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April 13, 2020

National Fish & Wildlife Foundation  
Jake Reilly  
Program Director  
1133 Fifteenth St., N.W., Suite 1000  
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***RE: EPCAMR's 2020 Small Watershed Grant Proposal to NFWF's Chesapeake Bay Partnership***

Dear Mr. Reilly:

We are writing to provide a Letter of Support for the Eastern Pennsylvania Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation (EPCAMR) application for a grant under the Small Watershed Grant-Planning and Technical Assistance program. EPCAMR is a well-respected, regional environmental non-profit organization that supports our communities.

EPCAMR intends to focus on priority watersheds identified by the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), in partnership with the U.S. EPA and the federal-state Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP) partnership, to restore water quality and habitats of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributary rivers and streams. EPCAMR conservation objectives are tied to the 2014 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement (CBWA) and NFWF Chesapeake Bay Business Plan. It is our understanding that Sugar Notch Run, Solomon Creek, Warrior Creek, Nanticoke Creek, Newport Creek, and areas along the Susquehanna River in the Wyoming Valley and Southern Wyoming Valley are priority watersheds that EPCAMR believes need updated current assessments. In addition to these areas, Eastern Brook Trout habitat patches and habitat areas of the American black duck (Newport Creek area) need further assessments to protect, restore, or improve aquatic organism passage throughout the Wyoming Valley.

We support EPCAMR's proposal that would provide the organization with the funding needed to access to these watersheds to conduct field assessments and monitoring of various streamside conditions and structural impediments to aquatic organism passage in culverts throughout our municipalities. We look forward to the recommendations that EPCAMR will provide to our communities and local government officials in connection with this project. It is anticipated that these recommendations will provide a significant opportunity to reduce nutrient, AMD sediment, stormwater, and sediment loading to the local streams in our coalfield communities and urban centers, and eventually the Susquehanna River. We support EPCAMR's efforts to look closely at the areas where projects can also help to improve habitat and restore populations of Eastern brook trout and the American black duck, especially within priority sub watersheds.

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In addition to supporting the funding proposal, we are committed to keeping an open line of communication with EPCAMR going forward to assist the comprehensive, holistic approach EPCAMR is taking to improving our local watersheds. We believe that our districts are in need of this funding to help us properly identify areas of concern that are critical to improving our infrastructure, water quality, and restoration, reclamation, and remediation of our local watersheds.

Fully supportive,



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Matthew Cartwright  
Member of Congress



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Dan Meuser  
Member of Congress

**WILKES-BARRE CITY  
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**George C. Brown**  
Mayor

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EPCAMR  
Bobby Hughes, Executive Director  
101 S. Main Street  
Ashley, PA 18706

April 8, 2020

***RE: EPCAMR's 2020 Small Watershed Grant Proposal to NFWF's Chesapeake Bay Partnership***

Dear Bobby:

I'm writing to provide EPCAMR with a Letter of Support from The City of Wilkes-Barre to the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) for a Small Watershed Grant Technical Assistance grant that your well-respected, regional environmental non-profit organization, will be applying for to support our community and surrounding communities within the geographical scope of the project area that you've defined in your summary request to us, based on the priorities you have identified within the grant.

We understand that the grant will focus on priority watersheds identified by the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), in partnership with the U.S. EPA and the federal-state Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP) partnership, to restore water quality and habitats of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributary rivers and streams.

It is our understanding that Sugar Notch Run, Solomon Creek, Warrior Creek, Nanticoke Creek, Newport Creek, and areas along the Susquehanna River in the Wyoming Valley and Southern Wyoming Valley are some of the priority watersheds that are mining-impacted that EPCAMR would like to focus your attention on that are in need of current assessments. We also understand that there are also overlapping priorities under the grant program for Eastern Brook Trout habitat patches that need further assessments to protect, restore, or improve aquatic organism passage throughout the Wyoming Valley, and the habitat areas of the American black duck (Newport Creek area).

