

Attachment 3

Letters of Support and Consistency

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October 4, 2022

PA Fish and Boat Commission
c/o Diana Day
Bureau of Fisheries
P.O. Box 67000
Harrisburg, PA 17106-7000

Dear Ms. Day:

The Doc Fritchey Chapter of Trout Unlimited plans to submit a proposal for a stream restoration project on the Quittapahilla Creek in Annville Township. This letter confirms the support of Annville Township for this project and encourages the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission to fund the project.

The proposed project is being submitted to the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission under the "Tulpehocken and Quittapahilla Watershed Enhancement Program." The project would provide streambank restoration, riparian buffer plantings, and in-stream habitat improvements for the Quittapahilla Creek. The work proposed would be similar to previous stream restorations completed in Quittie Park, a section of stream shortly downstream from the location of the proposed work. The work in Quittie Park resulted in a greatly improved stretch of stream, with deeper pools, faster flows, enhanced aesthetics, and improved fish habitat.

The section of stream considered for restoration is within one of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission's Keystone Select Trout Waters. This special regulation stretch of stream goes from the Spruce Street Bridge in Annville Township downstream to the State Route 934 Bridge (White Oak Street). The proposed project would encompass the upstream-most water in this section. The Keystone Select designation has resulted in an unquantified increase in use of the section by fishermen and women. We can only surmise that the increase in the number of trips to the stream results in a spillover positive impact on Annville Township business, especially gas stations and restaurants.

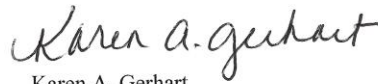
This project is part of a larger plan to restore the Quittapahilla Creek Watershed and reduce nutrients and sediment being transported from the Quittapahilla Creek to the Swatara Creek and eventually to the Chesapeake Bay. This project ranks as a high priority among the many projects identified in the

Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) for the Quittapahilla Creek Watershed. That plan can be accessed at the following web address:

<http://www.quittiecreek.org/documents/210127-WIP-2021-Final.pdf>

Enhanced recreational opportunities, better access for fishing, improved aesthetics, and increased economic activity are all possible with this project. Therefore, Annville Township wholeheartedly supports this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen A. Gerhart". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Karen A. Gerhart
Township Administrator

Cc: Mr. Russ Collins, Doc Fritchey Trout Unlimited, Palmyra, PA



Protecting the Future of Your Waterways

LEBANON CAP

Clean Water Action Team

PA Fish and Boat Commission
c/o Diana Day
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Harrisburg, PA 17106-7000

Dear Ms. Day:

The Doc Fritchey Chapter of Trout Unlimited is submitting a proposal for funding through the "Tulpehocken and Quittapahilla Watershed Enhancement Program" for a stream improvement project on the Quittapahilla Creek in Lebanon County. The Lebanon County Countywide Action Plan (CAP) fully supports the proposed work and encourages the Fish and Boat Commission to fund this project.

A TMDL assessment prepared by the Pennsylvania DEP in 2000 found that "Excessive sediment and nutrient loads ... have been identified as one of the primary causes of impairments in the basin." The proposed project would help to address these issues by providing streambank restorations, riparian buffer plantings, and enhanced in-stream habitat.

Our support for the project includes a cash contribution of \$27,300. These funds originated from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's Chesapeake Bay Program and are currently available to the CAP for worthwhile projects. The Quittapahilla Creek restoration that is being proposed will fit in with our goal to carefully plan for the most cost-effective projects that will provide benefits to the local waters of Lebanon County and ultimately, the Chesapeake Bay.

Sincerely,

Johanna Willieme

Ms. Johanna Willieme,
Community Clean Water Action Plan Coordinator

Cc: Mr. Russ Collins, Doc Fritchey Trout Unlimited, Palmyra, PA

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PA Fish and Boat Commission
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Dear Ms. Day:

This letter is sent to offer the support of the Lebanon County Conservation District (LCCD) for a proposed stream improvement project on Quittapahilla Creek in Lebanon County. A proposal for funding is being submitted by the Doc Fritchey Chapter of Trout Unlimited to the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission under the "Tulpehocken and Quittapahilla Watershed Enhancement Program." The proposed project would provide streambank stabilization, in-stream fish habitat, and riparian buffer plantings along a stretch of the Quittapahilla Creek in Annville Township, Lebanon County.

