



State Representative Duane Milne
70 Lancaster Avenue, Suite B
Malvern, PA 19355

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Dear Representative Milne,

It has come to the attention of the Delaware Riverkeeper Network that during an August 16, 2017 district meeting held by your office, which was attended by community members impacted by the highly contaminated Bishop Tube site, a member of your staff definitively and falsely asserted that the Little Valley Creek, located on the Bishop Tube property, is no longer identified as an Exceptional Value waterway. As an organization which advocates for the health of the Delaware River, its tributaries, and the people who rely on them for their health, we feel an obligation to ensure accuracy of information being shared at a public meeting with community members who are directly impacted by this information. The Valley Creek Basin in Montgomery and Chester County, including the Little Valley Creek is, in fact, designated as Exceptional Value.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in recognition of its excellent water quality, has classified the Valley Creek as Exceptional Value Waters (EV),¹ giving it Pennsylvania's highest level of

¹ Commonwealth of Pennsylvania code, retrieved from <http://www.pacode.com/secure/data/025/chapter93/s93.9f.html>

protection. The designation includes the Valley Creek tributaries, and therefore extends to the Little Valley Creek.²

The EV designation of Valley Creek can be found on the PA Code website. Based on all publically available information, the Valley Creek, including its tributary Little Valley Creek, are protected as EV and the comments made to the contrary by your staff were incorrect. Providing misinformation to the public undermines the goals those impacted by the Bishop Tube site have for its cleanup, restoration and protection as a natural area for the benefit of their health and the surrounding environment. Misinformation of this sort is also dangerous as it may affect the way elected officials advocate for the future of the site.

The East Whiteland Township community is grateful for the time given by your staff, but is concerned that this false statement will find other outlets and therefore impact decisions made concerning the site. We ask that you issue a statement correcting this misinformation and clarifying the EV status of the Little Valley Creek for the community.

Respectfully,



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the Delaware Riverkeeper

² Water Protected Use Designations For Streams in Chester County, Pennsylvania: Water Resources Map. Chester County Water Resources Authority. Retrieved from: <http://www.chesco.org/DocumentCenter/View/8468>