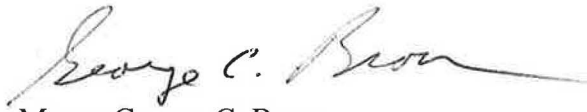
We support your proposal to allow your well qualified Staff who already have the local knowledge and expertise of knowing this region first-hand, to propose securing funding that would allow them to get into these watersheds with some of your volunteers with the necessary field equipment and conduct field assessments and monitoring of various streamside conditions and structural impediments to aquatic organism passage at culverts throughout our municipalities. We look forward to the recommendations that you will be able to provide to us and the funder for future improvement projects. It's anticipated that these recommendations will have a significant opportunity to reduce nutrient, AMD sediment, stormwater related to our

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We will make available people and community leaders or Staff that have local knowledge that might be of assistance to you should the grant be funded. We are committed to keeping an open line of communication with EPCAMR and your Staff going forward as you take a comprehensive, holistic watershed approach to your work. We believe that our area is in need of funding to help us properly identify area of concern that are critical to improving our infrastructure, water quality, and restoration, reclamation, and remediation of our local watersheds.

We will work in municipal cooperation and communication with your partners who you have reached out where all of these watersheds are located to enhance local capacity to more efficiently and effectively implement future on-the-ground actions through assessment, planning, and technical assistance-oriented activities.

Fully supportive,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George C. Brown". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Mayor George C. Brown

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EPCAMR  
Bobby Hughes Executive Director  
101 S Main St  
Ashley PA, 18706

April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020

Re: 2020 Small Watershed Grant Proposal

Dear Bobby,

I am writing in support of the small watershed grant proposal EPCAMR is submitting to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. EPCAMR has been a valuable asset to me and the Environment in my legislative district. I understand that the grant will focus on priority watersheds identified by the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), in partnership with the U.S. EPA and the federal-state Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP) partnership, to restore water quality and habitats of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributary rivers and streams.

It is my understanding that Sugar Notch Run, Solomon Creek, Warrior Creek, Nanticoke Creek, Newport Creek, and areas along the Susquehanna River in the Wyoming Valley and Southern Wyoming Valley are some of the priority watersheds that are mining-impacted that EPCAMR would like to focus your attention on that are in need of current assessments. I also understand that there are also overlapping priorities under the grant program for Eastern Brook Trout habitat patches that need further assessments to protect, restore, or improve aquatic organism passage throughout the Wyoming Valley, and the habitat areas of the American black duck (Newport Creek area).

I fully support EPCAMR and this initiative and hope they will receive every consideration in this process. As a recognized environmental champion I take these issues to hear in my legislative district.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G Mullery'.

Gerald J. Mullery  
State Representative 119th Legislative District



Bobby Hughes, Executive Director  
101 S. Main Street  
Ashley, PA 18706

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RE: EPCAMR's 2020 Small Watershed Grant Proposal to NFWF's Chesapeake Bay Partnership

Dear Bobby:

I'm writing to provide EPCAMR with a Letter of Support from North Branch Land Trust to the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) for a Small Watershed Grant Technical Assistance grant that your well-respected, regional environmental non-profit organization, will be applying for to support our community and surrounding communities within the geographical scope of the project area that you've defined in your summary request to us, based on the priorities you have identified within the grant.

We understand that the grant will focus on priority watersheds identified by the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), in partnership with the U.S. EPA and the federal-state Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP) partnership, to restore water quality and habitats of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributary rivers and streams.

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We support your proposal to allow your well qualified Staff who already have the local knowledge and expertise of knowing this region first-hand, to propose securing funding that would allow them to get into these watersheds with some of your volunteers with the necessary field equipment and conduct field assessments and monitoring of various streamside conditions, structural impediments to aquatic organism passage at culverts, and sediment laden stream channels that have been modified by past mining, throughout our lands and the abovementioned watersheds. We look forward to the recommendations that you will be able to provide to us and the funder for future improvement projects. It's anticipated that these recommendations will have a significant opportunity to reduce nutrient, AMD sediment, stormwater related to MS4s, and sediment loading to the local streams in our coalfield communities and urban centers, and eventually the Susquehanna River. We support your efforts to look closely at the areas where projects can also help to improve habitat and restore populations of Eastern brook trout, and the American black duck, within priority sub watersheds.

We will make available Staff that have local knowledge that might be of assistance to you should the grant be funded. We are committed to keeping an open line of communication with EPCAMR and your Staff going forward as you take a comprehensive, holistic watershed approach to your work. We believe that our area is in need of funding to help us properly identify area of concern that are critical to improving our infrastructure, water quality, and restoration, reclamation, and remediation of our local watersheds.

We will work in municipal cooperation and communication with your partners who you have reached out where all of these watersheds are located to enhance local capacity to more efficiently and effectively implement future on-the-ground actions through assessment, planning, and technical assistance-oriented activities.

