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Agenda

The 153rd Meeting of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission will be held on Monday, April 24 at the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission headquarters, 1601 Elmerton Avenue, Harrisburg, PA 17110.

The public session for review of this agenda will begin on April 24, 2023, at approximately 1:30 p.m.

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Robert B.J. Small, President
William J. Gibney, Vice President
William C. Brock
Charles J. Charlesworth
Eric C. Hussar
Richard S. Kauffman
Richard Lewis
John E. Mahn, Jr.
Daniel J. Pastore

Public Comments to Commissioners and Staff

Staff Recognition

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**EXECUTIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE
PUBLIC ACCESS AND REAL ESTATE MATTERS**

A. Voluntary Public Access and Habitat Incentive Program: Hoegerl Property Easement Acquisition, Summerhill Township, Crawford County.

Commentary:

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) was awarded \$668,361 in grant funding for the Voluntary Public Access and Habitat Incentive Program (VPA-HIP) administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service. This competitive grant program provides funding to help state and tribal governments encourage landowners to allow public access to their land for hunting, fishing, and other wildlife-dependent recreation. The Commission is using the VPA-HIP funding to expand its existing Public Fishing Access and Conservation Easement Program, which was created to improve public fishing access along Commonwealth waters.

The Commission has been offered a public fishing access and conservation easement for \$50,000 on +/- 4,710 linear feet along Conneaut Creek as it flows across a parcel of property in Summerhill Township, Crawford County. The easement will be for public fishing, boating, and riparian and fishery management, and will include the stream corridor and extend at least 35 feet back from the top of the bank to the extent of the ownership of the seller. In addition, the Commission acquired a parking area easement that will accommodate five to ten vehicles on the property. A map depicting the subject parcel is attached as Exhibit A.

The seller and the Commission have signed an option agreement that will allow staff to perform due diligence. The Commission's exercise of the option agreement will be subject to meeting the due diligence and funding requirements. In addition, the seller has agreed to be responsible for all current applicable real estate and transfer taxes that are normally shared between the buyer and the seller. The Commission may, at its sole discretion, pay for the costs to obtain and record a subordination of lien for the property.

Conneaut Creek provides significant steelhead and stocked trout fishing opportunities in the area. *Pennsylvania's Fishing and Boating Access Strategy* indicates a need for more access on this section of Conneaut Creek. Commission staff from across the agency have reviewed this opportunity and recommend that the easement be acquired.

Briefer:

Scott Bollinger, Statewide Public Access Program Manager

Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission authorize the acquisition of an easement along Conneaut Creek in Summerhill Township, Crawford County, utilizing \$50,000 from the VPA-HIP program, as more particularly described in the Commentary.

Action:

**EXECUTIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE
PUBLIC ACCESS AND REAL ESTATE MATTERS**

B. Voluntary Public Access and Habitat Incentive Program: Wolfrom Property Easement Acquisition, Sylvania Township, Potter County.

Commentary:

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) was awarded \$668,361 in grant funding for the Voluntary Public Access and Habitat Incentive Program (VPA-HIP) administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service. This competitive grant program provides funding to help state and tribal governments encourage landowners to allow public access to their land for hunting, fishing, and other wildlife-dependent recreation. The Commission is using the VPA-HIP funding to expand its existing Public Fishing Access and Conservation Easement Program, which was created to improve public fishing access along Commonwealth waters.

The Commission has been offered a public fishing access and conservation easement for \$90,000 on +/- 8,820 linear feet along the First Fork of the Sinnemahoning Creek as it flows across a parcel of property in Sylvania Township, Potter County. The easement will be for public fishing, boating, and riparian and fishery management, and will include the stream corridor and extend at least 35 feet back from the top of the bank to the extent of the ownership of the seller. A map depicting the subject parcel is attached as Exhibit B.

The seller and the Commission have signed an option agreement that will allow staff to perform due diligence. The Commission's exercise of the option agreement will be subject to meeting the due diligence and funding requirements. In addition, the seller has agreed to be responsible for all current applicable real estate and transfer taxes that are normally shared between the buyer and the seller. The Commission may, at its sole discretion, pay for the costs to obtain and record a subordination of lien for the property.

The First Fork of the Sinnemahoning Creek provides significant stocked trout fishing opportunities in the area. *Pennsylvania's Fishing and Boating Access Strategy* indicates a need for more access on this section of the First Fork of the Sinnemahoning Creek. Commission staff from across the agency have reviewed this opportunity and recommend that the easement be acquired.

Briefer:

Scott Bollinger, Statewide Public Access Program Manager

Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission authorize the acquisition of an easement along the First Fork of the Sinnemahoning Creek in Sylvania Township, Potter County, utilizing \$90,000 from the VPA-HIP program, as more particularly described in the Commentary.

Action:

**EXECUTIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE
PUBLIC ACCESS AND REAL ESTATE MATTERS**

C. Voluntary Public Access and Habitat Incentive Program: Drabert Property Easement Acquisition, Roulette Township, Potter County.

Commentary:

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) was awarded \$668,361 in grant funding for the Voluntary Public Access and Habitat Incentive Program (VPA-HIP) administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service. This competitive grant program provides funding to help state and tribal governments encourage landowners to allow public access to their land for hunting, fishing, and other wildlife-dependent recreation. The Commission is using the VPA-HIP funding to expand its existing Public Fishing Access and Conservation Easement Program, which was created to improve public fishing access along Commonwealth waters.

The Commission has been offered a public fishing access and conservation easement for \$50,000 on +/- 4,010 linear feet along the Allegheny River as it flows across three parcels of property in Roulette Township, Potter County. The easement will be for public fishing, boating, and riparian and fishery management, and will include the stream corridor and extend at least 35 feet back from the top of the bank to the extent of the ownership of the seller. A map depicting the subject parcel is attached as Exhibit C.

The seller and the Commission have signed an option agreement that will allow staff to perform due diligence. The Commission's exercise of the option agreement will be subject to meeting the due diligence and funding requirements. In addition, the seller has agreed to be responsible for all current applicable real estate and transfer taxes that are normally shared between the buyer and the seller. The Commission may, at its sole discretion, pay for the costs to obtain and record a subordination of lien for the property.

The Allegheny River provides significant stocked trout fishing opportunities in the area. *Pennsylvania's Fishing and Boating Access Strategy* indicates a need for more access on this section of the Allegheny River. Commission staff from across the agency have reviewed this opportunity and recommend that the easement be acquired.

Briefer:

Scott Bollinger, Statewide Public Access Program Manager

Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission authorize the acquisition of an easement along the Allegheny River in Roulette Township, Potter County, utilizing \$50,000 from the VPA-HIP program, as more particularly described in the Commentary.

Action:

**EXECUTIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE
PUBLIC ACCESS AND REAL ESTATE MATTERS**

D. Voluntary Public Access and Habitat Incentive Program: Austin Dam Memorial Association Property Easement Acquisition, Keating Township, Potter County.

Commentary:

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) was awarded \$668,361 in grant funding for the Voluntary Public Access and Habitat Incentive Program (VPA-HIP) administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service. This competitive grant program provides funding to help state and tribal governments encourage landowners to allow public access to their land for hunting, fishing, and other wildlife-dependent recreation. The Commission is using the VPA-HIP funding to expand its existing Public Fishing Access and Conservation Easement Program, which was created to improve public fishing access along Commonwealth waters.

The Commission has been offered a public fishing access and conservation easement for \$105,000 on +/- 12,340 linear feet along Freeman Run as it flows across a parcel of property in Keating Township, Potter County. The easement will be for public fishing, boating, and riparian and fishery management, and will include the stream corridor and extend at least 35 feet back from the top of the bank to the extent of the ownership of the seller. In addition, the Commission acquired a parking area easement that will accommodate five to ten vehicles on the property. A map depicting the subject parcel is attached as Exhibit D.

The seller and the Commission have signed an option agreement that will allow staff to perform due diligence. The Commission's exercise of the option agreement will be subject to meeting the due diligence and funding requirements. In addition, the seller has agreed to be responsible for all current applicable real estate and transfer taxes that are normally shared between the buyer and the seller. The Commission may, at its sole discretion, pay for the costs to obtain and record a subordination of lien for the property.

Freeman Run provides significant wild trout fishing opportunities in the area. *Pennsylvania's Fishing and Boating Access Strategy* indicates a need for more access on this section of Freeman Run. Commission staff from across the agency have reviewed this opportunity and recommend that the easement be acquired.

Briefer:

Scott Bollinger, Statewide Public Access Program Manager

Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission authorize the acquisition of an easement along Freeman Run in Keating Township, Potter County, utilizing \$105,000 from the VPA-HIP program, as more particularly described in the Commentary.

Action:

EXECUTIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE OTHER MATTERS

A. Erie Access Improvement Program: Grant to Pennsylvania State University, Cascade Creek Stream Restoration, Cascade Creek, Erie County.

Commentary:

At its October 2012 meeting, the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) approved the creation of the Statewide Public Access Grant Program to fund eligible projects for the planning, acquisition, development, and expansion of public fishing and boating access facilities. The Statewide Public Access Grant Program was established by administratively combining the Commission's existing Boating Facility Grant (BFG) Program and Erie Access Improvement Program into a single grant program to provide a consistent approach for identifying, evaluating, and funding opportunities to enhance public access. Specific program criteria for the Erie Access Improvement Program were established to be consistent with the legislative intent of Section 2907.2 of the Fish and Boat Code.

30 Pa.C.S. § 2907.2 provides that the proceeds from the sale of the special Lake Erie fishing permits and \$6 of the fees from the sale of the combination trout permits and Lake Erie permits are to be deposited into a restricted revenue account within the Fish Fund, and that this restricted revenue account "shall be used to provide public fishing access or to protect or improve fish habitat on or at Lake Erie, Presque Isle Bay and their tributaries, including waters that flow into those tributaries. The funds may also be used for other projects that support public fishing on or at Lake Erie, Presque Isle Bay and their tributaries." The funds generated through this program are deposited into the Lake Erie restricted revenue account, where they are restricted now and into the future for their legislatively intended purposes. Grant requests exceeding \$100,000 per grantee, per year require Commission approval.

The Pennsylvania Sea Grant through the Pennsylvania State University is requesting grant funds to finalize the design and construct habitat improvements on a 600-foot severely degraded section of Cascade Creek, a tributary of Presque Isle Bay. In 2020, the Commission awarded a \$54,800 grant to the Pennsylvania Sea Grant to complete a preliminary design and engineering study to determine the best restoration alternative for this section of Cascade Creek. The study confirmed that the channel and its floodplain are in need of repair and in-stream habitat is poor due to failing Reno mats, gabion baskets, and concrete structures throughout the stream reach. The failing and exposed infrastructure poses a significant barrier to fish migration. The goals of the current restoration effort are to reduce sedimentation into Cascade Creek, restore connectivity for migratory fish, increase angling opportunities within the City of Erie, and improve wildlife habitat. The project will include removing the impediments to migration, re-establishing a naturalized stream bottom, and installing rock to create small step pools that will provide fish passage.

Since 2004, the Pennsylvania Sea Grant and other project partners have facilitated the completion of six individual phases of stream restoration on Cascade Creek. Two phases of restoration were completed downstream of the project location and four were completed upstream, resulting in the restoration of approximately 3,900 linear feet of Cascade Creek. Currently, steelhead are not stocked in Cascade Creek, but some fish are migrating upstream from Presque Isle Bay. Once this project is complete and the barriers to migration have been removed, the Commission may allocate a portion of the annual Presque Isle Bay steelhead stocking to Cascade Creek.

Matching funds for the project have been secured from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection through their Growing Greener Program.

Total Project Cost: \$600,000

Recommended Grant Amount: \$300,000

Briefer:

Scott Bollinger, Statewide Public Access Program Manager

Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission approve a grant not to exceed \$300,000 to the Pennsylvania State University for stream habitat improvements along Cascade Creek, Erie County, as more particularly described in the Commentary.

Action:

BOATING OTHER MATTERS

A. Boating Facility Grant Program: Grant to the Borough of Dickson City, Bernard Siminski Park Access, Lackawanna River, Lackawanna County.

Commentary:

At its October 2012 meeting, the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) approved the creation of the Statewide Public Access Grant Program to fund eligible projects for the planning, acquisition, development, and expansion of public fishing and boating access facilities. The goal of the program is to ensure Pennsylvania's recreational anglers and boaters, today and in the future, are provided with access to the highest quality facilities on the Commonwealth's waterways. The Statewide Public Access Grant Program was established by administratively combining the Commission's existing Boating Facility Grant (BFG) Program and Erie Access Improvement Program into a single grant program to provide a consistent approach for identifying, evaluating, and funding opportunities to enhance public access.

Prior to the Statewide Public Access Grant Program, the Commission's BFG Program became well known as the primary mechanism for awarding funds for boating-related access improvements from 2005 through 2010. As such, and in keeping with the goals outlined in the Commission's current Strategic Plan, funding for the BFG Program was reallocated in 2019 to continue to improve boating opportunities and convenience in the Commonwealth through partnerships that update and maintain public boating access.

Funds for the BFG program are derived primarily from boat registration fees, state motorboat fuels tax, restricted revenue accounts, and when available, through various Federal assistance or grant awards. Grant requests exceeding \$100,000 per grantee, per year require Commission approval.

The Borough of Dickson City is requesting \$272,600 to design and construct an ADA accessible canoe/kayak launch at the Bernard Siminski Park along the Lackawanna River. The improvements will include the installation of a pre-cast concrete launch ramp and an ADA accessible trail from the parking area to the existing River Access Trail and the proposed boat launch. Other funding sources will be used to provide additional parking and install restrooms. The closest boat launch facilities are located approximately 3/4 mile upstream at the Dickson City Riverfront Park Access and two miles downstream at Parker's Landing.

Matching funds for the project have been secured from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (\$250,000), Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (\$122,000), and the Lackawanna County Office of Economic and Community Development (\$22,400).

Total Project Cost: \$690,000

Recommended Grant Award: \$272,600

Briefer:

Scott Bollinger, Statewide Public Access Program Manager

Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission approve a grant not to exceed \$272,600 to the Borough of Dickson City, Lackawanna County, as more particularly described in the Commentary.

Action:

BOATING OTHER MATTERS

B. Boating Facility Grant Program: Grant to North Coventry Township, Riverside Park Boat Launch Facility, Schuylkill River, Chester County.

Commentary:

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Prior to the Statewide Public Access Grant Program, the Commission's BFG Program became well known as the primary mechanism for awarding funds for boating-related access improvements from 2005 through 2010. As such, and in keeping with the goals outlined in the Commission's current Strategic Plan, funding for the BFG Program was reallocated in 2019 to continue to improve boating opportunities and convenience in the Commonwealth through partnerships that update and maintain public boating access.

Funds for the BFG program are derived primarily from boat registration fees, state motorboat fuels tax, restricted revenue accounts, and when available, through various Federal assistance or grant awards. Projects in the Pennsylvania portion of the Delaware River Watershed are eligible for Federal funding through the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's grant to the Commission for improving boating and fishing access. Grant requests exceeding \$100,000 per grantee, per year require Commission approval.

