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Dear Amy Ulland:

Thank you for your nominations to the 2026 DEQ monitoring plan and your continued support of the nominations process.

Based upon the available monitoring data and information, and contingent on the availability of agency resources to complete the requests, DEQ's Northern Regional Office will be including the below sites from your nominations in the 2026 monitoring plan. Benthic macroinvertebrates, rapid habitat evaluations, and measurements of dissolved oxygen, pH, temperature, and specific conductivity will be sampled once in the spring and once in the fall of 2026.

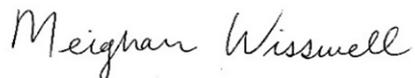
1. Dry Mill Branch: requested sampling will be conducted at existing DEQ station 1ADRL001.00 upstream of Rt. 699 for the 2026 monitoring year. Benthic macroinvertebrate monitoring has been conducted at this location six times; most recently in 2016.
2. Dutchman Creek: requested sampling will be conducted at existing DEQ station 1ADUT000.62 at Dutchmans Creek Road for the 2026 monitoring year. Benthic macroinvertebrate monitoring has been conducted at this location four times; most recently in 2016.
3. Unnamed tributary to Horsepen Run, upstream: requested sampling will be conducted at existing DEQ station 1AXLE001.62 at Algonkian Parkway for the 2026 monitoring year. Benthic macroinvertebrate monitoring has not been conducted at this location, however; ambient monitoring was last conducted at this site in 2016.

4. Unnamed tributary to unnamed tributary to Beaverdam Run: DEQ will establish a new station, 1AXFO000.60 at Claiborne Pkwy to conduct the requested monitoring for the 2026 monitoring year.
5. Unnamed tributary to South Fork Catoctin Creek: DEQ will establish a new station, 1AXFP000.05 (39.185736, -77.616692) to conduct the requested monitoring for the 2026 monitoring year.

DEQ makes every effort to make monitoring data available to the public. Biological monitoring results can be made available upon request. Other water quality data collected by DEQ are available via the [EPA's Water Quality Portal](#). DEQ maintains the [Environmental Data Mapper](#), an interactive web mapping utility where you can browse DEQ's geospatial data, including water quality monitoring and assessment layers.

The annual nomination process is an important resource to help DEQ identify waterbodies for future monitoring. If you would like to learn more about water monitoring programs at DEQ, please [visit our webpage](#). For questions regarding the use of the above tools or about the nomination process, please contact me at citizenwater@deq.virginia.gov or 571-866-6494.

Regards,



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