Fully supportive,



Paul Lumia  
Executive Director

EPCAMR  
Bobby Hughes, Executive Director  
101 S. Main Street  
Ashley, PA 18706



April 15, 2020

**RE: EPCAMR's 2020 Small Watershed Grant Proposal to NFWF's Chesapeake Bay Partnership**

Dear Bobby:

I'm writing to provide EPCAMR with a Letter of Support from the Choose Clean Water Coalition (Coalition) to the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) for a Small Watershed Grant Technical Assistance grant that your well-respected, regional environmental non-profit organization, will be applying for to support our community and surrounding communities within the geographical scope of the project area that you've defined in your summary request to us, based on the priorities you have identified within the grant.

We understand that the grant will focus on priority watersheds identified by the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), in partnership with the U.S. EPA and the federal-state Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP) partnership, to restore water quality and habitats of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributary rivers and streams.

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We support your proposal to allow your well qualified Staff, who already have the local knowledge and expertise of knowing this region first-hand, to propose securing funding that would allow them to get into these watersheds with some of your volunteers with the necessary field equipment and conduct field assessments and monitoring of various streamside conditions and structural impediments to aquatic organism passage at culverts throughout our municipalities. We look forward to the recommendations that you will be able to provide to us and the funder for future improvement projects. It's anticipated that these recommendations will have a significant opportunity to reduce nutrient, AMD sediment, stormwater related to our MS4s, and sediment loading to the local streams in our coalfield communities and urban centers, and eventually the Susquehanna River. We support your efforts to look closely at the areas where projects can also help to improve habitat and restore populations of Eastern brook trout, and to a much lesser extent, the American black duck (due to the lack of priority areas identified within the geographic scope of your areas of concentration), especially within priority sub watersheds.

We are committed to keeping an open line of communication with EPCAMR and your Staff going forward as you take a comprehensive, holistic watershed approach to your work. We believe that our area needs funding to help us properly identify area of concern that are critical to improving our infrastructure, water quality, and restoration, reclamation, and remediation of our local watersheds.

Fully supportive,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristin Reilly".

Kristin Reilly, Director  
Choose Clean Water Coalition

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## EPCAMR

Bobby Hughes, Executive Director  
101 S. Main Street  
Ashley, PA 18706

4-20-2020

### **RE: EPCAMR's 2020 Small Watershed Grant Proposal to NFWF's Chesapeake Bay Partnership**

Dear Bobby:

I'm writing to provide EPCAMR with a Letter of Support from Hanover Township to the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) for a Small Watershed Grant Technical Assistance grant that your well-respected, regional environmental non-profit organization, will be applying for to support our community and surrounding communities within the geographical scope of the project area that you've defined in your summary request to us, based on the priorities you have identified within the grant.

We understand that the grant will focus on priority watersheds identified by the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), in partnership with the U.S. EPA and the federal-state Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP) partnership, to restore water quality and habitats of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributary rivers and streams.

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We support your proposal to allow your well qualified Staff who already have the local knowledge and expertise of knowing this region first-hand, to propose securing funding that would allow them to get into these watersheds with some of your volunteers with the necessary field equipment and conduct field assessments and monitoring of various streamside conditions and structural impediments to aquatic organism passage at culverts throughout our municipalities. We look forward to the recommendations that you will be able to provide to us and the funder for future improvement projects. It's anticipated that these recommendations will have a significant opportunity to reduce nutrient, AMD sediment, stormwater related to our MS4s, and sediment loading to the local streams in our coalfield

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communities and urban centers, and eventually the Susquehanna River. We support your efforts to look closely at the areas where projects can also help to improve habitat and restore populations of Eastern brook trout, and to a much lesser extent, the American black duck (due to the lack of priority areas identified within the geographic scope of your areas of concentration), especially within priority sub watersheds.

We will make available people and community leaders or Staff that have local knowledge that might be of assistance to you should the grant be funded. We are committed to keeping an open line of communication with EPCAMR and your Staff going forward as you take a comprehensive, holistic watershed approach to your work. We believe that our area is in need of funding to help us properly identify area of concern that are critical to improving our infrastructure, water quality, and restoration, reclamation, and remediation of our local watersheds.

We will work in municipal cooperation and communication with your partners who you have reached out where all of these watersheds are located to enhance local capacity to more efficiently and effectively implement future on-the-ground actions through assessment, planning, and technical assistance-oriented activities.