In 2020, the Commission awarded a \$29,750 grant to North Coventry Township to remove the old, deteriorated boat docks at Riverside Park along the Schuylkill River and replace them with new ADA accessible boat docks. In addition, the Township installed a five-foot-wide ADA accessible walkway from the parking area to the docks.

North Coventry Township is requesting \$100,200 to make additional improvements to Riverside Park including the replacement of the existing deteriorated concrete boat launch ramp and installation of an adaptive kayak launch at the dock that was previously constructed. The closest public boat launch facilities are located 4.1 miles upriver at Genshawny Park and 2.4 miles downriver at Towpath Park in East Coventry Township.

Matching funds for the project will be provided by North Coventry Township.

Total Project Cost: \$200,400

Recommended Grant Award: \$100,200

Briefer:

Scott Bollinger, Statewide Public Access Program Manager

Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission approve a grant not to exceed \$100,200 to North Coventry Township, Chester County, as more particularly described in the Commentary.

Action:

BOATING OTHER MATTERS

C. Boating Facility Grant Program: Grant to Northampton County, Minsi Lake Access, Minsi Lake, Northampton County.

Commentary:

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Prior to the Statewide Public Access Grant Program, the Commission's BFG Program became well known as the primary mechanism for awarding funds for boating-related access improvements from 2005 through 2010. As such, and in keeping with the goals outlined in the Commission's current Strategic Plan, funding for the BFG Program was reallocated in 2019 to continue to improve boating opportunities and convenience in the Commonwealth through partnerships that update and maintain public boating access.

Funds for the BFG program are derived primarily from boat registration fees, state motorboat fuels tax, restricted revenue accounts, and when available, through various Federal assistance or grant awards. Projects in the Pennsylvania portion of the Delaware River Watershed are eligible for Federal funding through the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's grant to the Commission for improving boating and fishing access. Grant requests exceeding \$100,000 per grantee, per year require Commission approval.

Northampton County is requesting \$175,000 to make improvements to the boat launch facility on the east side of Minsi Lake. The County leases the lake and the property surrounding it from the Commission. The County plans to design and construct new restrooms, an improved parking area with ADA parking spaces, an ADA accessible trail connecting all the amenities, and install solar lighting to the existing parking area on the east side of the reservoir. In addition, the County plans on using other funding sources to construct a pedestrian bridge across the spillway of the dam to connect the facilities on west side of the lake to those on the east side. An adaptive canoe/kayak launch exists on the east side of Minsi lake. The Friends of Minsi Lake provides adaptive paddling programs for people of all abilities at this location.

Northampton County intends to apply to the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for additional funding in the amount of \$479,168.50 for the project.

Total Project Cost: \$690,100

Recommended Grant Award: \$175,000

Briefer:

Scott Bollinger, Statewide Public Access Program Manager

Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission approve a grant not to exceed \$175,000 to Northampton County, as more particularly described in the Commentary.

Action:

BOATING OTHER MATTERS

D. Boating Facility Grant Program: Grant to Pennsylvania Organization for Watersheds and Rivers, Improving Public Access to Rivers and Streams Mini-Grant Program, Statewide.

Commentary:

At its October 2012 meeting, the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) approved the creation of the Statewide Public Access Grant Program to fund eligible projects for the planning, acquisition, development, and expansion of public fishing and boating access facilities. The goal of the program is to ensure Pennsylvania's recreational anglers and boaters, today and in the future, are provided with access to the highest quality facilities on the Commonwealth's waterways. The Statewide Public Access Grant Program was established by administratively combining the Commission's existing Boating Facility Grant (BFG) Program and Erie Access Improvement Program into a single grant program to provide a consistent approach for identifying, evaluating, and funding opportunities to enhance public access.

Prior to the Statewide Public Access Grant Program, the Commission's BFG Program became well known as the primary mechanism for awarding funds for boating-related access improvements from 2005 through 2010. As such, and in keeping with the goals outlined in the Commission's current Strategic Plan, funding for the BFG Program was reallocated in 2019 to continue to improve boating opportunities and convenience in the Commonwealth through partnerships that update and maintain public boating access.

Funds for the BFG program are derived primarily from boat registration fees, state motorboat fuels tax, restricted revenue accounts, and when available, through various Federal assistance or grant awards. Projects in the Pennsylvania portion of the Delaware River Watershed are eligible for Federal funding through the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's grant to the Commission for improving boating and fishing access. Grant requests exceeding \$100,000 per grantee, per year require Commission approval.

In 2021, the Commission awarded a \$165,000 grant to Pennsylvania Organization for Watersheds and Rivers (POWR) to administer a focused mini-grant program to improve public access and recreation on rivers and streams in western Pennsylvania, specifically those in the Ohio River Watershed. The mini-grant program is available to local government entities and non-profit groups for the construction of new or improvement of existing public non-motorized boating facilities.

POWR is requesting \$165,000 to administer a statewide mini-grant program to improve public access and recreation on rivers and streams in Pennsylvania. The mini-grant program will again be available to local government entities and non-profit groups for the construction of new or improvement of existing public non-motorized boating facilities. POWR will model the mini-grant program after the Commission's BFG Program and consult with Commission staff on proposed projects to be funded by the program.

Matching funds in the amount of \$165,000 will be provided through a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. The grant program

will require applicants to provide a 50% match which will further leverage the Commission's contribution to the program.

Total Project Cost: \$330,000

Recommended Grant Award: \$165,000

Briefer:

Scott Bollinger, Statewide Public Access Program Manager

Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission approve a grant not to exceed \$165,000 to the Pennsylvania Organization for Watersheds and Rivers to develop and administer a statewide mini-grant program to improve public access and recreation on rivers and streams in Pennsylvania, as more particularly described in the Commentary.

Action:

BOATING OTHER MATTERS

E. Boating Facility Grant Program: Grant to Philadelphia Parks and Recreation Department, West Fairmont Park Dragon Boat Access, Schuylkill River, Philadelphia County.

Commentary:

At its October 2012 meeting, the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) approved the creation of the Statewide Public Access Grant Program to fund eligible projects for the planning, acquisition, development, and expansion of public fishing and boating access facilities. The goal of the program is to ensure Pennsylvania's recreational anglers and boaters, today and in the future, are provided with access to the highest quality facilities on the Commonwealth's waterways. The Statewide Public Access Grant Program was established by administratively combining the Commission's existing Boating Facility Grant (BFG) Program and Erie Access Improvement Program into a single grant program to provide a consistent approach for identifying, evaluating, and funding opportunities to enhance public access.

Prior to the Statewide Public Access Grant Program, the Commission's BFG Program became well known as the primary mechanism for awarding funds for boating-related access improvements from 2005 through 2010. As such, and in keeping with the goals outlined in the Commission's current Strategic Plan, funding for the BFG Program was reallocated in 2019 to continue to improve boating opportunities and convenience in the Commonwealth through partnerships that update and maintain public boating access.

Funds for the BFG program are derived primarily from boat registration fees, state motorboat fuels tax, restricted revenue accounts, and when available, through various Federal assistance or grant awards. Projects in the Pennsylvania portion of the Delaware River Watershed are eligible for Federal funding through the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's grant to the Commission for improving boating and fishing access. Grant requests exceeding \$100,000 per grantee, per year require Commission approval.

The Philadelphia Parks and Recreation Department is requesting \$220,000 for improvements to the Dragon Boat Dock at West Fairmont Park on the Schuylkill River. The popularity of unpowered boat use in this area has increased significantly, and the existing dock can no longer support the demand. In addition, the existing dock is not ADA accessible. The applicant plans on installing a larger ADA accessible dock to keep up with the growing demand for public access at this site. The current dock is used by 14 dragon boat clubs and many members of the public use the dock for access to the river for fishing and other water dependent uses. Parking and portable toilets are available at the project site. The closest public boat launch facilities are located one mile upriver at the East Park Canoe House Ramp and 2.6 miles downriver at the Walnut Street Landing.

The City of Philadelphia plans on providing matching funds in the amount of \$250,000.

Total Project Cost: \$470,000

Recommended Grant Award: \$220,000

Briefer:

Scott Bollinger, Statewide Public Access Program Manager

Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission approve a grant not to exceed \$220,000 to the Philadelphia Parks and Recreation Department, Philadelphia County, as more particularly described in the Commentary.

Action:

BOATING OTHER MATTERS

F. Boating Facility Grant Program: Grant to Rivers of Steel Heritage Corporation, Carrie Blast Furnaces National Historic Landmark Boat Dock Design, Monongahela River, Allegheny County.

Commentary:

At its October 2012 meeting, the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) approved the creation of the Statewide Public Access Grant Program to fund eligible projects for the planning, acquisition, development, and expansion of public fishing and boating access facilities. The goal of the program is to ensure Pennsylvania's recreational anglers and boaters, today and in the future, are provided with access to the highest quality facilities on the Commonwealth's waterways. The Statewide Public Access Grant Program was established by administratively combining the Commission's existing Boating Facility Grant (BFG) Program and Erie Access Improvement Program into a single grant program to provide a consistent approach for identifying, evaluating, and funding opportunities to enhance public access.

Prior to the Statewide Public Access Grant Program, the Commission's BFG Program became well known as the primary mechanism for awarding funds for boating-related access improvements from 2005 through 2010. As such, and in keeping with the goals outlined in the Commission's current Strategic Plan, funding for the BFG Program was reallocated in 2019 to continue to improve boating opportunities and convenience in the Commonwealth through partnerships that update and maintain public boating access.

Funds for the BFG program are derived primarily from boat registration fees, state motorboat fuels tax, restricted revenue accounts, and when available, through various Federal assistance or grant awards. Grant requests exceeding \$100,000 per grantee, per year require Commission approval.

The Rivers of Steel Heritage Corporation is requesting \$127,000 for the design and engineering of a public boat dock at the Carrie Blast Furnaces National Historic Landmark. This project will result in the inclusion of a public boat dock as part of the site's master plan for park amenities. It will provide the only public docking facility in the area and expand public access to the historic site, in addition to accommodating the Riverboat Explorer which serves thousands of students with its "Environmental Science on the Three Rivers" program. The Rivers of Steel Heritage Corporation will adhere to all ADA requirements in the design of the dock. The closest public boat launch facilities are located 7.3 miles downstream at the South Side Marina and 2.2 miles upstream at the Braddock Boat Launch.

The Rivers of Steel Heritage Corporation will provide \$77,000 towards the project and has applied for \$308,006 in matching funds from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

Total Project Cost: \$512,000

Recommended Grant Award: \$127,000

Briefer:

Scott Bollinger, Statewide Public Access Program Manager

Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission approve a grant not to exceed \$127,000 to the Rivers of Steel Heritage Corporation, Allegheny County, as more particularly described in the Commentary.

Action:

BOATING OTHER MATTERS

G. Boating Facility Grant Program: Grant to the Town of Bloomsburg, Bloomsburg West End Boat Launch, North Branch of the Susquehanna River, Columbia County.

Commentary:

At its October 2012 meeting, the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) approved the creation of the Statewide Public Access Grant Program to fund eligible projects for the planning, acquisition, development, and expansion of public fishing and boating access facilities. The goal of the program is to ensure Pennsylvania's recreational anglers and boaters, today and in the future, are provided with access to the highest quality facilities on the Commonwealth's waterways. The Statewide Public Access Grant Program was established by administratively combining the Commission's existing Boating Facility Grant (BFG) Program and Erie Access Improvement Program into a single grant program to provide a consistent approach for identifying, evaluating, and funding opportunities to enhance public access.

Prior to the Statewide Public Access Grant Program, the Commission's BFG Program became well known as the primary mechanism for awarding funds for boating-related access improvements from 2005 through 2010. As such, and in keeping with the goals outlined in the Commission's current Strategic Plan, funding for the BFG Program was reallocated in 2019 to continue to improve boating opportunities and convenience in the Commonwealth through partnerships that update and maintain public boating access.

Funds for the BFG program are derived primarily from boat registration fees, state motorboat fuels tax, restricted revenue accounts, and when available, through various Federal assistance or grant awards. Grant requests exceeding \$100,000 per grantee, per year require Commission approval.

The Town of Bloomsburg is requesting \$118,900 to design and construct a new boat launch facility on their property at the confluence of Fishing Creek and the Susquehanna River in Columbia County. The Town plans on installing a motorized and non-motorized boat launch ramp, access road, paved parking area with two ADA accessible parking spaces, paved path to the launch ramp, and signage. The closest public boat launch facilities are located 2.5 miles upstream at the Bloomsburg Boat Launch and 1.7 miles downstream at Catawissa Borough.

The Town of Bloomsburg intends to apply to the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for \$118,900 in matching funds.

Total Project Cost: \$237,800

Recommended Grant Award: \$118,900

Briefer:

Scott Bollinger, Statewide Public Access Program Manager

Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission approve a grant not to exceed \$118,900 to the Town of Bloomsburg, Columbia County, as more particularly described in the Commentary.

Action:

BOATING OTHER MATTERS

H. Boating Facility Grant Program: Grant to the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority, Mayfield Recreation Park, Lackawanna River, Lackawanna County.

Commentary:

At its October 2012 meeting, the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) approved the creation of the Statewide Public Access Grant Program to fund eligible projects for the planning, acquisition, development, and expansion of public fishing and boating access facilities. The goal of the program is to ensure Pennsylvania's recreational anglers and boaters, today and in the future, are provided with access to the highest quality facilities on the Commonwealth's waterways. The Statewide Public Access Grant Program was established by administratively combining the Commission's existing Boating Facility Grant (BFG) Program and Erie Access Improvement Program into a single grant program to provide a consistent approach for identifying, evaluating, and funding opportunities to enhance public access.

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Funds for the BFG program are derived primarily from boat registration fees, state motorboat fuels tax, restricted revenue accounts, and when available, through various Federal assistance or grant awards. Grant requests exceeding \$100,000 per grantee, per year require Commission approval.

The Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority (Authority) is requesting \$156,000 to design and construct a fishing and boating access along the Lackawanna River in the Mayfield Recreation Park. The Authority plans on installing a parking area with ADA accessible parking spaces, an ADA accessible asphalt walkway from the parking area to the boat access, a J-hook deflector to facilitate safe boat egress, and educational signage. This is part of a larger project to convert an old brownfield site into a multi-use recreational park for the community and the region. The closest boat launch is located 12 miles downstream at Parkers Landing. There are no boat launch facilities located upstream.

The Authority has secured funding from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (\$150,000), the Lackawanna County Community Re-Invest (\$5,000), and the Willary Foundation (\$30,000). In addition, the Authority will provide \$110,195 towards the project.

Total Project Cost: \$345,165

Recommended Grant Award: \$156,000

Briefer:

Scott Bollinger, Statewide Public Access Program Manager

Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission approve a grant not to exceed \$156,000 to the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority, Lackawanna County, as more particularly described in the Commentary.

Action:

BOATING OTHER MATTERS

I. Boating Facility Grant Program: Grant to Masontown Borough, Riverside Recreation Area, Monongahela River, Fayette County.

