for the reasons stated in the Petition.

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly with any questions or if there is anything PMBCO can do to advance the success of the Petition.

You may submit this letter with the Petition and share this letter with others at your discretion.

POCONO MOUNTAIN BLUESTONE COMPANY

By: /s/ Gregory Ferenbach
Its: Vice President and Treasurer
202-365-4780
gregferenbach@gmail.com

Parkside Angling Association
37 Hedges Avenue
Chatham, New Jersey 07928

July 12, 2022

Brodhead Watershed Association
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Don Baylor
521 Quail Ridge Lane
Stroudsburg, PA 18360

Re: Petition for Upgrade of Section of Brodhead Creek

To Whom It May Concern:

Parkside Angling Association (PAA) submits this letter to express its strongest possible support for the Petition of Brodhead Watershed Association ("BWA") For The Upgrade Of A Section Of Brodhead Creek in Monroe County (the "Petition").

PAA is the owner of almost five miles streamside property on both sides of the Brodhead Creek along Route 447 in Monroe County, Pennsylvania.

The Petition should be granted for the numerous reasons stated in the Petition.

PAA and its members support the Petition because they understand and appreciate that the Brodhead Creek wild trout fishery above the junction with Paradise Creek is among the finest (if not the very best) of freestone stream wild trout fisheries in the eastern United States.

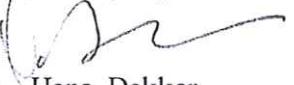
As set forth in the Petition, the Brodhead's water quality and its biology are exceptional natural resources for surrounding local communities, those who fish recreationally, and the public generally. The Brodhead and its high quality wild reproducing trout deserve the reclassification and protections that the Petition seeks, so that they may continue to exist as such -- for the benefit of local and downstream communities and surrounding natural habitats that all rely on the Brodhead's exceptional water quality.

In short, PAA, a conservation-minded organization with over 125 years of active stewardship of the Brodhead Creek, supports the Petition wholeheartedly and without any reservation.

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly with any questions or if there is anything PAA can do to advance the success of the Petition.

BWA may submit this letter with the Petition and share this letter with others.

Parkside Angling Association

By: 
Hans Dekker
Its: Vice-Chair
hdekker@cfnj.org
973-769-6437

Brodhead Flyfishers, LLC
P.O. Box 199
Durham, Pennsylvania 18039

July 5, 2022

Brodhead Watershed Association
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East Stroudsburg, PA 18360

Don Baylor
521 Quail Ridge Lane
Stroudsburg, PA 18360

Re: Petition for Upgrade of Section of Brodhead Creek

To Whom It May Concern:

Brodhead Flyfishers, LLC ("BFF") submits this letter to express its strongest possible support for the Petition of Brodhead Watershed Association ("BWA") For The Upgrade Of A Section Of Brodhead Creek in Monroe County (the "Petition").

BFF is the owner of over 180 acres of undeveloped woodland and streamside property along Route 447 in Monroe County, Pennsylvania. Over a mile of the section of Brodhead Creek that is the subject of the Petition flows through and over BFF's property.

The Petition should be granted for the numerous reasons stated in the Petition.

BFF and its members support the Petition because they understand and appreciate that the Brodhead Creek wild trout fishery above the junction with Paradise Creek is among the finest (if not the very best) of freestone stream wild trout fisheries in the eastern United States.

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In short, BFF - - as a conservation-minded organization and significant landowner in the portion of the Brodhead watershed covered by the Petition - - supports the Petition wholeheartedly and without any reservation.

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly with any questions or if there is anything BFF can do to advance the success of the Petition.

BWA may submit this letter with the Petition and share this letter with others.

BROADHEAD FLYFISHERS, LLC

By: /s/ Mark S. Chehi
Its: Managing Member
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SECRETARY'S OFFICE

TO: Secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection
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DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

RE: ADDITIONAL LETTERS OF SUPPORT FOR THE PETITION TO RE-DESIGNATION OF A SEGMENT OF THE BROADHEAD CREEK, MONROE COUNTY, PA

Please find enclosed letters of support from the Monroe County Planning Commission; Natural Lands; Dr. Paul Wilson, East Stroudsburg University; and the Brodhead Creek Regional Authority.

Thank you for the Board's consideration of this Petition.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Brodhead Watershed Association at: executive@brodheadwatershed.org ; and 570-839-1120.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the BWA Board of Directors:

Alexander Jackson, PhD
Executive Director
Brodhead Watershed Association

I am writing in support of the Brodhead Watershed Association Exceptional Value (EV) petition for a segment of the upper Brodhead Watershed. I am a professor and freshwater ecologist at East Stroudsburg University. I've been working with freshwater ecosystems since my college days in the 1980s. Brodhead Creek has been a focus of my research and teaching for more than a decade.

I'm currently working on the segment of the Brodhead indicated in the petition as part of the Delaware River Watershed Initiative, although my research reach predates the DRWI. These activities have required regular acquisition of aquatic data. Collection of this data has been supplemented using continuous in stream data loggers at various points. Data has been collected at a variety of sites including the Paradise Price Preserve, Brodhead Forest and Stream Association and Brodhead Hunting and Fishing Association. In my experience the quality of the creek in terms of habitat, biological indicators, chemical and physical parameters is exemplary.