Fully supportive,

Sincerely,



Samuel T. Guesto,  
Hanover Township Manager



EPCAMR  
Bobby Hughes, Executive Director  
101 S. Main Street  
Ashley, PA 18706

April 21, 2020

***RE: EPCAMR's 2020 Small Watershed Grant Proposal to NFWF's Chesapeake Bay Partnership***

Dear Bobby:

I'm writing to provide EPCAMR with a Letter of Support from PennFuture to the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) for a Small Watershed Grant Technical Assistance grant that your well-respected, regional environmental non-profit organization, will be applying for to support our community and surrounding communities within the geographical scope of the project area that you've defined in your summary request to us, based on the priorities you have identified within the grant.

We understand that the grant will focus on priority watersheds identified by the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), in partnership with the U.S. EPA and the federal-state Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP) partnership, to restore water quality and habitats of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributary rivers and streams.

It is our understanding that Sugar Notch Run, Solomon Creek, Warrior Creek, Nanticoke Creek, Newport Creek, and areas along the Susquehanna River in the Wyoming Valley and Southern Wyoming Valley are some of the priority watersheds that are mining-impacted that EPCAMR would like to focus your attention on that need current assessments. We also understand that there are also overlapping priorities under the grant program for Eastern Brook Trout habitat patches that need further assessments to protect, restore, or improve aquatic organism passage throughout the Wyoming Valley, and the habitat areas of the American black duck (Newport Creek area).

We support your proposal to allow your well qualified Staff, who already have the local knowledge and expertise of knowing this region first-hand, to propose securing funding that would allow them to get into these watersheds with some of your volunteers with the necessary field equipment and conduct field assessments and monitoring of various streamside conditions and structural impediments to aquatic organism passage at culverts throughout our municipalities. We look forward to the recommendations that you will be able to provide to us and the funder for future improvement projects. It's anticipated that these recommendations will have a significant opportunity to reduce nutrient, AMD sediment, stormwater related to our MS4s, and sediment loading to the local streams in our coalfield communities and urban centers, and eventually the Susquehanna River. We support your efforts to look closely at the areas where projects can also help to improve habitat and restore populations of Eastern brook trout, and to a much lesser extent,

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the American black duck (due to the lack of priority areas identified within the geographic scope of your areas of concentration), especially within priority sub watersheds.

We are committed to keeping an open line of communication with EPCAMR and your Staff going forward as you take a comprehensive, holistic watershed approach to your work. We believe that our area needs funding to help us properly identify area of concern that are critical to improving our infrastructure, water quality, and restoration, reclamation, and remediation of our local watersheds.

Fully supportive,



Jacquelyn Bonomo  
President & CEO  
PennFuture



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EPCAMR

Bobby Hughes, Executive Director  
101 S. Main Street  
Ashley, PA 18706

April 22, 2020

**RE: EPCAMR's 2020 Small Watershed Grant Proposal to NFWF's Chesapeake Bay Partnership**

Dear Bobby:

I'm writing to provide EPCAMR with a Letter of Support from SRBC to the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) for a Small Watershed Grant Technical Assistance Program

We understand that the grant will focus on priority watersheds identified by the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), in partnership with the U.S. EPA and the federal-state Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP) partnership, to restore water quality and habitats of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed.

It is our understanding that Sugar Notch Run, Solomon Creek, Warrior Creek, Nanticoke Creek, Newport Creek, and areas along the Susquehanna River in the Wyoming Valley and Southern Wyoming Valley are some of the priority watersheds that are mining-impacted that EPCAMR has identified needing more current assessments. We also understand that there are overlapping priorities under the grant program for eastern brook trout habitat patches that need further assessments to protect, restore, or improve aquatic organism passage throughout the Wyoming Valley. This area also includes available habitat areas for the American black duck (Newport Creek).

We support your proposal to secure funding that would allow your experienced staff to study these watersheds with volunteer assistance. Metrics to be studied include streambank conditions, structural impediments to aquatic organism passage, and sediment laden stream channels that have been modified by past mining. We look forward to the recommendations that you will be able to provide to us and the funder for future improvement projects. It's anticipated that these recommendations will have a significant opportunity to reduce nutrient, AMD sediment, stormwater related to MS4s, and general sediment loading to the local streams that enter the Susquehanna River. We support your efforts to look closely at the areas where projects can also help to improve habitat and restore populations of eastern brook trout and the American black duck.

SRBC will provide staff that have local knowledge that might be of assistance to you should the grant be funded. We are committed to keeping an open line of communication with EPCAMR going forward as you take a comprehensive, holistic watershed approach to your work. We believe that this area is in need of funding to help us properly identify area of concern that are critical to improving our infrastructure, water quality, and stream biology.

