

RECEIVED

2005 NOV -7 PM 3:33

WATER QUALITY
REVIEW COMMISSION

10/1/05

MRS. McGINTY;

MY HUSBAND AND I LIVE
 NEXT TO PIPE RUN STREAM. WE
 BRING OUR GRAND CHILDREN UP
 HERE FROM S. JERSEY EVERY
 SUMMER. ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS
 OF THEIR TRIP IS GOING DOWN
 TO THE RUN TO FEED THE FISH.
 NOW, I'M AFRAID IF THE LAND
 FILL IS APPROVED, IT WILL AFFECT
 THE QUALITY OF THE WATER. GREEN
 WATER HAS NO PLACE HERE.
 IF THIS STREAM IS PUT ON THE
 PRISTINE LIST IT WILL HELP
 US PRESERVE SOMETHING

THAT IS PURE AND NATURAL.

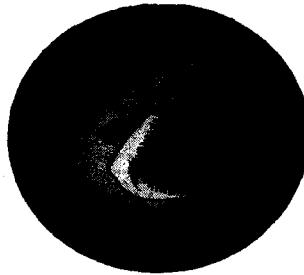
THANK YOU FOR YOUR
TIME AND ANY HELP YOU
MAY BE ABLE TO GIVE.

THANKS AGAIN
KATHLEEN BAILEY
664 PINE BURY
LAJOSE, PA.
15753

Original: 2489

Chest Creek Watershed Alliance

President: Jeff Mulligan
President-elect: Dan Snyder
Treasurer: Albert Bell
Board Members: Donald Sheeders
Richard Rhody
Bill Bruce
Secretary: Suzanne Snyder



Chest Creek Watershed Alliance
392 Glendale Lake Road
Patton, PA 16668

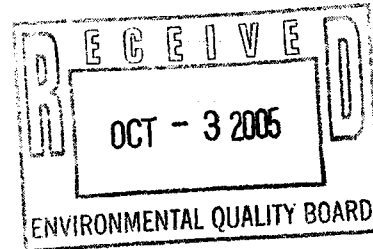
Phone: 674-3718

CCWA

"Because Everyone Lives Downstream"

RECEIVED
2005 OCT - 7 PM 6:55
NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY
ADMISSIONS OFFICE

9/29/2005



Environmental Quality Board
P.O. Box 8477
Harrisburg, PA 17105-8477

To Whom It May Concern:

The Chest Creek Watershed Alliance has been informed that Pine Run, a tributary to Chest Creek, is slated for approval as an Exceptional Value (EV) stream. This is certainly good news and will provide strong added assurance, protective reinforcement, and accountability to maintain this fine water source.

We understand the various negative implications that a proposed landfill adjacent to Pine Run could have on the shared communities within the Chest Creek Watershed. Hopefully, affirming Pine Run's Exceptional Value status will help to prevent the construction of this landfill. We will continue to support and encourage all efforts to improve and protect the Chest Creek Watershed.

Sincerely,

Daniel O. Snyder
President-elect
Chest Creek Watershed Alliance

CC: Carl Michael
Chest Township Concerned Citizens Against Landfills

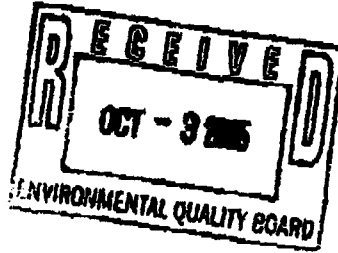
Original: 2489

Date: September 29, 2005

To: Environmental Quality Board
PO. Box 8477
Harrisburg, PA 17105-8477

From: Peter J Nowlan
1393 Municipal Road
Lehigh, PA 18235
570-386-9205

RE: UNT 03876 to Lizard Creek concerning change of designation from TSF to EV



RECEIVED
 OCT 11 11 03 AM '05
 ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD

I would like to commend the Environmental Quality Board and the PA DEP for finally designating this stream property. Although this is just a small stream in East Penn Township, Carbon County, it is the collective protection and restorations of similar small watersheds that will ultimately benefit the Lizard Creek and the Lehigh River.

The approximate mile or so of UNT 03876 meanders through four properties with histories of farming and livestock raising. The evolution of these properties has likely helped in the improvement of the watershed. The upper third of the watershed no longer supports livestock raising, and has active farming that is much more limited with a protected riparian zone that has changed from pasture land to developing woodlands. The middle third of the watershed consists of a farm where the development rights have been obtained by the County. Here, again, a buffer has protected most of the riparian zone of the stream and no significant livestock raising is conducted. The lower third of the watershed is also currently protected by woodlands and limited farming conducted well away from the riparian zone.

