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Ms. Ashley Gam
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Dear Ms. Gam,

Thank you for your submitted request for monitoring on Dry Mill Creek and Big Spring Creek in Leesburg, Virginia. Jeff Talbott, the Water Quality Monitoring Supervisor at the Northern Virginia Regional Office, has reviewed your request. We will not be conducting additional monitoring in association with your request due to staff limitations and because we have collected benthic macroinvertebrate data at the sites of interest in recent years. Dry Mill Creek (also known as Dry Mill Branch) was sampled upstream of Rte. 699 (DEQ site: 1ADRL001.00) in 2013, 2014 and 2016. Big Spring Creek at Twin Maple Lane (DEQ site: 1ABSC000.45) was sampled in 2015 and 2016. The latter was in response to a citizen request for monitoring. Although we will not be able to prioritize these sites for the 2020 monitoring please feel free to nominate these or other sites in the future.

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 efforts, please visit our website at:

<https://www.deq.virginia.gov/Programs/Water/WaterQualityInformationTMDLs/WaterQualityMonitoring.aspx>.

If you have any questions about DEQ monitoring in your area, please contact Jeff Talbott at: (703) 583-3902 or by e-mail at Jeff.Talbott@deq.virginia.gov. For access to DEQ data, or for general questions regarding the Citizen Nomination Program, feel free to contact Andrew Garey at: andrew.garey@deq.virginia.gov or (804) 698-4253.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew L. Garey".

for:

C. Stuart Torbeck Jr.
Water Quality Data Liaison

cc: Jeff Talbott , Bryant Thomas, DEQ Northern Regional Office, Sandra Mueller, Stuart Torbeck, Andrew Garey, DEQ Water Planning Division