Fully supportive,

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Thomas J. Clark  
Mine Drainage Program Coordinator





EPCAMR

Bobby Hughes, Executive Director

101 S. Main Street

Ashley, PA 18706

April 24, 2020

***RE: EPCAMR's 2020 Small Watershed Grant Proposal to NFWF's Chesapeake Bay Partnership***

Dear Bobby:

I'm writing to provide EPCAMR with a Letter of Support from the Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority to the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) for a Small Watershed Grant Technical Assistance grant that your well-respected, regional environmental non-profit organization, will be applying for to support our community and surrounding communities within the geographical scope of the project area that you've defined in your summary request to us, based on the priorities you have identified within the grant. We understand that the grant will focus on priority watersheds identified by the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), in partnership with the U.S. EPA and the federal-state Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP) partnership, to restore water quality and habitats of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributary rivers and streams. It is our understanding that Sugar Notch Run, Solomon Creek, Warrior Creek, Nanticoke Creek, Newport Creek, and areas along the Susquehanna River in the Wyoming Valley and Southern Wyoming Valley are some of the priority watersheds that are mining-impacted that EPCAMR would like to focus your attention on that are in need of current assessments. We also understand that there are also overlapping priorities under the grant program for Eastern Brook Trout habitat patches that need further assessments to protect, restore, or improve aquatic organism passage throughout the Wyoming Valley, and the habitat areas of the American black duck (Newport Creek area).

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watersheds are located to enhance local capacity to more efficiently and effectively implement future on-the-ground actions through assessment, planning, and technical assistance-oriented activities.

Fully supportive,

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Jeff Colella, WVSA Stormwater Division Manager



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March 29, 2020

EPCAMR  
Bobby Hughes, Executive Director  
101 S. Main Street  
Ashley, PA 18706

**RE: EPCAMR's 2020 Small Watershed Grant Proposal to NFWF's Chesapeake Bay Partnership**

Dear Bobby:

On behalf of the Pennsylvania office of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, I am pleased express our support for EPCAMR's National Fish & Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) for a Small Watershed Grant Technical Assistance grant.

We understand that the project will focus on restoring water quality and habitats in the priority watersheds of Sugar Notch Run, Solomon Creek, Warrior Creek, Nanticoke Creek, Newport Creek, and areas along the Susquehanna River in the Wyoming Valley and Southern Wyoming Valley. As a result, significant opportunity to reduce nutrient, AMD sediment, MS4 stormwater, and sediment loading to the local streams in northeast Pennsylvania coalfield communities and urban centers, the Susquehanna River, and eventually the Chesapeake Bay. Additionally, the project holds promise to restore critical habitats of Eastern brook trout and the American black duck.

We look forward to continued collaboration with EPCAMR and the project partners towards our common vision of healthy soils, clean water, and a vibrant economy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "HL Campbell".

HL Campbell, Pennsylvania Executive Director

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3/27/2020

Please accept this letter as a recognition of all the good work your Agency does for the community.

Warrior Run wishes you the best in all endeavors.



Thomas Shypulefski,  
Mayor





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36 Birch Ave  
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EPCAMR

04/2/2020

Bobby Hughes, Executive Director  
101 S. Main Street  
Ashley, PA 18706

**RE: EPCAMR's 2020 Small Watershed Grant Proposal to NFWF's Chesapeake Bay Partnership**

Dear Bobby,

I'm writing to provide EPCAMR with a Letter of Support from the Nanticoke Conservation Club to the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) for a Small Watershed Grant Technical Assistance grant that your well-respected, regional environmental non-profit organization, will be applying for to support our community and surrounding communities within the geographical scope of the project area that you've defined in your summary request to us, based on the priorities you have identified within the grant.

We understand that the grant will focus on priority watersheds identified by the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), in partnership with the U.S. EPA and the federal-state Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP) partnership, to restore water quality and habitats of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributary rivers and streams.

It is our understanding that Sugar Notch Run, Solomon Creek, Warrior Creek, Nanticoke Creek, Newport Creek, and areas along the Susquehanna River in the Wyoming Valley and Southern Wyoming Valley are some of the priority watersheds that are mining-impacted that EPCAMR would like to focus your attention on that are in need of current assessments. We also understand that there are also overlapping priorities under the grant program for Eastern Brook Trout habitat patches that need further assessments to protect, restore, or improve aquatic organism passage throughout the Wyoming Valley, and the habitat areas of the American black duck (Newport Creek area).