Commentary:

At its October 2012 meeting, the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) approved the creation of the Statewide Public Access Grant Program to fund eligible projects for the planning, acquisition, development, and expansion of public fishing and boating access facilities. The goal of the program is to ensure Pennsylvania's recreational anglers and boaters, today and in the future, are provided with access to the highest quality facilities on the Commonwealth's waterways. The Statewide Public Access Grant Program was established by administratively combining the Commission's existing Boating Facility Grant (BFG) Program and Erie Access Improvement Program into a single grant program to provide a consistent approach for identifying, evaluating, and funding opportunities to enhance public access.

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Funds for the BFG program are derived primarily from boat registration fees, state motorboat fuels tax, restricted revenue accounts, and when available, through various Federal assistance or grant awards. Grant requests exceeding \$100,000 per grantee, per year require Commission approval.

Masontown Borough is requesting \$116,200 to make improvements to the Riverside Recreation Area along the Monongahela River. The Borough recently completed Phase I of the project, which included the construction of a boat launch ramp and parking area. The Borough is requesting funds to complete Phase II of the project, which includes the installation of floating docks with an ADA accessible gangway, a kayak launch, security lighting, and signage. The closest public boat launch facilities are located 4.5 miles upstream at the Glassworks facility and over 7 miles downstream at Isabella.

Masontown Borough intends to apply for \$116,200 in matching funds from the Department of Community and Economic Development.

Total Project Cost: \$232,400

Recommended Grant Award: \$116,200

Briefer:

Scott Bollinger, Statewide Public Access Program Manager

Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission approve a grant not to exceed \$116,200 to Masontown Borough, as more particularly described in the Commentary.

Action:

**BOATING
PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

A. Amendment to 58 Pa. Code § 107.5 (Streams less than 200 feet across).

Commentary:

In 58 Pa. Code § 103.3(a), “boats are limited to slow, no wake speed when within 100 feet of the shoreline; docks; launching ramps; swimmers or downed skiers or other boat-towed watersports participants; persons wading in the water; anchored, moored, or drifting boats; floats, except for ski jumps and ski landing floats; or other areas so marked. This subsection does not apply in a zoned ski area or authorized ski return areas when those areas are found within the areas described in this subsection.” According to this regulation, boats operating in a waterway less than 200 feet across would be within 100 feet of either shoreline and restricted to slow, no wake speed operation. Therefore, Section 107.5 of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission’s (Commission) regulations is redundant and can be eliminated.

Staff propose the following changes to § 107.5:

§ 107.5. Streams less than 200 feet across.

(a) **[A boat may not exceed slow, no wake speed on an area of a stream that measures less than 200 feet across except where special regulations have been promulgated by the Commission that provide for zoned areas where higher speeds are permitted under controlled conditions.**

(b) It is unlawful for a person to operate an air-propeller driven boat, an all-terrain vehicle, an air cushion effect vehicle or similar craft on an area of a stream that is less than 200 feet in width except when special regulations provide otherwise.

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On February 6, 2023, the Boating Advisory Board considered this proposal and recommended that the Commission approve the publication of a notice of proposed rulemaking containing the amendment.

Briefer:

Laurel L. Anders, Director, Bureau of Boating

Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission approve the publication of a notice of proposed rulemaking containing the amendment described in the Commentary. If adopted on final rulemaking, this amendment will go into effect upon publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

Action:

**BOATING
PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

B. Amendments to 58 Pa. Code § 111.42 (McKean County) and § 111.62 (Warren County).

Commentary:

Allegheny River Reservoir, also known as Kinzua Dam, is a 7,647-acre impoundment in McKean and Warren counties operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). Many of the controlled areas on the lake are indicated in the Pennsylvania Boat and Fish Commission’s (Commission) regulations and are marked with aids to navigation (i.e., buoys) by the USACE. The area near Elijah Run, in the southeastern portion of the reservoir in McKean County, is currently marked by USACE as slow, no wake to protect the boat launch area; however, it is not part of the Commission’s regulations. Adding this location to the existing regulations for Allegheny River Reservoir in 58 Pa. Code will assist with enforcement of this restriction. Commission staff also recommend adding a generic subsection (vii below) to the McKean and Warren County regulations that appears in regulations on some other USACE waters which allows them to respond quickly to areas that become problematic by marking them accordingly.

Staff propose the following changes to § 111.42 and § 111.62:

§ 111.42. McKean County.

Allegheny River Reservoir (Kinzua Dam).

- (1) Boats are limited to slow, no wake speed in the following areas:
 - (i) Chappel Bay.
 - (ii) Morrison Run Bay.
 - (iii) From the sewer plant at Kiasutha to the headwaters above Red Bridge.
 - (iv) Willow Bay.
 - (v) Sugar Bay.
 - (vi) Elijah Run boat launch.**
 - (vii) Other coves, bays, inlets, arms and areas marked with slow, no-wake buoys.**

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§ 111.62. Warren County.

Allegheny River Reservoir (Kinzua Dam).

- (1) Boats are limited to slow, no wake speed in the following areas:
 - (i) In the vicinity of camping areas and boat launch areas.
 - (ii) Dew Drop Bay.
 - (iii) Wolf Run Bay.
 - (iv) Hodge Bay, North and South Branch.
 - (v) Cornplanter Bay.

- (vi) Billies Bay.
- (vii) Willow Bay beginning at the boat launch ramp.
- (vii) Other coves, bays, inlets, arms and areas marked with slow, no-wake buoys.**

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On February 6, 2023, the Boating Advisory Board considered this proposal and recommended that the Commission approve the publication of a notice of proposed rulemaking containing the amendments.

Briefer:

Laurel L. Anders, Director, Bureau of Boating

Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission approve the publication of a notice of proposed rulemaking containing the amendments described in the Commentary. If adopted on final rulemaking, these amendments will go into effect upon publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

Action:

**BOATING
PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

C. Amendment to 58 Pa. Code § 111.60 (Union County).

Commentary:

Boating has historically been prohibited at Halfway Lake at R.B. Winter State Park due to the small size of the lake (approximately 6 acres). In recent years, the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) agreed to allow unpowered boats to operate on the lake. Therefore, the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission must update its regulations.

Staff propose the following changes to § 111.60:

§ 111.60. Union County.

Halfway Lake—R.B. Winter State Park. **[Boating is prohibited.] It is unlawful to operate a boat powered by a motor.**

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On February 6, 2023, the Boating Advisory Board considered this proposal and recommended that the Commission approve the publication of a notice of proposed rulemaking containing the amendment.

Briefer:

Laurel L. Anders, Director, Bureau of Boating

Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission approve the publication of a notice of proposed rulemaking containing the amendment described in the Commentary. If adopted on final rulemaking, this amendment will go into effect upon publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

Action:

FISHERIES DESIGNATIONS

A. Proposed changes to the list of Class A wild trout streams (58 Pa. Code § 57.8a).

Commentary:

Pursuant to 58 Pa. Code § 57.8a (relating to Class A wild trout streams), it is the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission's (Commission) policy to manage self-sustaining Class A wild trout populations as a renewable natural resource to conserve that resource and the angling it provides. Class A wild trout populations represent the best of Pennsylvania's naturally reproducing trout populations. Criteria developed for Class A wild trout populations are species specific. Wild trout biomass class criteria include provisions for wild Brook Trout, wild Brown Trout, mixed wild Brook Trout and Brown Trout, wild Rainbow Trout, mixed wild Brook Trout and Rainbow Trout, and mixed wild Brown Trout and Rainbow Trout populations.

Staff recommend the addition of 18 stream sections to the Commission's list of Class A wild trout streams. These changes are the result of a recent surveys conducted on these waters and subsequent data review. Exhibit E provides information on the locations and a data summary for each of these waters.

A notice of proposed designations was published at 53 Pa.B. 918 (February 11, 2023) (Exhibit F). The Commission received a total of 52 public comments regarding the proposed designation: all support the proposed designations. Copies of all public comments were provided to the Commissioners.

Briefer:

David C. Nihart, Chief, Division of Fisheries Management

Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission add 18 stream sections to its Class A wild trout streams list as set forth in the notice of proposed designations. If approved, these additions will go into effect upon publication of a second notice in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

Action:

FISHERIES DESIGNATIONS

B. Classification of wild trout streams (58 Pa. Code § 57.11): Proposed additions.

Commentary:

The Department of Environmental Protection’s regulations at 25 Pa. Code § 105.1 define the term “wild trout stream” as “a stream identified as supporting naturally reproducing trout populations by the Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) under 58 Pa. Code § 57.11 (relating to listing of wild trout streams).” This term has regulatory significance because wetlands that are in or along the floodplain of the reach of a wild trout stream and the floodplain of streams tributary thereto are considered “exceptional value” and are thus entitled to the highest level of protection.

The Commission adopted a statement of policy at 58 Pa. Code § 57.11 that sets forth the basis for the classification of streams supporting the natural reproduction of trout. Under § 57.11, it is the policy of the Commission to accurately identify and classify stream sections supporting naturally reproducing populations of trout as wild trout streams. The listing of a stream section as a wild trout stream is a biological designation that does not determine how the stream is managed. The statement of policy provides that the Commission’s Fisheries Management Division will maintain the list of wild trout streams and that the Executive Director, with approval of the Commission, will from time to time publish the list of wild trout streams in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* and solicit public comments.

Staff recommend the addition of 32 new waters to the Commission’s list of wild trout streams. These changes are the result of recent surveys conducted on these waters. Exhibit G provides information on the locations and a data summary for each of these waters. Surveying unassessed waters and documenting wild trout populations are consistent with the Commission’s Strategic Plan for Management of Trout Fisheries in Pennsylvania, the statewide Strategic Plan, and the agency’s Resource First philosophy.

A notice of proposed designations was published at 53 Pa.B. 916 (February 11, 2023) (Exhibit H). The Commission received a total of 52 public comments regarding the proposed designations: all support the proposed designations. Copies of all public comments were provided to the Commissioners.

Briefer:

David C. Nihart, Chief, Division of Fisheries Management

Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission add 32 new waters to the Commission’s list of wild trout streams as set forth in the notice of proposed designations. If approved, these additions will go into effect upon publication of a second notice in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

Action:

FISHERIES DESIGNATIONS

C. Classification of wilderness trout streams (58 Pa. Code § 57.4): Proposed additions.

Commentary:

Originally established in April 1969, the Wilderness Trout Streams program represents the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission's (Commission) first formal wild trout program. The program was originally conceived to protect and promote native (Brook Trout) fisheries, the ecological requirements necessary for natural reproduction of trout, and wilderness aesthetics. The superior quality of these watersheds is considered an important part of the overall angling experience on Wilderness Trout Streams. Therefore, all stream sections included in this program qualify for the Exceptional Value (EV) special protected water use classification, which represents the highest protection status provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection under 25 Pa. Code Chapter 93 (Water Quality Standards).

As stated in 58 Pa. Code § 57.4, "It is the policy of the Commission to maintain the wilderness trout streams program where stream remoteness and populations of naturally reproducing trout combine to offer sport fishing opportunity for the recreation of anglers in a wilderness setting away from roads or vehicular access. It is the Commission's intent to advocate proper watershed management to maintain the wilderness setting and to advance and seek the highest water quality standards through the Department of Environmental Protection."

The Wilderness Trout Streams program was updated in July 2022, which was the first update to the program since 2002. As a result of the Unassessed Waters Initiative and wild trout stream re-inventories over the past two decades, numerous streams have been identified that meet the criteria for inclusion in the Wilderness Trout Streams program. The need to develop listing packages and propose designation of qualifying streams was identified in the *Strategic Plan for Management of Trout Fisheries in Pennsylvania 2020-2024* (Issue 21).

Staff recommend the addition of 20 stream sections to the Commission's list of wilderness trout streams. All the proposed stream sections are currently designated as Exceptional Value or High Quality-Cold Water Fishes under 25 Pa. Code Chapter 93 and are located on Department of Conservation and Natural Resources land. Exhibit I provides information on the locations and a data summary for each of these waters.

A notice of proposed designations was published at 53 Pa.B. 1491 (March 11, 2023) (Exhibit J). The Commission received a total of 2 public comments regarding the proposed designations: all support the proposed designations. Copies of all public comments were provided to the Commissioners.

Briefer:

David C. Nihart, Chief, Division of Fisheries Management

Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission add 20 stream sections to the Commission's list of wilderness trout streams as set forth in the notice of proposed designations. If approved, these additions will go into effect upon publication of a second notice in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

Action:

PENNSYLVANIA FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION
NOTATIONAL VOTE MEASURES

The Commission voted on one item by notational vote since the January 23, 2023 and March 1, 2023 meetings. On March 7, 2023, the Commission, in a 10-0 vote, approved the item found in Appendix A.

APPENDIX A

PENNSYLVANIA FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION
NOTATIONAL VOTE

Amendments to 58 Pa. Code § 93.1 (Registration) and § 93.5 (Display of registration number and validation decal).

Commentary:

Act 28 of 2022 (Act 28), signed into law on June 27, 2022, amended section 5308 of Title 30 (Fish) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, relating to registration and titling of boats. Act 28 establishes a calendar-year boat registration cycle that is valid from January 1 through December 31.

Act 28 requires the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) to promulgate final regulations to implement the amendments and publish them in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* within 18 months of the effective date of the Act. Commission staff have identified two relevant sections of Title 58 Pa. Code that require amendments to be consistent with the Act.

Additionally, Commission staff have identified language in § 93.1(a) relating to “state owned” boat registrations which is inconsistent with the statutory registration period and Commission practices. State owned boats are issued two-year registration certificates.

Staff propose the following changes to 58 Pa. Code § 93.1 and § 93.5:

§ 93.1. Registration.

(a) With the exception of a “Manufacturer/Dealer/Jobber” registration certificate, which is valid for 1 year, **[and a “State Owned” registration certificate, which is valid until the removal of the property from inventory,]** all other boat registration certificates issued under this chapter are valid for a period not exceeding 2 years. The Commission will not issue 1-year registration certificates except to “Manufacturer/Dealer/Jobbers.” The registration period expires on **[March] December** 31 of the second year following issuance.

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§ 93.5. Display of registration number and validation decal.

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(b) A set of two color-coded validation decals will be issued for display with each registration number. The decal shall be displayed within 6 inches of the registration number and on a level with the number. The decals shall be approximately 3 inches by 3 inches and color-coded to indicate the registration period. Registration numbers and validation decals shall be displayed in the following manner: PA 12 AM or PA 12 AM. A validation decal may be displayed prior to **[April] January** 1 of the period for which it is issued.

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The Boating Advisory Board considered these amendments in its December 5, 2022, meeting and also responded to a notational vote conducted on February 27, 2023. The Board recommends the amendments to the Commission.

Briefer:

Robert T. Caccese, Acting Chief Counsel

Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission approve the publication of a notice of proposed rulemaking containing the amendments described in the Commentary.

Action:

On March 7, 2023 the Commission, in a 10-0 vote, approved the item.

