

Email comment received from Randall Maggard

Sent: Friday, May 03, 2013 2:23 PM

To: Richardson, William

Subject: WV 2012 Draft 303d - Comments (Recent Wiley Branch Benthic Surveys)

Attachments: 0436_001.pdf

May 3, 2013

RE: 303d Comments – West Virginia Draft 2012 303d List Additions by USEPA

Wiley Branch East Fork of Twelvepole Creek

Stream Code WVO-2-Q-28

CNA- Biological Entire Length 1.70 Miles

Dear Mr. Richardson,

Please find attached more recent biological data collected on the above mentioned stream reach. On behalf of the Twelvepole Watershed Association I am requesting the removal of Wiley Branch of East Fork of Twelvepole Creek based on this more recent data. As you can easily see benthic data collected in October 2010 reflected a WVSCI score of 81.46 and 72.17 (See attached reports). Also the benthic data collected again in October 2011 reflected a WVSCI score of 72.95 and 73.44 (See attached reports).

As President of the Twelvepole Watershed Association we strive to have as much of the watershed considered to be of high quality and meeting its desired uses. We know this is important to the local economy ,environment and especially the residents that live in the watershed. The Twelvepole Watershed Association obtained these reports through publically available information and is familiar with the quality of work performed by the consultant which performed the collection of the data and prepared the reports. We are aware of streams in the watershed that we believe to be “ truly “ impaired and do not want steams listed as impaired to be on the list when we actually believe them to be of high quality.

Again, as President of the Twelvepole Wateshed Association I am requesting the removal of the entire length of Wiley Branch of East Fork of Twelvepole Creek from the 2012 West Virginia Draft 303d List based on more recent available information indicating it should not be listed.

If you have any questions or desire additional information please call me anytime at 304-692-9823.

Sincerely,

Randall R. Maggard

President

Twelvepole Watershed Association