We support your proposal to allow your well qualified Staff who already have the local knowledge and expertise of knowing this region first-hand, to propose securing funding that would allow them to get into these watersheds with some of your volunteers with the necessary field equipment and conduct field assessments and monitoring of various streamside conditions, structural impediments to aquatic organism passage at culverts, and sediment laden stream channels that have been modified by past mining, throughout our lands and the abovementioned watersheds. We look forward to the recommendations that you will be able to provide to us and the funder for future improvement projects. It's anticipated that these recommendations will have a significant opportunity to reduce nutrient, AMD sediment, stormwater related to MS4s, and sediment loading to the local streams in our coalfield communities and urban centers, and eventually the Susquehanna River. We support your efforts to look closely at the areas where projects can also help to improve habitat and restore populations of Eastern brook trout, and the American black duck, within priority sub watersheds.

We will make available Staff that have local knowledge that might be of assistance to you should the grant be funded. We are committed to keeping an open line of communication with EPCAMR and your Staff going forward as you take a comprehensive, holistic watershed approach to your work. We believe that our area needs funding to help us properly identify area of concern that are critical to improving our infrastructure, water quality, and restoration, reclamation, and remediation of our local watersheds.

We will work in municipal cooperation and communication with your partners who you have reached out where all these watersheds are located to enhance local capacity to more efficiently and effectively implement future on-the-ground actions through assessment, planning, and technical assistance-oriented activities.

Thank You, Gary Gronkowski-President,  
Nanticoke Conservation Club

Kevin Coughlin, Mayor

EPCAMR  
Bobby Hughes, Executive Director  
101 S. Main Street  
Ashley, PA 18706

March 31, 2020

***RE: EPCAMR's 2020 Small Watershed Grant Proposal to NFWF's Chesapeake Bay Partnership***

Dear Bobby:

I'm writing to provide EPCAMR with a Letter of Support from the City of Nanticoke to the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) for a Small Watershed Grant Technical Assistance grant that your well respected, regional environmental non-profit organization, will be applying for to support our community and surrounding communities within the geographical scope of the project area that you've defined in your summary request to us, based on the priorities you have identified within the grant.

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We support your proposal to allow your well qualified Staff who already have the local knowledge and expertise of knowing this region first-hand, to propose securing funding that would allow them to get into these watersheds with some of your volunteers with the necessary field equipment and conduct field assessments and monitoring of various streamside conditions and structural impediments to aquatic organism passage at culverts throughout our municipalities. We look forward to the recommendations that you will be able to provide to us and the funder for future improvement projects. It's anticipated that these recommendations will have a significant opportunity to reduce nutrient, AMD sediment, stormwater related to our MS4s, and sediment loading to the local streams in our coalfield communities and urban centers, and eventually the Susquehanna River. We support your efforts to look closely at the areas where projects can also help to improve habitat and restore populations of Eastern brook trout, and to a much lesser extent, the American black duck (due to the lack of priority areas identified within the geographic scope of your areas of concentration), especially within priority sub watersheds.

We will make available people and community leaders or Staff that have local knowledge that might be of assistance to you should the grant be funded. We are committed to keeping an open line of communication with EPCAMR and your Staff going forward as you take a comprehensive, holistic watershed approach to your work. We believe that our area is in need of funding to help us properly identify area of concern that are critical to improving our infrastructure, water quality, and restoration, reclamation, and remediation of our local watersheds.

We will work in municipal cooperation and communication with your partners who you have reached out where all of these watersheds are located to enhance local capacity to more efficiently and effectively implement future on-the-ground actions through assessment, planning, and technical assistance-oriented activities.

Kevin Coughlin  
Mayor



**March 28.2020**

Bobby Hughes, Executive Director  
101 S. Main Street  
Ashley, PA 18706

***RE: EPCAMR's 2020 Small Watershed Grant Proposal to NFWF's Chesapeake Bay Partnership***

Dear Bob:

I'm writing to provide EPCAMR with a Letter of Support from the Stanley Cooper Senior Chapter of Trout Unlimited, based in Wilkes Barre, Pa to the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) for a Small Watershed Grant Technical Assistance grant that your well-respected, regional environmental non-profit organization, will be applying for to support our community and surrounding communities within the geographical scope of the project area that you've defined in your summary request to us, based on the priorities you have identified within the grant.

We understand that the grant will focus on priority watersheds identified by the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), in partnership with the U.S. EPA and the federal-state Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP) partnership, to restore water quality and habitats of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributary rivers and streams.