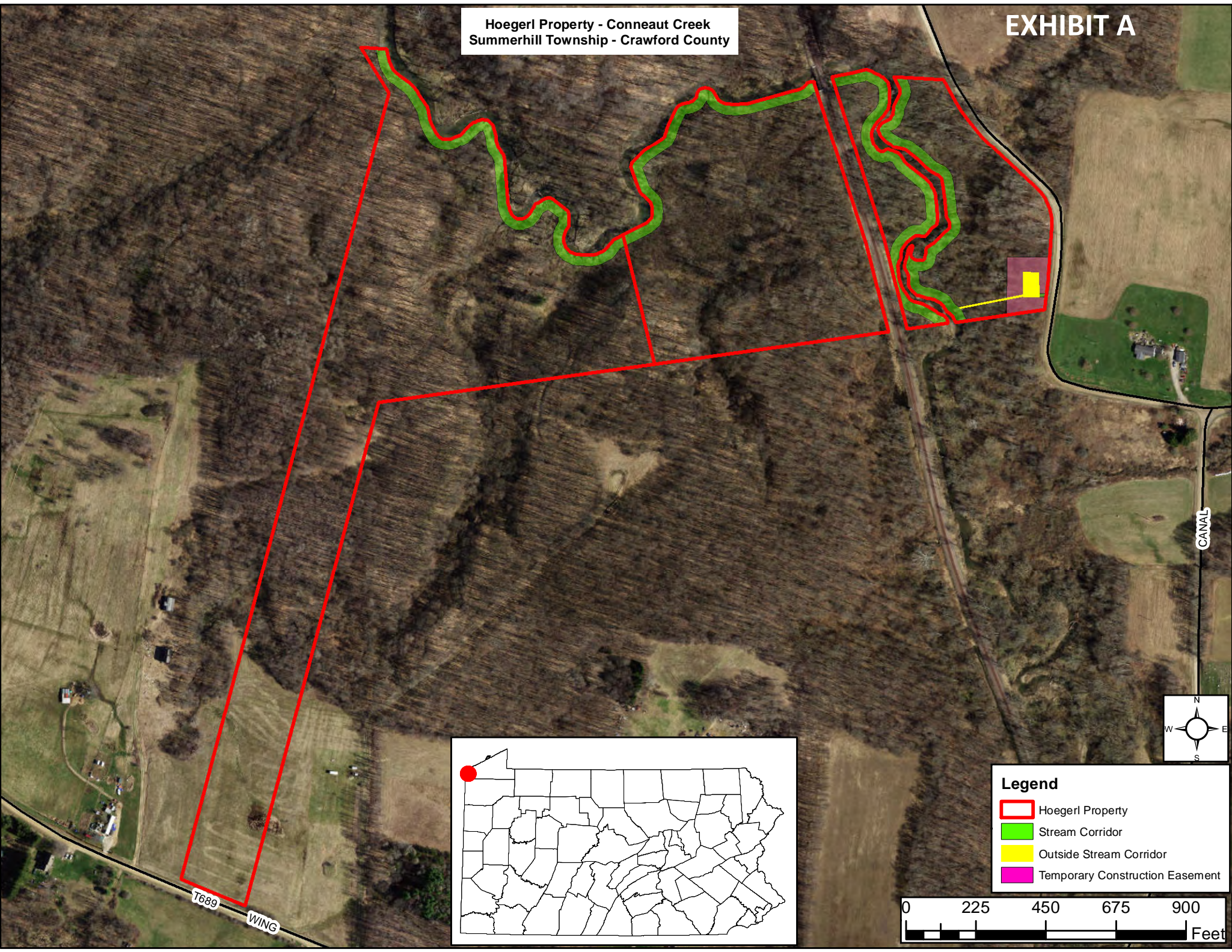
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Time and Place of July 2023 Commission Meeting

Adjournment

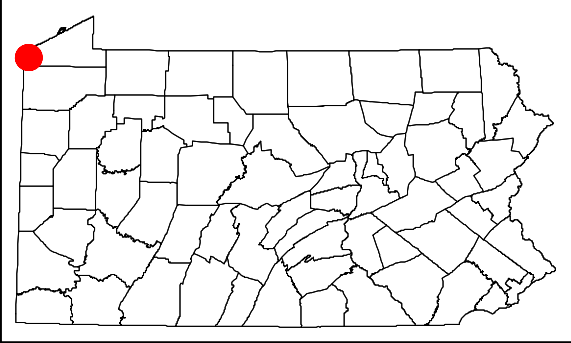
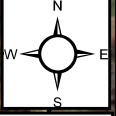
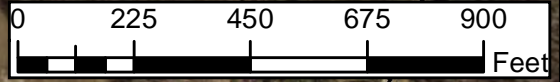
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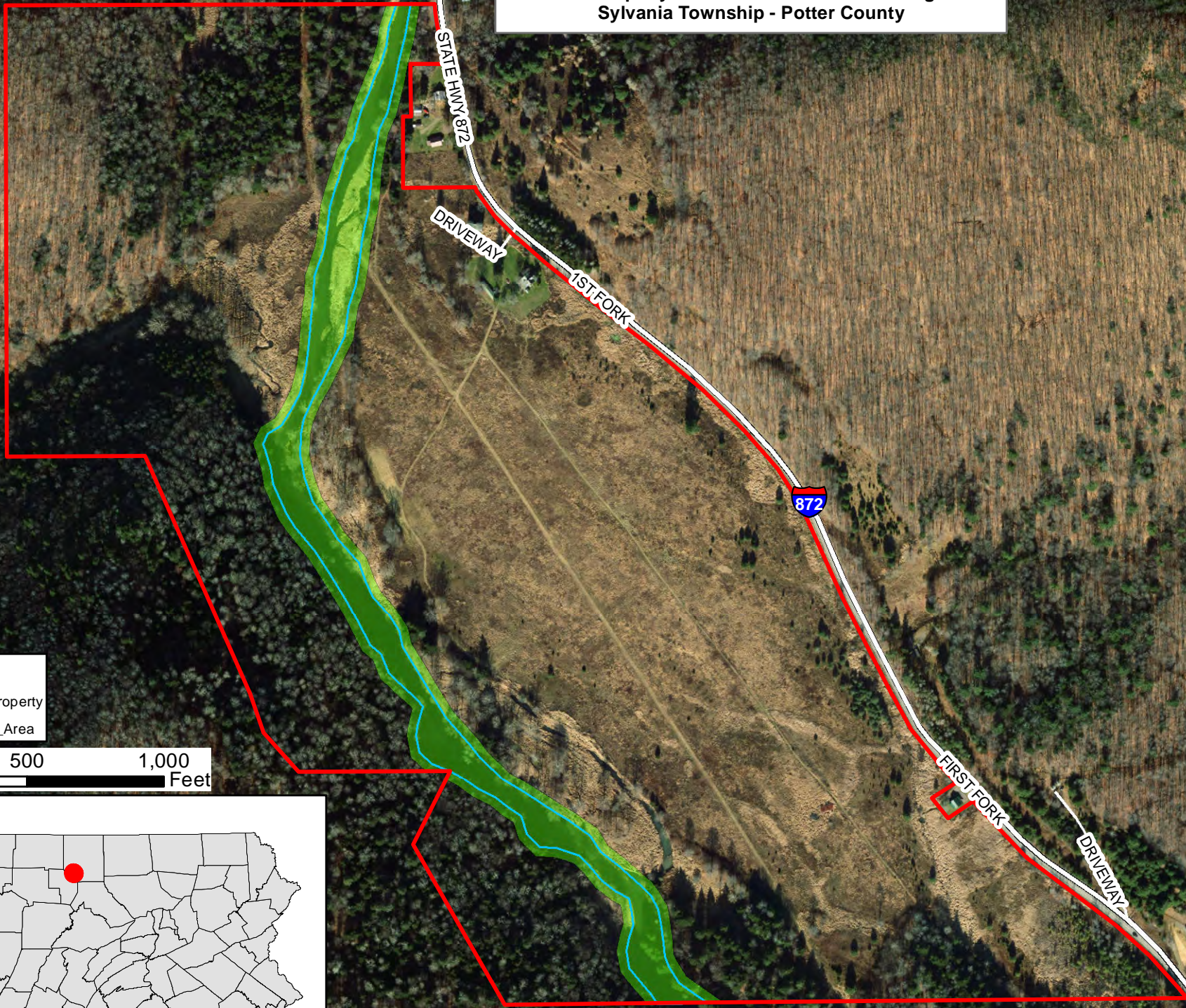


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
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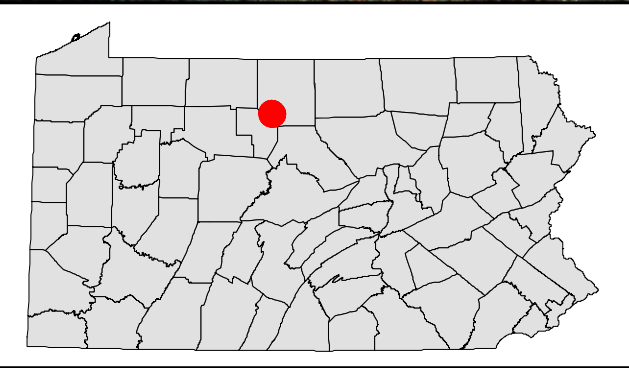
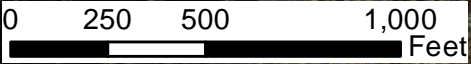


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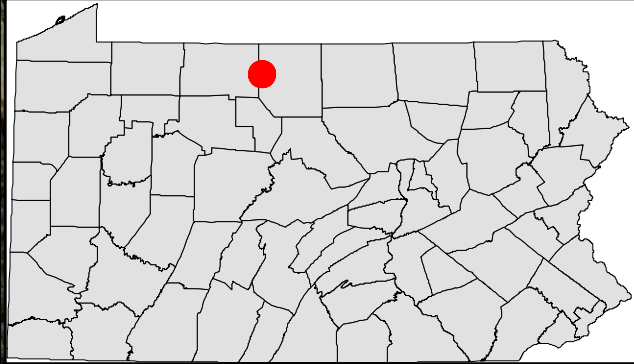
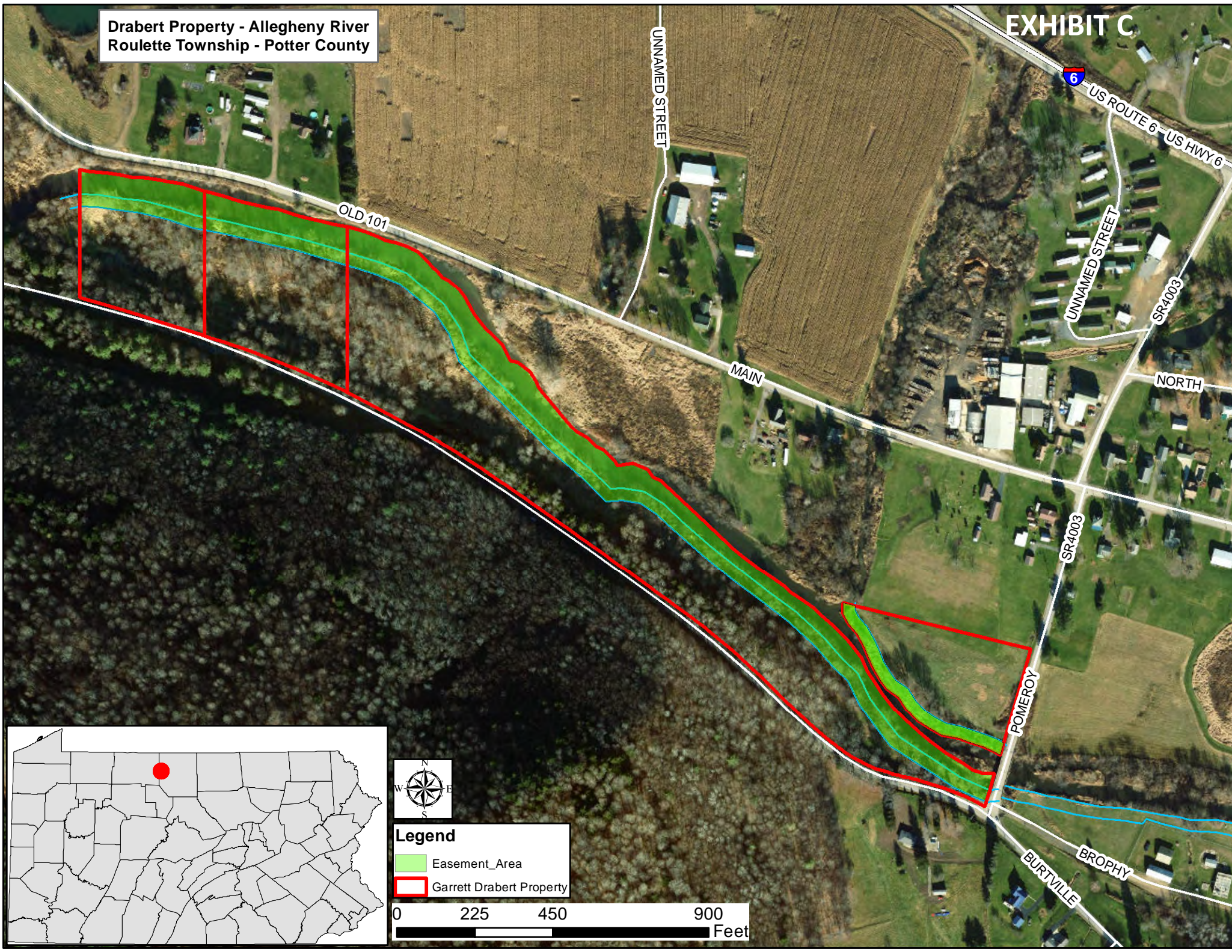
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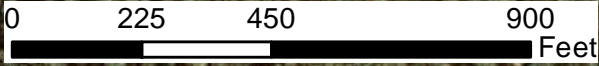