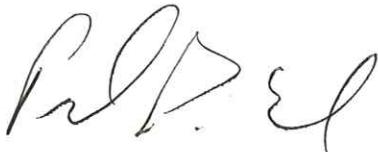
The indicated reach of the Brodhead has been an unparalleled teaching laboratory for my Stream Ecology class and a resource for undergraduate researchers. My class currently takes two field trips to the Brodhead Forest and Stream Association property to collect data as part of a semester long research project. This site serves as an example of an "ideal" freestone riffle-run creek section. Prior to working with BF&SA I took the class to the Paradise Price Preserve. While this site is more distant from ESU, it remains one of my favorite teaching and sampling sites due to the amazing abundance and diversity of macroinvertebrates at this site. I should also note that the section of the creek above the confluence with the Paradise has been the focus of numerous undergraduate research projects.

I have had the privilege of working with some of the hunting and fishing clubs on this reach of the Brodhead. I have found them to be absolutely committed to conservation and to the education of students and the public. They are good stewards of the Brodhead Watershed. I have also benefitted from working at the Paradise-Price Preserve, a beautiful bit of protected land purchased through greenspace initiative. Protection of this section of the creek will not only benefit those that live in this section of the watershed but those that live downstream as well. Protecting the headwaters has a direct positive impact on downstream waters.

While much of the land in this part of the watershed is protected, there are still threats to water quality. Degradation of this reach would negatively impact many stakeholders. But given my area of expertise, I will focus on the loss to science and education. In several of my research projects, the Brodhead represents a nearly pristine system to which other systems can be compared when considering conservation or restoration. If it is allowed to degrade this utility will be lost. Also, as noted, it is an ideal outdoor classroom and the site of undergraduate research. If the system is allowed to degrade both uses will be negatively impacted. Such an occurrence may require abandoning the Brodhead for another site, if a site of this quality could be found in proximity to ESU.

For the reasons cited above I strongly support the BWA petition to recognize the indicated section of the Brodhead as Exceptional Value (EV).

Respectfully Submitted,



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October 5, 2022

Brodhead Watershed Association
PO Box 339
Henryville PA 18332

On behalf of Natural Lands, I'm writing this letter of support for the Brodhead Watershed Association's petition to re-designate the Brodhead Creek from its confluence with the Paradise Creek, to its headwaters of the Middle Branch (map attached) from High Quality Waters (HQ) to Exceptional Value Waters (EV).

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Natural Lands owns the Zimmer Preserve and holds two conservation easements along this stretch of the Brodhead. An Exceptional Value (EV) designation of this segment of the Brodhead Creek would help augment our conservation efforts by ensuring that future development in the watershed would maintain the unimpaired water quality of this part of Brodhead Creek. We encourage you to protect the water quality of this stream for generations of Pennsylvania residents and visitors who will benefit from its designation.

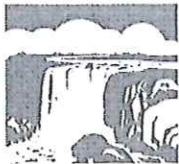
Sincerely Yours,

Ann Hutchinson, FAICP

Senior Director Municipal Planning



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BRODHEAD CREEK REGIONAL AUTHORITY

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September 16, 2022

Mr. Alexander Jackson, PhD – Executive Director
Brodhead Watershed Association
PO Box 339
Henryville PA 18332

Re: Petition to Re-Designate Segment of Brodhead Creek to Exceptional Value Letter of Support

Dear Mr. Jackson,

On behalf of the Brodhead Creek Regional Authority (BCRA) Board of Directors, and by their official vote of approval on September 7, 2022, I am writing this letter of support for the Brodhead Watershed Association's petition to re-designate the Brodhead Creek from its confluence with the Paradise Creek, to its headwaters of the Middle Branch (map attached) from High Quality Waters (HQ) to Exceptional Value Waters (EV).

Recent water quality data, including macroinvertebrate, water chemistry, and fish studies suggest that water quality in the segment of Brodhead Creek, and Middle Branch headwaters under BWA's petition compares favorably to that in Pennsylvania's EV designated waters. The entire Brodhead is popular for kayaking, canoeing, hiking, bird watching, fish and game, etc. Downstream the Brodhead Creek provides a major source of exceptional drinking water provided by BCRA.

An EV designation of this segment of the Brodhead Creek would help to ensure that future development in the watershed would leave the excellent water quality of this part of Brodhead Creek unimpaired. With socio-economic justification, the water quality of Brodhead Creek, and the Middle Branch could be degraded by development under its current High Quality (HQ) Coldwater Fishery designation.

Sincerely,

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Re: MCPC Board Support Letter
BWA Petition to Re-Designate
Upper Brodhead Creek to Exceptional
Value Waters

Dear Dr. Jackson:

As per a motion carried by the Monroe County Planning Commission Board, I am pleased to provide this letter in support of the Brodhead Watershed Association's petition to re-designate the Upper Brodhead Creek from High Quality Cold Water Fishery to Exceptional Value waters.

We at the Planning Commission appreciate the opportunity to provide input in this matter, and are hopeful the petition is successful. Preserving and protecting our water resources is a pillar of our comprehensive plan, and the proposed re-designation would be a strong step forward to implementing its goals.

If you have any questions or if we can be of further service to you, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

Christine Meinhart-Fritz,
Director