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We support your proposal to allow your well qualified Staff who already have the local knowledge and expertise of knowing this region first-hand, to propose securing funding that would allow them to get into these watersheds with some of your volunteers with the necessary field equipment and conduct field assessments and monitoring of various streamside conditions, structural impediments to aquatic organism passage at culverts, and sediment laden stream channels that have been modified by past mining, throughout our lands and the abovementioned watersheds. We look forward to the recommendations that you will be able to provide to us and the funder for future improvement projects. It's anticipated that these recommendations will have a significant opportunity to reduce nutrient, AMD sediment, stormwater related to MS4s, and sediment loading to the local streams in our coalfield communities and urban centers, and eventually the Susquehanna River. We support your efforts to look closely at the areas where projects can also help to improve habitat and restore populations of Eastern brook trout, and the American black duck, within priority sub watersheds.

We will make available individuals that have local knowledge that might be of assistance to you should the grant be funded. We are committed to keeping an open line of communication with EPCAMR and your Staff going forward as you take a comprehensive, holistic watershed approach to your work. We believe that our area is in need of funding to help us properly identify area of concern that are critical to improving our infrastructure, water quality, and restoration, reclamation, and remediation of our local watersheds.

We will work in municipal cooperation and communication with your partners who you have reached out where all of these watersheds are located to enhance local capacity to more efficiently and effectively implement future on-the-ground actions through assessment, planning, and technical assistance-oriented activities.

Fully supportive,

J Scott Brady  
President of the Stanley Sr Cooper Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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EPCAMR  
Bobby Hughes, Executive Director  
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March 31, 2020

***RE: EPCAMR's 2020 Small Watershed Grant Proposal to NFWF's Chesapeake Bay Partnership***

Dear Bobby:

I'm writing to provide EPCAMR with a Letter of Support from The Newport Township Board of Commissioners to the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) for a Small Watershed Grant Technical Assistance grant that your well-respected, regional environmental non-profit organization, will be applying for to support our community and surrounding communities within the geographical scope of the project area that you've defined in your summary request to us, based on the priorities you have identified within the grant.

We understand that the grant will focus on priority watersheds identified by the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), in partnership with the U.S. EPA and the federal-state Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP) partnership, to restore water quality and habitats of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributary rivers and streams.

It is our understanding that Sugar Notch Run, Solomon Creek, Warrior Creek, Nanticoke Creek, Newport Creek, and areas along the Susquehanna River in the Wyoming Valley and Southern Wyoming Valley are some of the priority watersheds that are mining-impacted that EPCAMR would like to focus your attention on that are in need of current assessments. We also understand that there are also overlapping priorities under the grant program for Eastern Brook Trout habitat patches that need further assessments to protect, restore, or improve aquatic organism passage throughout the Wyoming Valley, and the habitat areas of the American black duck (Newport Creek area).

We support your proposal to allow your well qualified Staff who already have the local knowledge and expertise of knowing this region first-hand, to propose securing funding that would allow them to get into these watersheds with some of your volunteers with the necessary field equipment and conduct field assessments and monitoring of various streamside conditions and structural impediments to aquatic organism passage at culverts throughout our municipalities. We look forward to the recommendations that you will be able to provide to us and the funder for future improvement projects. It's anticipated that these recommendations will have a significant opportunity to reduce nutrient, AMD sediment, stormwater related to our MS4s, and sediment loading to the local streams in our coalfield communities and urban centers, and eventually the Susquehanna River. We support your efforts to look closely at the areas

where projects can also help to improve habitat and restore populations of Eastern brook trout, and to a much lesser extent, the American black duck (due to the lack of priority areas identified within the geographic scope of your areas of concentration), especially within priority sub watersheds.

We will make available people and community leaders or Staff that have local knowledge that might be of assistance to you should the grant be funded. We are committed to keeping an open line of communication with EPCAMR and your Staff going forward as you take a comprehensive, holistic watershed approach to your work. We believe that our area is in need of funding to help us properly identify area of concern that are critical to improving our infrastructure, water quality, and restoration, reclamation, and remediation of our local watersheds.

We will work in municipal cooperation and communication with your partners who you have reached out where all of these watersheds are located to enhance local capacity to more efficiently and effectively implement future on-the-ground actions through assessment, planning, and technical assistance-oriented activities.