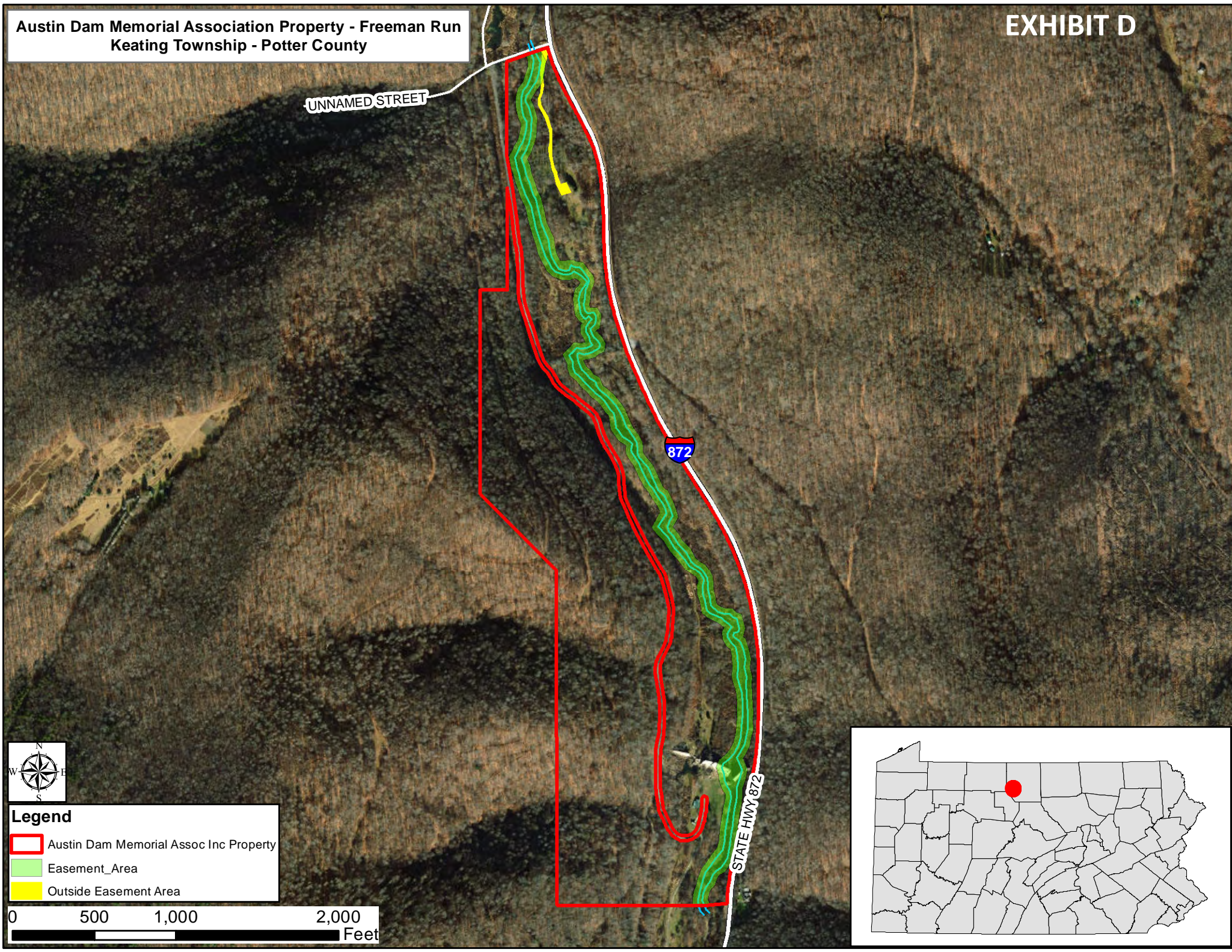
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



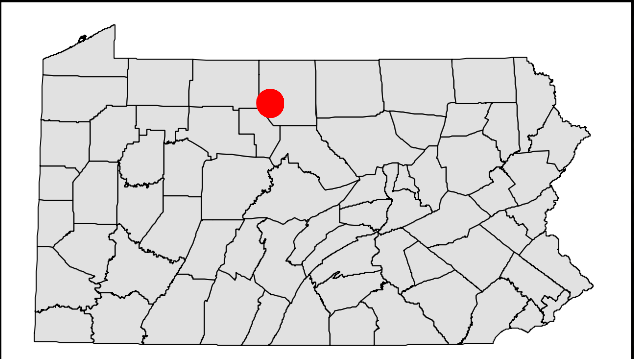
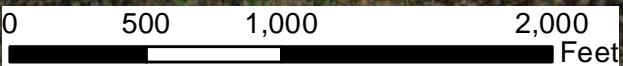
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-  Austin Dam Memorial Assoc Inc Property
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Class A Additions

- Slides 2-38

1

Birch Island Run, Cameron/Clinton Counties



2

Birch Island Run, Cameron/Clinton Counties

Brook Trout RM - 5.50
Site Length - 300 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
1	14	0.24	47
2	1	0.04	3
3	1	0.10	3
4	16	3.53	53
5	32	12.64	107
6	20	13.29	67
7	5	5.17	17
8	1	1.50	3
Total	90	36.51	300



3

Yost Run, Centre County



4

Yost Run, Centre County

Brook Trout RM - 0.11
Site Length - 715 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	51	0.76	71
3	99	3.51	138
4	11	0.91	15
5	30	4.41	42
6	16	3.96	22
7	21	8.09	29
8	14	7.81	20
9	13	10.31	18
10	3	3.28	4
11	1	1.46	1
Total	259	44.50	360

Brown Trout RM - 0.11
Site Length - 715 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
10	1	1.10	1
Total	1	1.10	1



5

East Branch Queens Run, Clinton County



6

East Branch Queens Run, Clinton County

Brook Trout RM - 2.20
Site Length - 500 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	75	1.51	150
3	45	2.15	90
4	25	2.77	50
5	35	6.94	70
6	16	5.34	32
7	10	5.19	20
8	6	4.51	12
9	2	2.14	4
Total	214	30.55	428



7

Queens Run, Clinton County



8

Queens Run, Clinton County

Brook Trout RM - 0.16
Site Length - 154 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	2	0.06	13
3	15	1.11	97
4	2	0.34	13
7	2	1.60	13
10	1	2.27	6
Total	22	5.38	142

Brown Trout RM - 0.16
Site Length - 154 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	3	0.10	19
3	6	0.48	39
7	3	2.52	19
9	3	5.08	19
10	1	2.28	6
11	4	11.88	26
13	1	4.79	6
14	1	5.93	6
17	1	10.77	6
18	1	13.14	6
Total	24	56.97	152



9

West Branch Queens Run, Clinton County



10

West Branch Queens Run, Clinton County

Brook Trout RM - 0.04
Site Length - 385 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	15	0.45	39
3	52	5.05	184
4	1	0.16	3
5	7	2.06	18
6	10	5.45	29
7	7	5.40	18
8	8	12.29	29
9	4	6.36	10
10	1	2.19	3
Total	105	39.41	333

Brown Trout RM - 0.04
Site Length - 385 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	8	0.28	23
3	14	1.07	36
9	1	1.63	3
12	1	3.67	3
Total	24	6.65	65



11

West Branch Queens Run, Clinton County

Brook Trout RM - 0.88
Site Length - 350 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	29	1.10	83
3	31	2.80	89
4	21	4.40	60
5	16	6.00	46
6	5	3.15	14
7	1	0.98	3
8	5	7.11	14
9	4	8.09	11
10	2	5.57	6
Total	114	39.20	326



12

Whisky Run, Clinton County



13

Whisky Run, Clinton County

Brook Trout RM - 0.27
Site Length - 420 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	93	6.25	347
3	51	8.95	209
4	20	6.72	67
5	12	7.10	40
6	2	1.84	6
7	3	5.72	12
Total	181	36.58	681

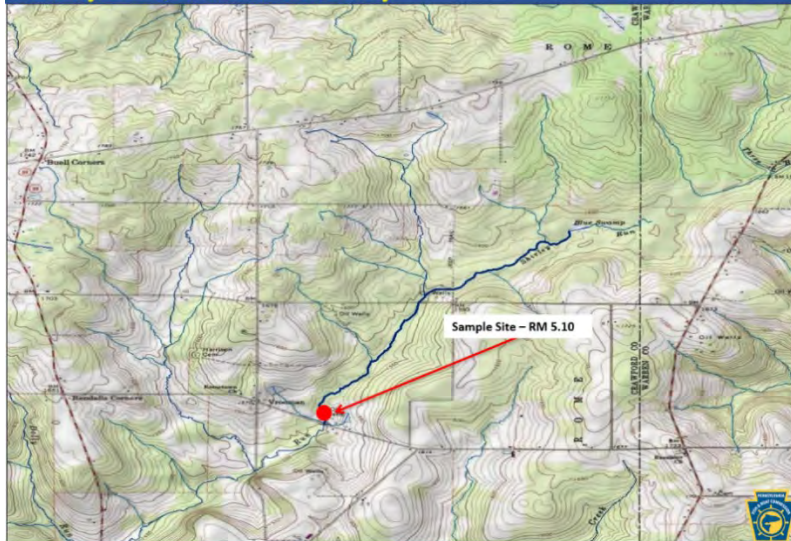
Brown Trout RM - 0.27
Site Length - 420 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
3	1	0.14	3
Total	1	0.14	3



14

Shirley Run, Crawford County



15

Shirley Run, Crawford County

Brown Trout RM - 5.10
Site Length - 364 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	4	0.07	11
4	1	0.10	3
5	14	3.80	55
6	7	2.54	22
7	1	0.49	3
8	2	1.40	5
9	4	3.91	11
10	4	6.59	14
11	6	11.99	19
12	5	13.17	16
13	3	11.05	11
Total	51	55.11	170



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Shirley Run, Crawford County



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Shirley Run, Crawford County

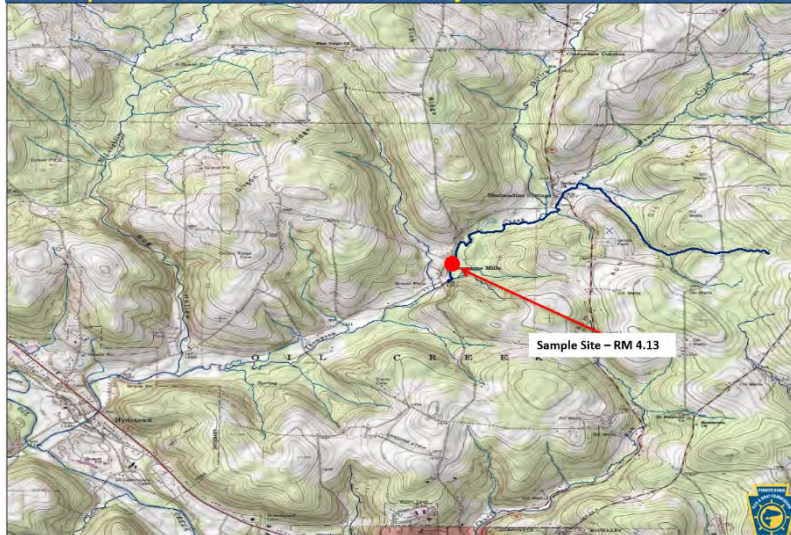
Brown Trout RM - 0.16
Site Length - 309 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	50	0.53	162
3	10	0.26	32
4	1	0.06	3
5	16	1.74	52
6	22	4.00	71
7	18	5.02	58
8	7	2.82	23
9	13	7.29	42
10	11	8.32	36
11	4	3.93	13
12	8	10.08	26
13	5	7.93	16
14	3	5.89	10
15	1	2.40	3
17	1	3.57	3
Total	170	63.84	550



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Thompson Creek, Crawford County



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Thompson Creek, Crawford County

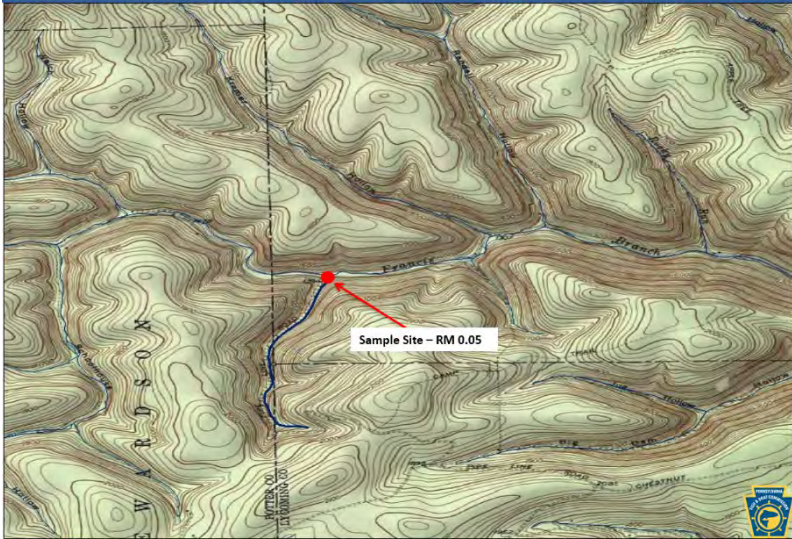
Brown Trout RM - 4.13
Site Length - 570 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	56	1.02	337
3	51	1.86	246
5	15	1.10	35
6	32	3.39	65
7	22	3.93	49
8	15	3.65	32
9	6	1.69	11
10	11	4.19	19
11	3	1.48	5
12	1	0.63	2
13	7	6.38	14
14	5	5.93	11
15	2	2.41	4
17	5	10.77	11
Total	231	48.43	841



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UNT to Francis Branch (RM 2.40), Lycoming/Potter/Tioga Counties



21

UNT to Francis Branch (RM 2.40), Lycoming/Potter/Tioga Counties

Brook Trout RM - 0.05
Site Length - 184 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	38	3.57	270
3	46	10.29	250
5	4	3.71	22
6	5	7.81	27
7	3	7.29	16
8	3	10.56	16
Total	99	43.23	538



22

South Branch Hamilton Run, McKean/Potter Counties



23

South Branch Hamilton Run, McKean/Potter Counties

Brook Trout RM - 0.02
Site Length - 326 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	56	4.10	248
3	75	13.84	353
5	4	2.00	12
6	9	8.40	31
7	8	13.06	31
8	2	3.78	6
Total	154	45.18	681

Brown Trout RM - 0.02
Site Length - 326 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
5	2	1.07	6
6	1	0.90	3
7	2	2.75	6
8	3	5.96	9
Total	8	10.68	24



24

Boone Run, Potter County



25

Boone Run, Potter County

Brook Trout RM - 0.00
Site Length - 490 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	213	8.81	435
3	29	2.85	59
4	22	5.02	45
5	24	9.79	49
6	10	6.87	20
7	5	5.34	10
8	3	4.64	6
Total	306	43.32	624

Brown Trout RM - 0.00
Site Length - 490 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
1	1	0.02	2
2	23	0.98	47
4	6	1.44	12
Total	30	2.44	61



26

Schoolhouse Hollow Run, Potter County



27

Schoolhouse Hollow Run, Potter County

Brook Trout RM - 0.03
Site Length - 410 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	185	7.54	451
3	75	7.27	183
4	23	5.17	56
5	33	13.27	80
6	27	18.26	66
7	11	11.58	27
8	2	3.05	5
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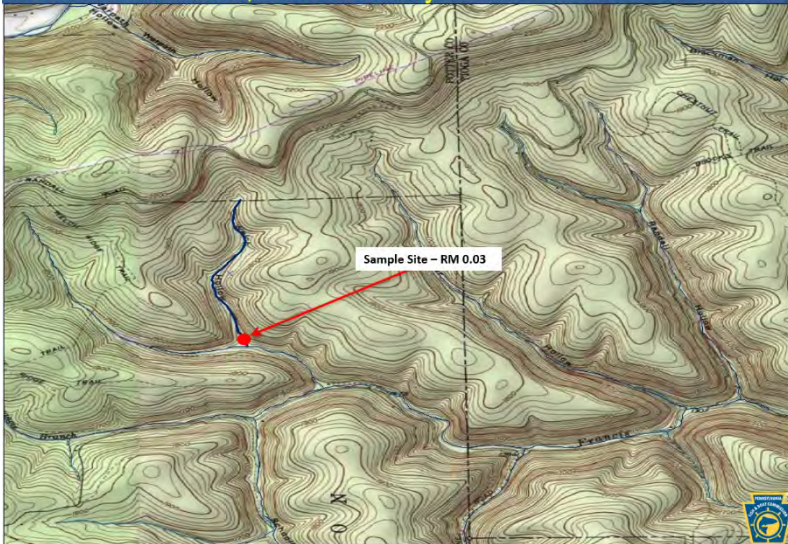
Brown Trout RM - 0.03
Site Length - 410 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
1	1	0.02	2
2	7	0.29	17
3	1	0.10	2
5	1	0.43	2
6	1	0.72	2
7	2	2.21	5
8	1	1.60	2
Total	14	5.37	32



