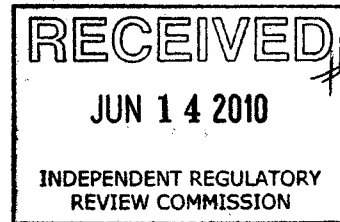


June 8, 2010

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



RE: Downgrade of the Hammer Creek

To: The Environmental Quality Board

I would like to take this opportunity to comment on the proposed stream downgrade of the Hammer Creek in Lebanon County.

The Quittapahilla Watershed Association partnered with the Susquehannock Flyfishers, the Doc Fritchey Chapter of Trout Unlimited and volunteers from the Hammer Creek area to review the goals for the Upper Hammer Creek. Through our partnership we received a Growing Greener Grant and with the support of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service completed 9916 feet of stream bank fencing as well as 9916 feet of riparian buffers. Additional fencing was completed by the Susquehannock Flyfishers on a volunteer basis in a wetland area on one of the farms. Stream bank stabilization work on the Walmer farm, was in addition to the above mentioned work. Our groups feel that the work on the Upper Hammer in Lebanon County will also support the quality of the water in the lower reaches of the Hammer Creek in Lancaster County.

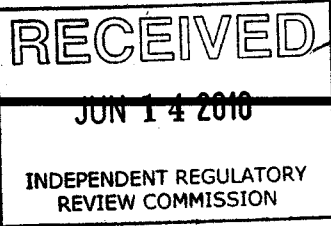
I feel that to downgrade the Hammer Creek after all of the work done by community groups sends the wrong message to the community. It makes me feel that our efforts to improve the Hammer Creek have been ignored. What would be the incentive for the workers in Lebanon County to work hard to improve the streams, if the result of our efforts is the downgrading of streams?

We would hope that you take our work seriously and would take our recommendation to retain the high quality designation for the Hammer Creek. Thank you for offering the opportunity to comment on this matter.

Sincerely yours,



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Attached is a letter commenting on the proposed downgrade of the Hammer.
I sent the letter as two attachments: with my signature and as a word document.

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