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**Delaware Riverkeeper Network Seeks Intervention in Lawsuit
to Protect Goose Creek From Nutrient Pollution**

Chester County, PA. The Delaware Riverkeeper Network filed today to intervene in a legal action brought before the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania by the West Goshen Sewer Authority challenging a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Regulation established pursuant to the Clean Water Act in 2008. The TMDL was established for phosphorous loadings that had been determined by the EPA to be causing pollution impacts to Goose Creek, with a watershed located primarily in Chester County but also portions of Delaware County. The West Goshen Sewer Authority filed its legal action in September 2012 and asked that the TMDL be vacated by the court.

“Goose Creek suffers from nutrient problems, one can tell that in many ways including by the algae blooms that can be seen in the creek during times of year. The Environmental Protection Agency established this phosphorous TMDL as the result of a vigorous public process; West Goshen Sewer Authority should not now be allowed to undermine the protections it provides through this legal challenge. The Sewer Authority is a known source of nutrient pollution to Goose Creek, the Authority should take responsibility and invest limited resources in trying to comply with the law not evade or undermine it,” said Maya van Rossum, the Delaware Riverkeeper.

In 1996 the Delaware Riverkeeper Network was responsible for the filing of a legal action that resulted in increased protections for Goose Creek. The Delaware Riverkeeper Network is intervening in the action to be sure that the concerns of the public and the organization are protected.

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