28

Welch Hollow Run, Potter County



29

Welch Hollow Run, Potter County

Brook Trout RM - 0.03
Site Length - 175 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	8	1.12	46
3	33	10.97	189
4	2	1.54	11
5	3	4.14	17
6	6	13.92	34
7	4	14.44	23
8	2	10.46	11
Total	58	56.59	331



30

Wingerter Run, Potter County



31

Wingerter Run, Potter County

Brook Trout RM - 0.03
Site Length - 500 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	170	4.16	340
3	46	2.68	92
4	18	2.43	36
5	22	5.32	44
6	10	4.06	20
7	10	6.32	20
8	7	6.41	14
9	1	1.30	2
Total	284	32.68	568

Brown Trout RM - 0.03
Site Length - 500 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
6	1	0.43	2
8	1	0.96	2
Total	2	1.39	4



32

Kramer Hollow Run, Potter/Tioga Counties



33

Kramer Hollow Run, Potter/Tioga Counties

Brook Trout RM - 0.07
Site Length - 360 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	145	6.56	403
3	53	5.70	147
4	1	0.25	3
5	7	3.12	19
6	11	8.26	31
7	9	10.51	25
8	4	6.77	11
9	1	2.41	3
Total	231	43.58	642

Brown Trout RM - 0.07
Site Length - 360 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	1	0.05	3
Total	1	0.05	3



34

Bear Run, Tioga County



35

Bear Run, Tioga County

Brook Trout RM - 0.17
Site Length - 380 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	160	12.56	421
3	61	11.40	161
5	5	6.52	13
7	18	36.50	47
8	6	17.63	16
Total	250	84.61	658



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UNT to Spring Creek (RM 2.77), Warren County



37

UNT to Spring Creek (RM 2.77), Warren County

Brook Trout RM - 0.04
Site Length - 180 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	7	0.53	39
3	4	0.73	22
4	10	4.21	56
5	19	14.31	106
6	10	12.67	56
7	10	19.71	56
8	5	14.28	28
9	2	8.12	11
Total	67	74.56	374



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NOTICES

FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

Proposed Changes to List of Class A Wild Trout Waters; April 2023

[53 Pa.B. 918]

[Saturday, February 11, 2023]

The Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) is considering changes to its list of Class A Wild Trout Streams. Under 58 Pa. Code § 57.8a (relating to Class A wild trout streams), it is the Commission's policy to manage self-sustaining Class A wild trout populations as a renewable natural resource to conserve that resource and the angling it provides. Class A wild trout populations represent the best of this Commonwealth's naturally reproducing trout fisheries. With rare exceptions, the Commission manages these stream sections solely for the perpetuation of the wild trout fishery with no stocking.

Criteria developed for Class A wild trout fisheries are species specific. Wild Trout Biomass Class Criteria include provisions for:

(i) *Wild Brook Trout Fisheries*

(A) Total brook trout biomass of at least 30 kg/ha (26.7 lbs/acre).

(B) Total biomass of brook trout less than 15 cm (5.9 inches) in total length of at least 0.1 kg/ha (0.089 lbs/acre).

(C) Brook trout biomass must comprise at least 75% of the total trout biomass.

(ii) *Wild Brown Trout Fisheries*

(A) Total brown trout biomass of at least 40 kg/ha (35.6 lbs/acre).

(B) Total biomass of brown trout less than 15 cm (5.9 inches) in total length of at least 0.1 kg/ha (0.089 lbs/acre).

(C) Brown trout biomass must comprise at least 75% of the total trout biomass.

(iii) *Mixed Wild Brook and Brown Trout Fisheries*

(A) Combined brook and brown trout biomass of at least 40 kg/ha (35.6 lbs/acre).

(B) Total biomass of brook trout less than 15 cm (5.9 inches) in total length of at least 0.1 kg/ha (0.089 lbs/acre).

(C) Total biomass of brown trout less than 15 cm (5.9 inches) in total length of at least 0.1 kg/ha (0.089 lbs/acre).

(D) Brook trout biomass must comprise less than 75% of the total trout biomass.

(E) Brown trout biomass must comprise less than 75% of the total trout biomass.

(iv) *Wild Rainbow Trout Fisheries*

Total biomass of rainbow trout less than 15 cm (5.9 inches) in total length of at least 2.0 kg/ha (1.78 lbs/acre).

(v) *Mixed Wild Brook and Rainbow Trout Fisheries*

(A) Combined brook and rainbow trout biomass of at least 40 kg/ha (35.6 lbs/acre).

(B) Total biomass of brook trout less than 15 cm (5.9 inches) in total length of at least 0.1 kg/ha (0.089 lbs/acre).

(C) Total biomass of rainbow trout less than 15 cm (5.9 inches) in total length of at least 0.1 kg/ha (0.089 lbs/acre).

(D) Brook trout biomass shall comprise less than 75% of the total trout biomass.

(E) Rainbow trout biomass shall comprise less than 75% of the total trout biomass.

(vi) *Mixed Wild Brown and Rainbow Trout Fisheries*

(A) Combined brown and rainbow trout biomass of at least 40 kg/ha (35.6 lbs/acre).

(B) Total biomass of brown trout less than 15 cm (5.9 inches) in total length of at least 0.1 kg/ha (0.089 lbs/acre).

(C) Total biomass of rainbow trout less than 15 cm (5.9 inches) in total length of at least 0.1 kg/ha (0.089 lbs/acre).

(D) Brown trout biomass shall comprise less than 75% of the total trout biomass.

(E) Rainbow trout biomass shall comprise less than 75% of the total trout biomass.

During recent surveys, Commission staff documented the following stream sections to have Class A wild trout populations. The Commission intends to consider adding these waters to its list of Class A Wild Trout Streams at its meeting on April 24 and 25, 2023.

County	Stream	Section Limits	Tributary to	Mouth Lat/Lon	Brook Trout (kg/ha)	Brown Trout (kg/ha)	Rainbow Trout (kg/ha)	Length (miles)	Survey Year
Cameron/ Clinton	Birch Island Run	1	Headwaters to unnamed tributary (UNT) at Juneberry Trail	West Branch Susquehanna River 41.195831 77.974442	36.51	—	—	1.80	2022
Centre	Yost Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	West Branch Susquehanna River 41.226111 77.930000	44.50	1.10	—	4.35	2022
Clinton	East Branch Queens Run	1	Headwaters to Ram Hollow Reservoir	Queens Run 41.183611 77.475278	30.55	—	—	3.00	2022
Clinton	Queens Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	West Branch Susquehanna River 41.175835 77.482224	5.38	56.97	—	0.77	2022
Clinton	West Branch Queens Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Queens Run 41.181389 77.477776	39.31	3.33	—	4.11	2022
Clinton	Whisky Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Lick Run 41.174180 77.512495	36.56	0.14	—	1.96	2022

Crawford	Shirley Run	1	Headwaters to State Route 1032 bridge	Thompson Creek	41.681944 79.667500	—	55.11	—	2.11	2022
Crawford	Shirley Run	3	State Route 89 bridge in Cloverdale Corners to Mouth	Thompson Creek	41.681944 79.667500	—	63.84	—	1.70	2022
Crawford	Thompson Creek	1	Headwaters to 100 meters upstream State Route 2031 bridge	Oil Creek	41.648611 79.732222	—	48.43	—	3.29	2022
Lycoming/ Potter/Tioga	UNT to Francis Branch (RM 2.40)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Francis Branch	41.550030 77.595367	43.23	—	—	1.11	2022
McKean/ Potter	South Branch Hamilton Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Hamilton Run	41.743677 78.231023	45.16	10.68	—	1.98	2022
Potter	Boone Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Cross Fork	41.599285 77.784811	43.32	2.44	—	3.01	2022
Potter	Schoolhouse Hollow Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Francis Branch	41.552678 77.616121	66.14	5.37	—	2.36	2022
Potter	Welch Hollow Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	UNT to Francis Branch (RM 3.44)	41.558782 77.616672	56.59	—	—	0.95	2022
Potter	Wingerter Run	1	Headwaters to Bolich Run	Cross Fork	41.608333 77.780556	32.68	1.39	—	3.04	2022
Potter/Tioga	Kramer Hollow Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Francis Branch	41.553450 77.583046	43.58	0.05	—	2.11	2022
Tioga	Bear Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Cushman Branch	41.558884 77.551834	84.59	—	—	2.13	2022
Warren	UNT to Spring Creek (RM 2.77)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Spring Creek	41.853873 79.557800	74.56	—	—	1.09	2022

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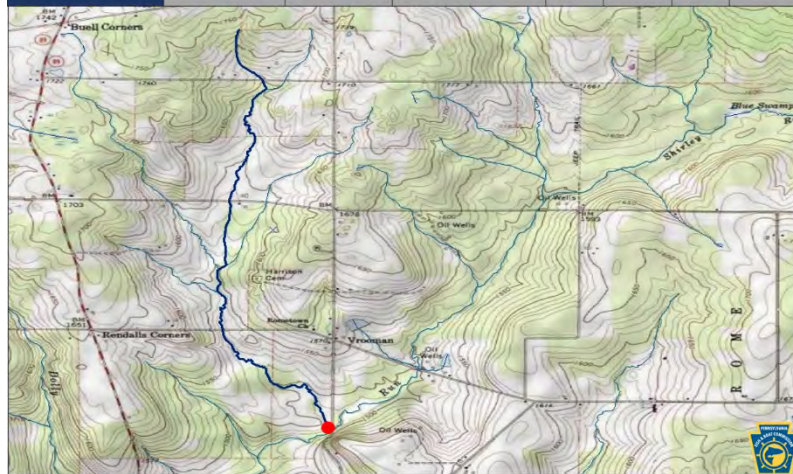
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County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Wild Trout Limits	Site River-mile	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
Adams	UNT to Conewago Creek (RM 78.72)	Conewago Creek	Headwaters to mouth	0.24	Brook	11	3-6
					Brown	25	2-3



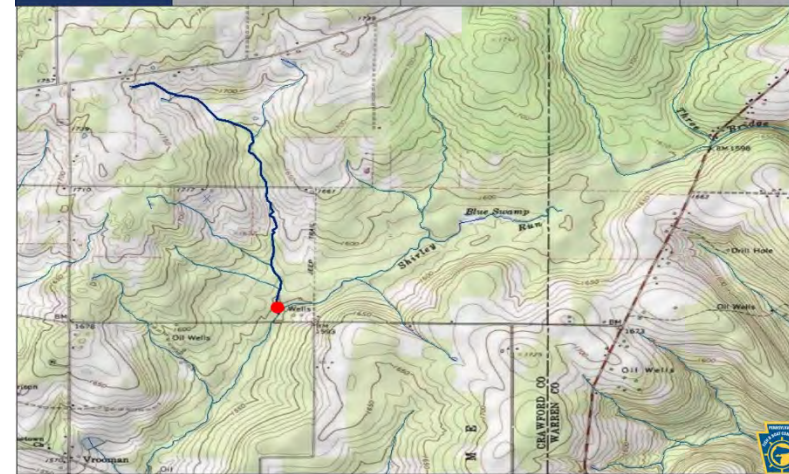
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Crawford	UNT to Shirley Run (RM 3.53)	Shirley Run	Headwaters to mouth	0.01	Brown	8	5-14



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County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Wild Trout Limits	Site River-mile	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
Crawford	UNT to Shirley Run (RM 5.37)	Shirley Run	Headwaters to mouth	0.01	Brown	5	4-11



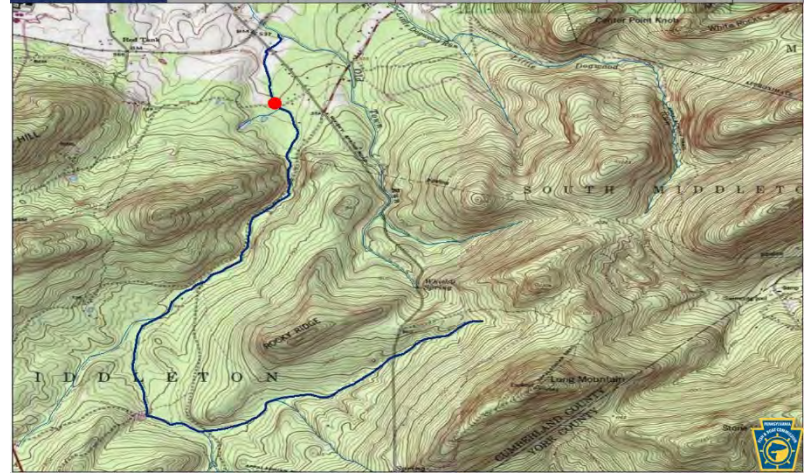
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Crawford	UNT to Thompson Creek (RM 3.87)	Thompson Creek	Headwaters to mouth	0.01	Brown	10	2-8



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County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Wild Trout Limits	Site River-mile	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
Cumberland	UNT to Old Town Run (RM 1.55)	Old Town Run	Headwaters to mouth	0.50	Brown	6	2-6



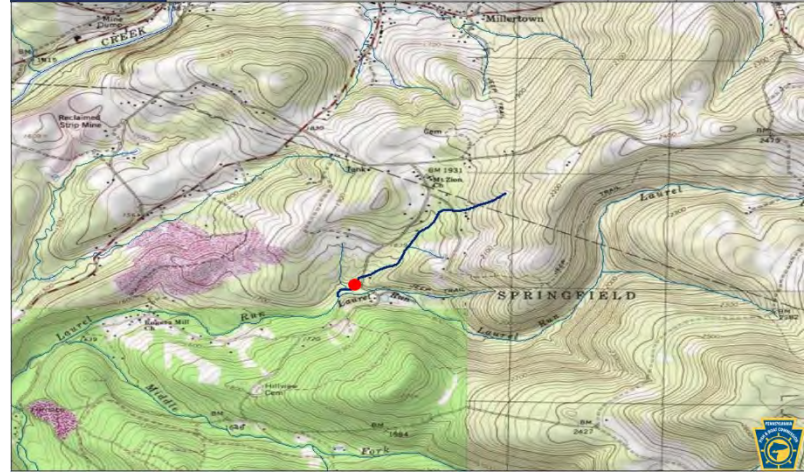
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Erie	UNT to Whitney Run (RM 3.52)	Whitney Run	Headwaters to mouth	0.05	Brook	9	3-9



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County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Wild Trout Limits	Site River-mile	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
Fayette	UNT to Laurel Run (RM 2.09)	Laurel Run	Headwaters to mouth	0.11	Brook	20	2-6