Fully supportive,

  
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Joseph Hillan  
Township Manager



pennsylvania environmental council

March 30, 2020

EPCAMR  
Robert Hughes, Executive Director  
101 S. Main Street  
Ashley, PA 18706

***RE: EPCAMR's 2020 Small Watershed Grant Proposal to NFWF's Chesapeake Bay Partnership***

Dear Robert:

The Pennsylvania Environmental Council is providing this letter of support for EPCAMR's application to the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) for a Small Watershed Grant Technical Assistance grant.

It is our understanding that EPCAMR would like to focus attention on Sugar Notch Run, Solomon Creek, Warrior Creek, Nanticoke Creek, Newport Creek, and areas along the Susquehanna River in the Wyoming Valley and Southern Wyoming Valley as they are mining-impacted and in need of current assessments. We also understand that there are overlapping priorities under the grant program for Eastern Brook Trout habitat patches that need further assessments to protect, restore, or improve aquatic organism passage throughout the Wyoming Valley, and the habitat areas of the American black duck (Newport Creek area).

We acknowledge that EPCAMR staff have the local knowledge and expertise regarding this region and that you propose securing funding that would allow you to explore these watersheds with your volunteers using the necessary and appropriate field equipment and conduct field assessments and monitoring of various streamside conditions, structural impediments to aquatic organism passage at culverts, and sediment laden stream channels that have been modified by past mining. We look forward to the recommendations that EPCAMR will be able to provide. It's anticipated that these recommendations will have a significant impact on reducing nutrient, AMD sediment, stormwater related to MS4s, and sediment loading to the local streams in our coalfield communities and urban centers, and eventually the Susquehanna River. We support your efforts to look closely at the areas where projects can also help to improve habitat and restore populations of Eastern brook trout, and the American black duck, within priority sub watersheds.

We would also aid you should the grant be funded. We are committed to keeping an open line of communication with EPCAMR going forward as you take a comprehensive, holistic watershed approach to your work. We believe that our area needs funding to help us properly identify areas of concern that are critical to improving our infrastructure, water quality, and restoration, reclamation, and remediation of our local watersheds.

Sincerely,

Janet L. Sweeney  
Vice President, PEC

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Dedicated to Mine Land Reclamation, Conservation, & Economic Development in the Wyoming Valley

March 30, 2020

Robert Hughes, Executive Director  
EPCAMR  
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Ashley, PA 18706

RE: 2020 NFWF Small Watershed Technical Assistance Grant

Dear Mr. Hughes:

On behalf of Earth Conservancy (EC), I'm writing in support of EPCAMR's application to the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) for a Small Watersheds Technical Assistance grant to assess priority watersheds impacted by pre-regulatory mining in the Wyoming Valley, as identified by NFWF in partnership with the US Environmental Protection Agency and the Chesapeake Bay Program.

This project dovetails with EC's own mission to revitalize legacy minelands in northeastern Pennsylvania. Our reclamation and restoration projects have made significant improvements in the south Wyoming Valley's environment, economy, and quality of life. As of today, 2,000 mine-scarred acres have been reclaimed, which are available for or already in productive use; two acid mine drainage treatment systems improve local creeks/watersheds; 4,750LF of stream channel is under reconstruction; and 8,000 acres have been conserved for greenspace. We also have built trails, participate in education initiatives, and run a community garden and a composting facility for county residents. All of these projects trace back to EC's overarching plan, one that seeks a more livable community now, and clears the way for positive, progressive change for future generations.

We understand EPCAMR's proposal includes watershed assessments for Sugar Notch Run, Solomon Creek, Warrior Creek, Nanticoke Creek, Newport Creek, and other areas along the Susquehanna River. Studies will identify potential impacts, threats, problems, and opportunities; and develop strategy for conservation and protection. When implemented, the plan will not only benefit wildlife – including Eastern brook trout and American black ducks, priorities of NFWF – but also will amend water quality through reductions in nutrient, acid mine drainage, and sediment loads in the targeted watersheds. Together, these improvements will enhance the aesthetic, recreational, and economic characteristics of the community.

EC will help EPCAMR with its watershed assessments by 1.) allowing access to EC property by EPCAMR staff and volunteers that includes targeted watersheds; 2). providing comments, suggestions, and pertinent data on the watersheds' history and/or status, as appropriate; and 3.) helping to build community awareness about the environmental issues affecting targeted watersheds, especially in relation to mine-scarred lands.

We look forward to working with EPCAMR and other project partners on this project, and to hearing the recommendations resulting from the studies. Again, EC is pleased to support EPCAMR's proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Terence J. Ostrowski", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Terence J. Ostrowski, P.E.  
President/CEO