The Quittapahilla Creek is a stocked trout stream that provides significant recreational opportunities for trout fishing in the spring. However, the stream becomes too warm in the summer to support trout survival. The proposed project will help to remediate this problem by creating more shade, deeper water, and faster water velocities in the project reach. All these benefits mean less sunlight hits the water and therefore, less warming of the water occurs.

This project is part of a larger plan to restore the Quittapahilla Creek Watershed and reduce nutrients and sediment being transported from the Quittapahilla Creek to the Swatara Creek and eventually to the Chesapeake Bay. This project ranks as a high priority among the many projects identified in the Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) for the Quittapahilla Creek Watershed.

The proposed project fits perfectly within our mission "To protect and promote wise stewardship and conservation of the natural resources of Lebanon County..." Therefore, we are proud to support the proposed project.

Sincerely,

Ms. Katie Doster,
District Manager

Cc: Mr. Russ Collins, Doc Fritchey Trout Unlimited, Palmyra, PA

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September 29, 2022

Dear Ms. Day:

The Doc Fritchey Chapter of Trout Unlimited (DFTU) plans to submit a proposal to the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission for a stream rehabilitation project to improve a section of the Quittapahilla Creek in Lebanon County. This proposal will be submitted under the "Tulpehocken and Quittapahilla Watershed Enhancement Program."

This letter offers the support of the Quittapahilla Watershed Association (QWA) for the project. In the past, the QWA and DFTU have frequently partnered for projects that improve the Quittapahilla Creek and its tributaries and this effort would extend that partnership.

The proposed project is situated on the mainstem of Quittapahilla Creek in Annville Township adjacent to the Spruce Street bridge. This section of stream has eroded streambanks, accumulated sediment, and poor habitat. The proposed project would address these issues. In addition, the riparian buffer plantings and narrowed stream channel would help to cool the waters of the Quittie, making it more hospitable for trout.

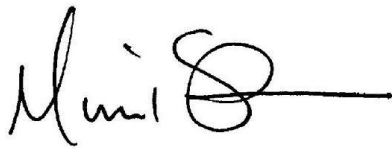
This project is one of many recommended in the Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) for the Quittapahilla Creek Watershed. That plan can be accessed via the "Studies & Documents" page of the QWA website, housed under January 2021, at <http://www.quittiecreek.org/documents.html>. The direct link to the WIP is here: <http://www.quittiecreek.org/documents/210127-WIP-2021-Final.pdf>

Our support for the project includes donation of our time and talent toward project success. In particular, the QWA will assist in proposal preparation, coordinate with other project partners, assist with riparian buffer plantings, and assist with

maintenance activities following project completion. We value our contributions at \$1,000.

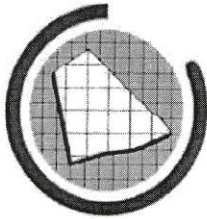
The QWA is "dedicated to cleaner water flowing from the Quittie to the Swatara to the Susquehanna to the Chesapeake Bay to the Atlantic and beyond." The proposed project on Quittapahilla Creek will help us to achieve our goal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Schroeder", with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

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September 30, 2022

Mr. Russ Collins, Immediate Past President
Trout Unlimited 108 – Doc Fritchey Chapter
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Palmyra, PA 17078

RE: Quittapahilla Restoration Project – Annville Township

Dear Mr. Collins:

This letter will confirm that the stream restoration project Trout Unlimited 108 - Doc Fritchey Chapter is proposing to implement in Annville Township is consistent with the Lebanon County Comprehensive Plan of 2007. The project proposes to install fish habitat and restore both banks of the Quittapahilla Creek from the Spruce Street Bridge downstream for approximately 700 lineal feet. The Conservancy and Trout Unlimited should be complimented on their efforts to restore the Quittapahilla Creek Watershed as it will assist in meeting goals and objectives for the protection of the County's natural resources as outlined within the Comprehensive Plan.

I look forward to working with you as this project progresses. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Julie Cheyney
Executive Director

Cc: Annville Township