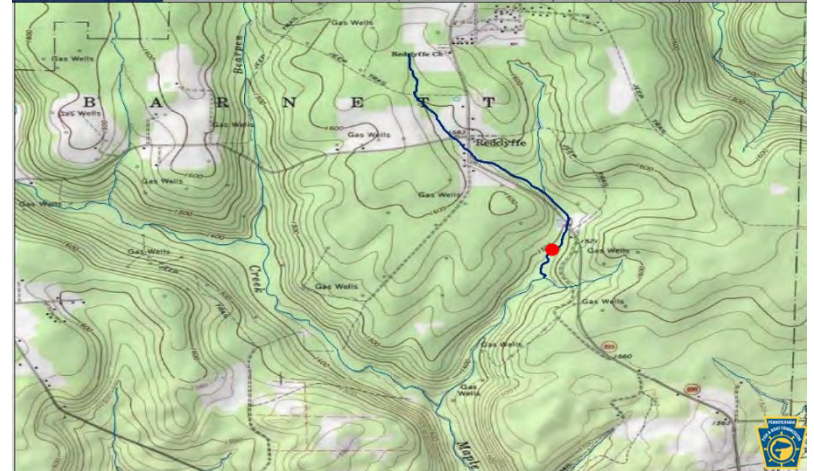
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Fayette	UNT to Quebec Run (RM 2.01)	Quebec Run	Headwaters to mouth	0.00	Brook	3	2-3



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County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Wild Trout Limits	Site River-mile	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
Forest	UNT to Maple Creek (RM 2.65)	Maple Creek	Headwaters to UNT at RM 0.90	1.04	Brook	40	2-6



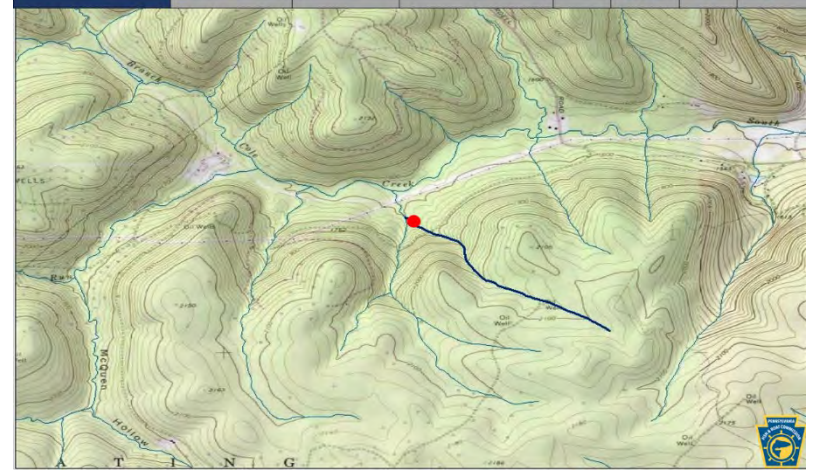
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Forest	UNT to Ross Run (RM 3.97)	Ross Run	Headwaters to mouth	0.01	Brook	75	2-7



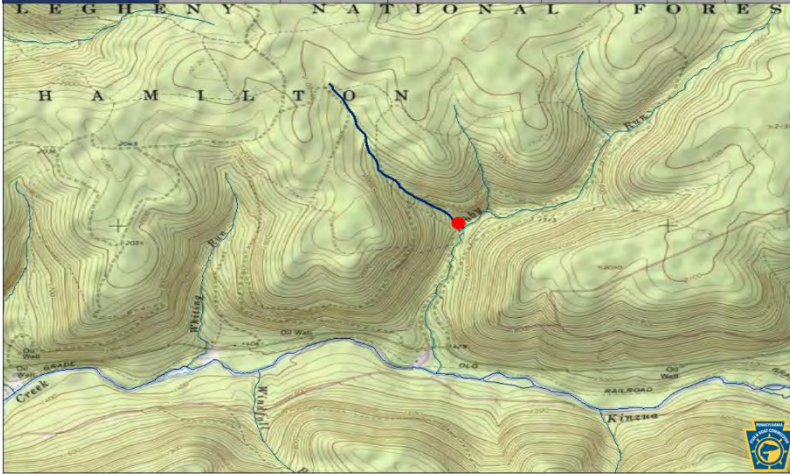
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McKean	UNT (RM 0.20) to UNT to South Branch Cole Creek (RM 3.67)	UNT to South Branch Cole Creek (RM 3.67)	Headwaters to mouth	0.07	Brook	21	1-6
					Brown	1	6-7



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County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Wild Trout Limits	Site River-mile	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
McKean	UNT to Libby Run (RM 0.87)	Libby Run	Headwaters to mouth	0.01	Brook	25	2-7



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County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Wild Trout Limits	Site River-mile	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
McKean	UNT to Mud Lick Run (RM 1.49)	Mud Lick Run	Headwaters to mouth	0.01	Brook	39	1-6



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County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Wild Trout Limits	Site River-mile	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
McKean	UNT to South Branch Cole Creek (RM 3.67)	South Branch Cole Creek	Headwaters to mouth	0.32	Brook	5	4-8



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County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Wild Trout Limits	Site River-mile	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
McKean	UNT to South Branch Cole Creek (RM 4.12)	South Branch Cole Creek	Headwaters to mouth	0.38	Brook	14	3-7



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County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Wild Trout Limits	Site River-mile	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
McKean	UNT to Turnup Run (RM 2.44)	Turnup Run	Headwaters to mouth	0.04	Brook	19	2.8



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County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Wild Trout Limits	Site River-mile	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
McKean	UNT to Turnup Run (RM 2.56)	Turnup Run	Headwaters to mouth	0.01	Brook	19	2.5



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County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Wild Trout Limits	Site River-mile	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
McKean	UNT to Wintergreen Run (RM 0.52)	Wintergreen Run	Headwaters to mouth	0.01	Brook	7	2.6
					Brown	11	2.7



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County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Wild Trout Limits	Site River-mile	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
Mifflin	Furnace Run	Juniata River	Headwaters to mouth	0.01	Brown	14	2.8



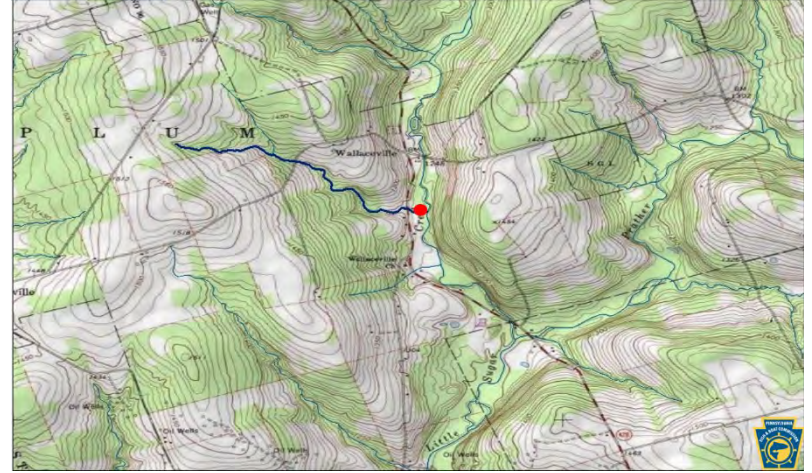
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Mifflin	UNT to Strodes Run (RM 2.96)	Strodes Run	Headwaters to mouth	0.01	Brown	40	2.8



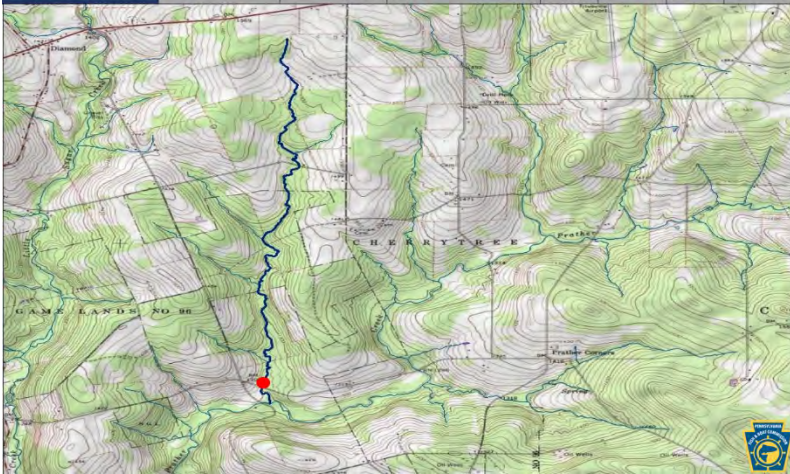
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County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Wild Trout Limits	Site River-mile	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
Venango	UNT to Little Sugar Creek (RM 2.23)	Little Sugar Creek	Headwaters to mouth	0.01	Brown	7	2.9



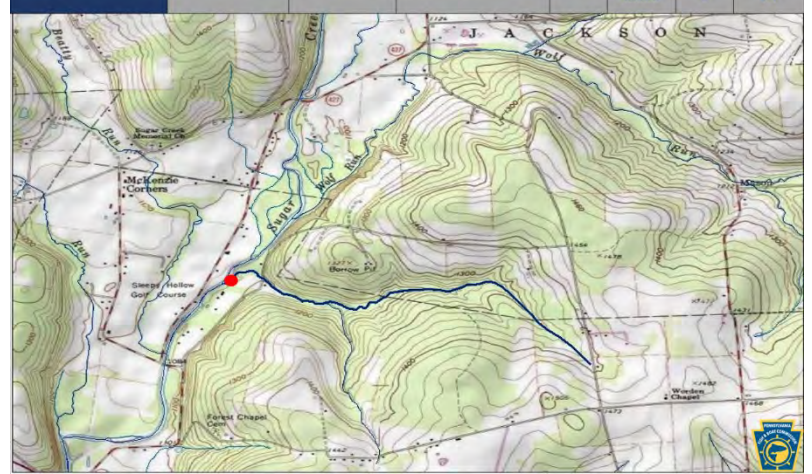
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County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Wild Trout Limits	Site River-mile	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
Venango	UNT to Prather Creek (RM 2.03)	Prather Creek	Headwaters to mouth	0.19	Brown	13	4-10



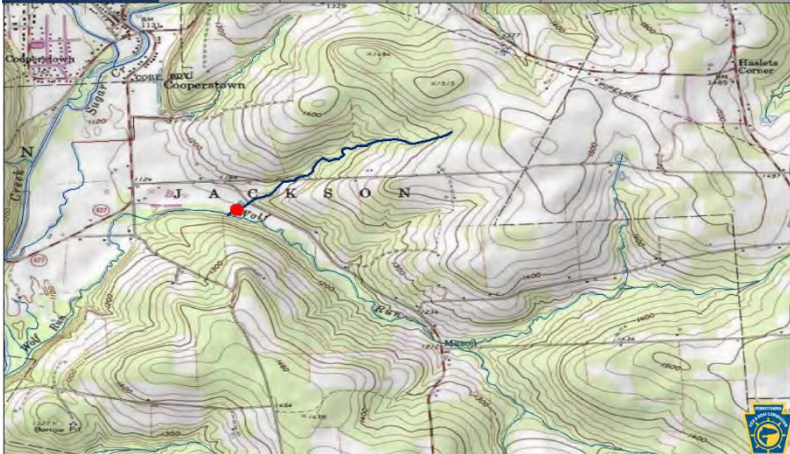
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County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Wild Trout Limits	Site River-mile	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
Venango	UNT to Sugar Creek (RM 4.58)	Sugar Creek	Headwaters to mouth	0.07	Brook	15	1.9
					Brown	2	1.4



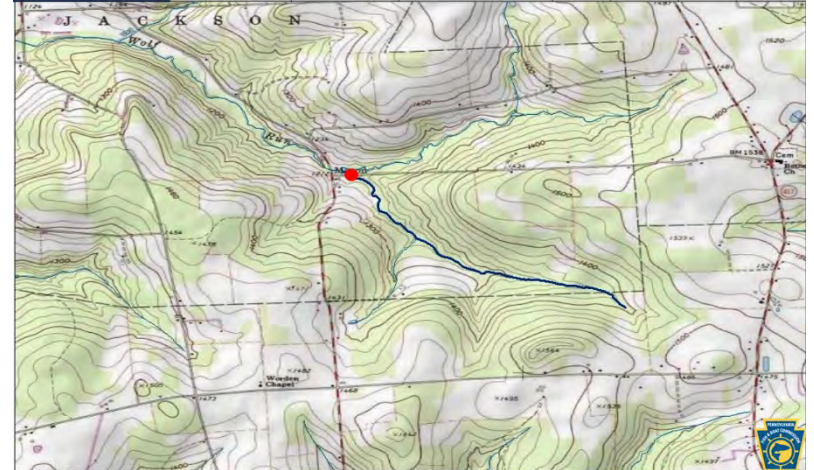
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County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Wild Trout Limits	Site River-mile	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
Venango	UNT to Wolf Run (RM 1.66)	Wolf Run	Headwaters to mouth	0.04	Brook	1	2-3
					Brown	6	2-11



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County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Wild Trout Limits	Site River-mile	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
Venango	UNT to Wolf Run (RM 3.02)	Wolf Run	Headwaters to mouth	0.01	Brown	47	2-12



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County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Wild Trout Limits	Site River-mile	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
Venango	Wolf Run	Sugar Creek	Headwaters to mouth	0.01	Brown	10	2-17



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County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Wild Trout Limits	Site River-mile	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
Warren	Anderson Run	Allegheny River	Headwaters to mouth	0.07	Brook	13	2-8
					Brown	11	2-5



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County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Wild Trout Limits	Site River-mile	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
Warren	Gordon Run	Allegheny River	Headwaters to mouth	0.10	Brook	1	7-8
					Brown	10	2-14



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County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Wild Trout Limits	Site River-mile	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
Warren	UNT (RM 0.35) to UNT to Hemlock Run (RM 0.95)	UNT to Hemlock Run (RM 0.95)	Headwaters to mouth	0.02	Brook	9	2-5



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County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Wild Trout Limits	Site River-mile	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
Warren	UNT (RM 2.12) to UNT to Spring Creek (RM 2.55)	UNT to Spring Creek (RM 2.55)	Headwaters to mouth	0.12	Brook	8	4-7



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County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Wild Trout Limits	Site River-mile	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
Warren	UNT to Hemlock Run (RM 0.95)	Hemlock Run	Headwaters to mouth	0.36	Brook	7	2-5



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County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Wild Trout Limits	Site River-mile	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
Warren	UNT to Spring Creek (RM 2.77)	Spring Creek	Headwaters to mouth	0.04	Brook	67	2.9



NOTICES

FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

Classification of Wild Trout Streams; Proposed Additions; April 2023

[53 Pa.B. 916]

[Saturday, February 11, 2023]

Under 58 Pa. Code § 57.11 (relating to listing of wild trout streams), it is the policy of the Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) to accurately identify and classify stream sections supporting naturally reproducing populations of trout as wild trout streams. The Commission's Fisheries Management Division maintains the list of wild trout streams. The Executive Director, with the approval of the Commission, will from time-to-time publish the list of wild trout streams in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*. The listing of a stream section as a wild trout stream is a biological designation that does not determine how it is managed. The Commission relies upon many factors in determining the appropriate management of streams.

