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David Ward
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Dear Mr. Ward,

Thank you for sending the nomination requests for Dog Branch, Cabin Branch, Pohick Creek and Milltown Creek in our 2018 monitoring year. Loudoun Watershed Watch has been a helpful partner in identifying locations for our staff to establish new monitoring sites.

We will be able to honor two of the four requests. Assuming current resources are available in 2018, we plan to establish an ambient and biological station in the Dog branch around the Rt. 630 crossing. We also anticipate adding a biological station on Milltown Creek around the Rt. 673 crossing where benthic macroinvertebrate results would augment existing data for the stream.

Regarding the Pohick and Cabin Branch nominations, DEQ is unable to justify allocating limited monitoring resources. The site nominated on Pohick is very close to a trend station (sampled every other month) at Rt. 1 and covers the same general area as the nominated site. Cabin Branch is a very small watershed and is difficult to justify using limited agency resources compared to other waters.

Again thank you for your nominations. If you have any questions about nominated stations, you can contact Jeff Talbott at 703-583-3902 or by e-mail at jeff.tablott@deq.virginia.gov. Information about the citizen nomination program and sites previously honored are available on our new Story Map available at <http://arcg.is/2tVEVL4>. If you have any questions about the overall nomination process, please contact me by phone at (804) 698-4461 or by e-mail at charles.torbeck@deq.virginia.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "C. Stuart Torbeck Jr.".

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