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Mr. David Ward  
Loudoun Watershed Watch  
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Dear Mr. Ward,

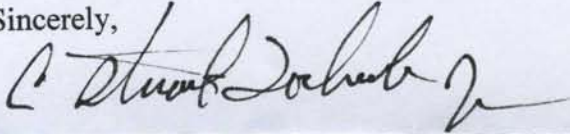
Thank you for the submission of five (5) nominations for benthic macroinvertebrate monitoring. Mr. Jeff Talbott from the DEQ Northern Regional Office reviewed your nomination. Based on his review, DEQ will follow up on four (4) of the five (5) requests.

1. Catoctin Creek in Loudoun County – The nominated site is difficult to access from Cottage Grove Lane; however there is an unnamed tributary to Catoctin in the same area. This tributary is near the confluence of North and South fork and is easily accessible. DEQ has had five stations in the area from 2006-09. Therefore, DEQ has monitored in this general area and adequately covered the nominated location thereby satisfying the request.
2. Horsepen Run in Loudoun County - DEQ does not currently collect for benthic data at this site. We will establish a benthic station on Horsepen Run near the Dulles Toll Road for 2010 (spring and fall) monitoring.
3. Sugarland Run in Loudoun County - DEQ does not currently collect for benthics at this site. We will establish a benthic station on Sugarland Run at the Algonkian Parkway for 2010 (spring and fall) monitoring.
4. Broad Run upstream of Greenway in Loudoun County – DEQ has collected a benthic sample on Broad Run at Route 625 (Waxpool Rd. Rt. 7 and Rt. 621 in 2005, 2007, and 2009). Route 625 is approximately 1.8 miles down stream from Dulles Greenway. This site is close enough to be an indicator for the stream segment requested.

For the Crooked Run site in Loudoun County, due to limited staff resources we are unable to honor the request to sample at the Route 814 or Route 725 sites at this time.

We appreciate the nomination requests submitted by the Loudoun Watershed Watch. The citizen nomination process is an important resource to help DEQ identify water bodies for sampling. DEQ makes every effort to have monitoring data available to the public. If you would like to learn more about current DEQ sampling please visit the website [www.deq.virginia.gov/watermonitoring](http://www.deq.virginia.gov/watermonitoring). If you have any questions about DEQ monitoring efforts in your area, please contact Mr. Talbott by phone (703) 583-3902 or by e-mail [jeff.talbott@deq.virginia.gov](mailto:jeff.talbott@deq.virginia.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Stuart Torbeck Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

C. Stuart Torbeck Jr.  
Water Quality Data Liaison

cc: Jeff Talbott, DEQ Northern Regional Office