At the next Commission meeting on April 24 and 25, 2023, the Commission will consider changes to its list of wild trout streams. Specifically, the Commission will consider the addition of the following streams or portions of streams to the list:

County of Mouth	Stream Name	Section Limits	Tributary to	Mouth Lat/Lon
Adams	Unnamed tributary (UNT) to Conewago Creek (RM 78.72)	Headwaters to Mouth	Conewago Creek	39.921415 77.398158
Crawford	UNT to Shirley Run (RM 3.53)	Headwaters to Mouth	Shirley Run	41.719252 79.649648
Crawford	UNT to Shirley Run (RM 5.37)	Headwaters to Mouth	Shirley Run	41.737431 79.633262
Crawford	UNT to Thompson Creek (RM 3.87)	Headwaters to Mouth	Thompson Creek	41.671034 79.681001
Cumberland	UNT to Old Town Run (RM 1.55)	Headwaters to Mouth	Old Town Run	40.122778 77.140833
Erie	UNT to Whitney Run (RM 3.52)	Headwaters to Mouth	Whitney Run	41.860907 79.613227
Fayette	UNT to Laurel Run (RM 2.09)	Headwaters to Mouth	Laurel Run	40.001016 79.384494
Fayette	UNT to Quebec Run (RM 2.01)	Headwaters to Mouth	Quebec Run	39.754525 79.675782
Forest	UNT to Maple Creek (RM 2.65)	Headwaters to UNT at RM 0.90	Maple Creek	41.372696 79.154420
Forest	UNT to Ross Run (RM 3.97)	Headwaters to Mouth	Ross Run	41.559658 79.314820
McKean	UNT (RM 0.20) to UNT to South Branch Cole Creek (RM Mouth	Headwaters to Mouth	UNT to South Branch Cole Creek (RM 3.67)	41.845654 78.525488

	3.67)			
McKean	UNT to Libby Run (RM 0.87)	Headwaters to Mouth	Libby Run	41.791528 78.806885
McKean	UNT to Mud Lick Run (RM 1.49)	Headwaters to Mouth	Mud Lick Run	41.770472 78.910416
McKean	UNT to South Branch Cole Creek (RM 3.67)	Headwaters to Mouth	South Branch Cole Creek	41.847959 78.526460
McKean	UNT to South Branch Cole Creek (RM 4.12)	Headwaters to Mouth	South Branch Cole Creek	41.848473 78.533990
McKean	UNT to Turnup Run (RM 2.44)	Headwaters to Mouth	Turnup Run	41.802215 78.747117
McKean	UNT to Turnup Run (RM 2.56)	Headwaters to Mouth	Turnup Run	41.803728 78.747403
McKean	UNT to Wintergreen Run (RM 0.52)	Headwaters to Mouth	Wintergreen Run	41.774094 78.715852
Mifflin	Furnace Run	Headwaters to Mouth	Juniata River	40.393038 77.881634
Mifflin	UNT to Strodes Run (RM 2.96)	Headwaters to Mouth	Strodes Run	40.562785 77.682101
Venango	UNT to Little Sugar Creek (RM 2.23)	Headwaters to Mouth	Little Sugar Creek	41.557927 79.801720
Venango	UNT to Prather Creek (RM 2.03)	Headwaters to Mouth	Prather Creek	41.564140 79.776340
Venango	UNT to Sugar Creek (RM 4.58)	Headwaters to Mouth	Sugar Creek	41.466365 79.886898
Venango	UNT to Wolf Run (RM 1.66)	Headwaters to Mouth	Wolf Run	41.484337 79.863932
Venango	UNT to Wolf Run (RM 3.02)	Headwaters to Mouth	Wolf Run	41.474157 79.846750
Venango	Wolf Run	Headwaters to Mouth	Sugar Creek	41.471485 79.881241
Warren	Anderson Run	Headwaters to Mouth	Allegheny River	41.840805 79.071129
Warren	Gordon Run	Headwaters to Mouth	Allegheny River	41.679167 79.421389
Warren	UNT (RM 0.35) to UNT to Hemlock Run (RM 0.95)	Headwaters to Mouth	UNT to Hemlock Run (RM 0.95)	41.864124 79.058901
Warren	UNT (RM 2.12) to UNT to Spring Creek (RM 2.55)	Headwaters to Mouth	UNT to Spring Creek (RM 2.55)	41.835656 79.532251
Warren	UNT to Hemlock Run (RM 0.95)	Headwaters to Mouth	Hemlock Run	41.859980 79.055410
Warren	UNT to Spring Creek (RM 2.77)	Headwaters to Mouth	Spring Creek	41.853873 79.557800

Persons with comments, objections or suggestions concerning the classification of the streams listed may submit them in writing to the Executive Director, Fish and Boat Commission, P.O. Box 67000, Harrisburg, PA 17106-7000, within 30 days after publication of this notice in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*. Comments, objections or suggestions may also be submitted electronically to RA-pfbcregulations@pa.gov.

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Wilderness Trout Stream Additions

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County of Mouth	Stream Name	Section	Tributary To	Section Limits	Species
Cameron	Canoe Run	1	Driftwood Branch Sinnemahoning Creek	Headwaters to mouth	Brook Brown



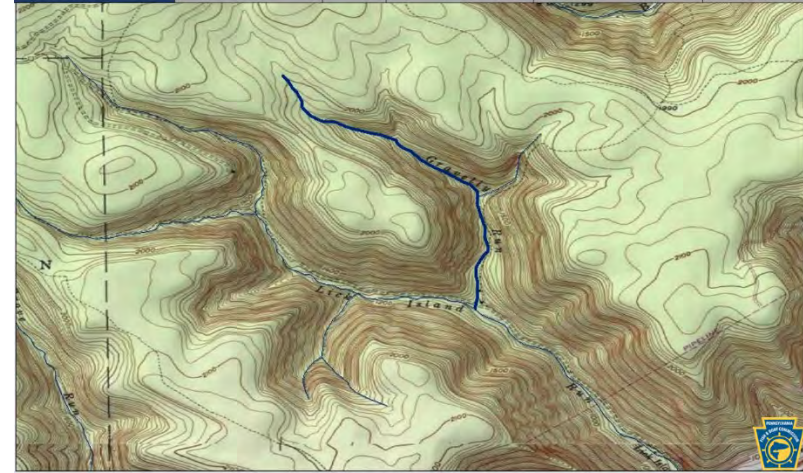
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County of Mouth	Stream Name	Section	Tributary To	Section Limits	Species
Cameron	Foley Branch	1	Wykoff Run	Headwaters to mouth	Brook Brown



3

County of Mouth	Stream Name	Section	Tributary To	Section Limits	Species
Cameron	Gravelly Run	1	Lick Island Run	Headwaters to mouth	Brook



4

County of Mouth	Stream Name	Section	Tributary To	Section Limits	Species
Cameron	Lick Island Run	1	First Fork Sinnemahoning Creek	Headwaters to Gravelly Run	Brook Brown



5

County of Mouth	Stream Name	Section	Tributary To	Section Limits	Species
Cameron	Little Fork Draft Run	1	Mix Run	Headwaters to mouth	Brook Brown



6

County of Mouth	Stream Name	Section	Tributary To	Section Limits	Species
Cameron	Muley Run	1	First Fork Sinnemahoning Creek	Headwaters to mouth	Brook



7

County of Mouth	Stream Name	Section	Tributary To	Section Limits	Species
Cameron	Right Fork Brooks Run	1	Brooks Run	Headwaters to mouth	Brook



8

County of Mouth	Stream Name	Section	Tributary To	Section Limits	Species
Cameron	Trout Hole Run	1	Wykoff Run	Headwaters to mouth	Brook



9

County of Mouth	Stream Name	Section	Tributary To	Section Limits	Species
Cameron	UNT to Lick Island Run (RM 2.74)	1	Lick Island Run	Headwaters to mouth	Brook



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County of Mouth	Stream Name	Section	Tributary To	Section Limits	Species
Cameron	Upper Jerry Run	1	Sinnemahoning Creek	Headwaters to Jerry Lick Draft	Brook



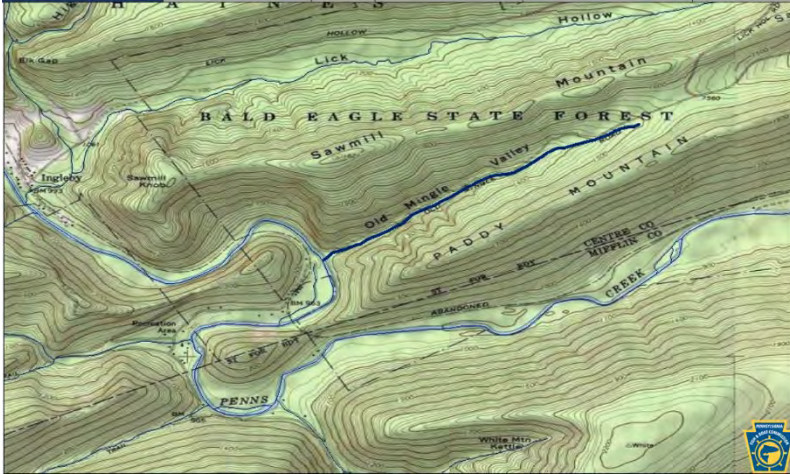
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County of Mouth	Stream Name	Section	Tributary To	Section Limits	Species
Centre	Hall Run	1	Black Moshannon Creek	Headwaters to mouth	Brook Brown



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County of Mouth	Stream Name	Section	Tributary To	Section Limits	Species
Centre	Old Mingle Valley Run	1	Penns Creek	Headwaters to mouth	Brook Brown



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County of Mouth	Stream Name	Section	Tributary To	Section Limits	Species
Centre	Salt Lick Run	1	Beech Creek	Headwaters to mouth	Brook



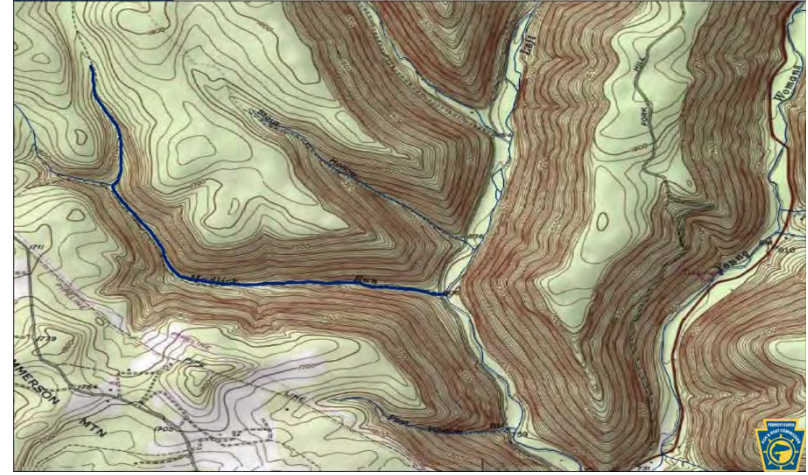
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County of Mouth	Stream Name	Section	Tributary To	Section Limits	Species
Clearfield	Saunders Run	1	Laurel Run	Headwaters to mouth	Brook



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County of Mouth	Stream Name	Section	Tributary To	Section Limits	Species
Clinton	Mudlick Run	1	Left Branch Young Womans Creek	Headwaters to mouth	Brook Brown



16

County of Mouth	Stream Name	Section	Tributary To	Section Limits	Species
Clinton	Shoemaker Branch	1	Baker Run	Headwaters to mouth	Brook Brown



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County of Mouth	Stream Name	Section	Tributary To	Section Limits	Species
Elk	Sand Spring Run	1	East Branch Hicks Run	Headwaters to mouth	Brook



18

County of Mouth	Stream Name	Section	Tributary To	Section Limits	Species
Elk	Sanders Draft Run	1	Red Run	Headwaters to mouth	Brook



19

County of Mouth	Stream Name	Section	Tributary To	Section Limits	Species
Lycoming	Miller Run	1	Pine Creek	Headwaters to mouth	Brook Brown



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County of Mouth	Stream Name	Section	Tributary To	Section Limits	Species
Lycoming	Naval Run	1	Pine Creek	Headwaters to mouth	Brook Brown



NOTICES

FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

Classification of Wilderness Trout Streams; Proposed Additions; April 2023

[53 Pa.B. 1491]

[Saturday, March 11, 2023]

Under 58 Pa. Code § 57.4 (relating to wilderness trout streams), it is the policy of the Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) to maintain the wilderness trout streams program where stream remoteness and populations of naturally reproducing trout combine to offer sport fishing opportunity for the recreation of anglers in a wilderness setting away from roads or vehicular access. The Executive Director, with the approval of the Commission, will from time-to-time publish the list of wilderness trout streams in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*. It is the Commission's intent to advocate proper watershed management to maintain the wilderness setting and to advance and seek the highest water quality standards through the Department of Environmental Protection.

At the next Commission meeting on April 24 and 25, 2023, the Commission will consider changes to its list of wilderness trout streams. Specifically, the Commission will consider the addition of the following streams or portions of streams to the list:

County of Mouth	Stream Name	Section	Section Limits	Tributary to	Mouth Lat/Lon
Cameron	Canoe Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Driftwood Branch Sinnemahoning Creek	41.466667 78.198889
Cameron	Foley Branch	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Wykoff Run	41.279041 78.139221
Cameron	Gravelly Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Lick Island Run	41.385624 78.068235
Cameron	Lick Island Run	1	Headwaters to Gravelly Run	First Fork Sinnemahoning Creek	41.368923 78.049584
Cameron	Little Fork Draft Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Mix Run	41.314201 78.214058
Cameron	Muley Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	First Fork Sinnemahoning Creek	41.434167 78.043611
Cameron	Right Fork Brooks Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Brooks Run	41.422501 78.080559
Cameron	Trout Hole Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Wykoff Run	41.292500 78.116943
Cameron	Unnamed Tributary to Lick Island Run (RM 2.74)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Lick Island Run	41.393091 78.084941
Cameron	Upper Jerry Run	1	Headwaters to Jerry Lick Run	Sinnemahoning Creek	41.300000 78.059722

Centre	Hall Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Black Moshannon Creek	40.966944 78.041111
Centre	Old Mingle Valley Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Penns Creek	40.840987 77.405951
Centre	Salt Lick Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Beech Creek	41.106667 77.721947
Clearfield	Saunders Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Laurel Run	41.233231 78.473907
Clinton	Mudlick Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Left Branch Young Womans Creek	41.388332 77.711113
Clinton	Shoemaker Branch	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Baker Run	41.230556 77.644167
Elk	Sand Spring Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	East Branch Hicks Run	41.380519 78.279368
Elk	Sanders Draft Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Red Run	41.276228 78.244196
Lycoming	Miller Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Pine Creek	41.384655 77.453359
Lycoming	Naval Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Pine Creek	41.457222 77.513885

Persons with comments, objections or suggestions concerning the classification of the streams listed may submit them in writing to the Executive Director, Fish and Boat Commission, P.O. Box 67000, Harrisburg, PA 17106-7000, within 30 days after publication of this notice in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*. Comments submitted by facsimile will not be accepted.

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