Overview of Beck Creek and Bachman Run

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Overview of Project

- Stream Morphology QWA
 - Trained by Rocky Powell to Recognize and document streambank and streambed erosion and record it on reconnaissance survey forms.
 - Documented with pictures.
- Lebanon County Conservation District
 - Verified Best Management Practices (BMPs)

Materials



- Surveyor Tape Measures
 - 100'
 - 300'
- Survey Rod
- Metal Ruler
- Clinometer
- Reconnaissance Surveys
- Information & Training Packet
- Macroinvertebrate Identification

Beck Creek

51,340 FEET



Notable Areas Reach 13

- Narrow but deep section of stream in need of significant maintenance
- Renters note landlord drives heavy machinery along stream; tire ruts found along bank
- Grass cut very short with debris and sediment accumulating in stream
- Effects seen downstream



Concrete bridge and clearcut banks

Extreme erosion (70%) serves as source of silt and debris



Notable Areas

Reach 19

- Man-made lake with exposed piping and sharp, exposed banks
- Periods of total drought
- Areas of clear-cut grass and subsequent moderate bank erosion
- Landowner
 suggested possibility of
 a dam upstream







Notable Areas

Reach 20 & 21

- Reach 20 loses flow for
 1/3 of the reach.
- Reach 21 has several large freshwater springs that return flow to the stream.











Notable Areas

Reach 23 & 25

- Aggradation in channel
- Grass growing into channel
- Minimal buffer on reach 25

Reach 23







Reach 25

Bachman Run

36,954 FEET



Notable Areas East Fork

• Reach 1

- Significant portion of dry streambed
- Unshaded, grassy, and mown banks

• Reach 5

- Drained lake; wetland-like and spring fed
- Debris and runoff from cattle
- Landowner concerned about stream and environment health over recent years







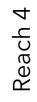
Notable Areas Middle Fork

- Reach 1
 - Localized bank erosion
 - Blocked culvert
- Reach 3 & 4
 - No flow or low flow
- Reach 5
 - Flow returns
 - Some bank erosion towards the end of the reach











Reach 5



Notable Areas West Fork

- Reach 1
 - Localized bank erosion
 - Undercut banks

- Reach 6
 - Small headcut
 - Bank erosion
 - Mowed up to bank







Reach 6





Notable Areas Main Stem

- Reach 2
 - Severe cliffside
 erosion threatening
 adjacent property
 - Trout hatcheriesowned and operatedby Fish & Wildlife
- Reach 3
 - Lengthy rip-rapped
 section with
 waterfalls that act as
 sediment filtration



Reach 2



Reach 3



Reach 3



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