



## Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission

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Mr. Eric Skrivseth, President  
Moshannon Creek Watershed Association  
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Dear Mr. Skrivseth,

This letter acknowledges that I have reviewed your EBTJV project proposal for restoration in the Moshannon Creek watershed, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania. The project will focus on improving water quality through acid mine drainage remediation (AMD) on Moshannon Creek, a stream that supports an excellent, allopatric wild Brook Trout population upstream of the AMD pollution. Moshannon Creek is a large watershed and there is tremendous potential to expand the wild Brook Trout population in the mainstem of Moshannon Creek and reconnect it with numerous tributaries that support wild Brook Trout if water quality can be improved. Moshannon Creek flows for about five miles before it is polluted by AMD and contains excellent habitat and a Class A wild Brook Trout population in this reach (Class A wild trout populations represent the best of Pennsylvania's wild trout resources). The physical habitat is also excellent downstream of the AMD pollution, but the AMD degrades the water quality and it is uninhabitable to fish. This project will address the upstream most AMD impacts to Moshannon Creek and benefits of this project include improving water quality in the mainstem of Moshannon Creek and creating a forested riparian buffer along the section where a mine refuse pile borders Moshannon Creek.

In closing, the PFBC supports the project's objectives to improve water quality in and a riparian buffer along Moshannon Creek to benefit the wild Brook Trout population as well as provide for improved recreational angling opportunities. The PFBC will be a partner on this project and will conduct fishery monitoring before and after the AMD remediation is implemented with a matching value of \$5,000.

Sincerely,

Jason E. Detar  
Fisheries Manager  
PA EBTJV Representative