The changes over the years in this small watershed seem to model what many of the State and Federal Programs (such as CREEP, Growing Greener in PA, acquisition of development rights, etc.) have actively promoted but often at a significant yet necessary cost to our taxpayers. National environmental groups such as the Nature Conservancy also have strongly advocated the protection of watersheds as a means to maintain the health of our waterways.

All of this leads me to utter disbelief and alarm considering the PA DEP Mining Office (Pottsville) plans to permit a 114 acre Quarry surrounding the lower third of this watershed and the UNT 03876. The plan would actually allow for excavation below the level of UNT 03876 in the upper third of the proposed Quarry. Several hundred older, diesel Tri-axle trucks would be traversing the stream and adjacent areas every working day. Untested engineering controls have been proposed to prevent the de-watering of the UNT and yet these may very well aggravate the problem. The discharge of ground and surface run-off to the UNT is still being considered for this site. A variance was even given to the applicant from the 100 foot stream buffer requirement. And these are simply the obvious objections to the plans for this project. Anyone who has had even a limited on-site experience with operational activities at quarries can see the negative impact and degradation of nearby sensitive environments.

It makes no sense that our regulatory agencies expend funds and energies to mitigate environmental mistakes from past activities while continuing to allow and promote these same activities in pristine areas.

I would like to formally request a public hearing to discuss the inconsistency of the PA DEP in allowing an innately intrusive project to engulf a highly sensitive environmental site. I would further request that pollution, hydro geologists, and biology specialists from the PA DEP Water Quality be present at this meeting. I also request that these same individuals actively review, comment, and provide input towards this Quarry application. Individuals at the PA DEP Mining Office operate as if their role is to promote mining activities and sites rather than to regulate them.

Pete Haulan

Original: 2489



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION III
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2029

611817 81103-29

Environmental Quality Board
P.O. Box 8477
Harrisburg, PA 17105-8477

Dear Sir or Madam:

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the proposed rulemaking package which the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection forwarded to us on September 14, 2005 (i.e., the Newtown Creek, et.al., redesignation package). In addition to several corrective amendments, we note that, if finalized, this package will provide Special Protection status to over 14 stream miles in the Commonwealth. We have no comment on these proposed modifications, but we commend PADEP in its continuing effort to upgrade streams into its Special Protection Waters Program.

EPA will be providing a copy of this package to the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) so that they may identify any issues with this action. We will notify PADEP of any issues raised. This coordination with the FWS will fulfill EPA's obligations under the Endangered Species Act, and facilitate EPA's Clean Water Act 303(c) action once this rulemaking is finalized and submitted to EPA for review.

If you have any questions concerning this matter please contact me at (215)814-5717, or have your staff contact Denise Hakowski at (215)814-5726.

Sincerely,

Evelyn S. MacKnight, Chief
PA/DE/WV Branch
Office of Watersheds

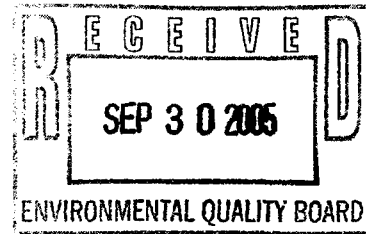
cc: Richard H. Shertzer (PADEP)





CLEARFIELD COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

650 LEONARD STREET - CLEARFIELD, PA 16830 - PHONE (814) 765-2629



Environmental Quality Board
PO Box 8477
Harrisburg, PA 17105-8477

September 28, 2005

Dear Environmental Quality Board,

I am writing this letter to express my agreement for upgrading Pine Run, Chest Creek to an Exceptional Value stream. As you probably know Clearfield County has had many of its streams destroyed by Abandoned Mine Drainage. A stream with the quality of Pine Run is rare; in fact we have very few EV streams in the county. We also know we have some watersheds that do have tributaries such as Pine Run but are only considered CWF because the water flows into a bigger watershed affected by AMD. These streams are not being protected for what they really are. To know that a watershed that was considered a CWF is actually clean and productive enough to be considered EV is very exciting and worth protecting at the higher designation. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Donna L. Carnahan
Watershed Specialist

RECEIVED
NOV - 7 PM 3:33
CLEARFIELD COUNTY
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD