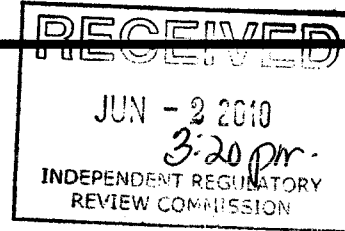


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From: Brooke Minnich [pt@worksiteplus.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2010 9:52 PM
To: EP, RegComments
Subject: FW: Hammer Creek



I am a member of Lancaster County Conservancy and was distressed to learn that you are planning to downgrade Hammer Creek in Lebanon County from a high quality (B) stream to a and average (C) quality stream. This area from Rexmont Dam to Michters is upstream from the southern portions that run thru state game lands, Lancaster County Conservancy's Upper Hopewell Forge Wildlife Sanctuary, Speedwell Forge County Park and Speedwell Forge Lake. These southern portions of the stream are designated high quality with a tributary, Walnut Run, soon to be re-classified to exceptional quality (A). I believe that by removing the legal protection upstream, it will be difficult to maintain high quality in those areas downstream.

It is my understanding that Shaefferstown is hooking its new sewage treatment plant up with Lebanon City so the only other possible polluter, to my knowledge, would be the farmers whose lands the creek runs through between Rexmont and Michters. Instead of lifting the legal protection, which I vehemently oppose, why not work with the farmers and educate them in ways to keep the Hammer Creek to high quality standards? I am urging your reconsideration on behalf of those of us who live and recreate on Hammer Creek, Speedwell Forge Park and Speedwell Forge Lake.

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