

The nominated segment of the Hazel River is from its headwaters in the Shenandoah National Park in Rappahannock County downriver to its confluence with the Rappahannock River in Culpeper County. The nominated segment is approximately 45 miles long.

LOCALITY COMMENT

Rappahannock County – John W. McCarthy, County Administrator, stated in a letter dated December 13, 2005 that, while acknowledging that Tier III protection of the Hazel River is consistent with the county’s Comprehensive Plan, the Rappahannock County Board of Supervisors oppose Tier III designation of the Hazel River due to concerns of possible future restrictive amended regulations that could adversely impact existing or proposed sewage treatment facilities.

Culpeper County – John F. Coates, Chairman for the Board of Supervisors, wrote on their behalf to convey their support for the nomination. He stated that a Tier III designation would be consistent with the county’s Comprehensive Plan.

ADVOCACY & CITIZEN GROUPS

Chesapeake Bay Foundation	Provided comment supporting the nomination stating that the river meets all eligibility criteria to be considered and that the protection afforded by a Tier III designation would be invaluable to the restoration and preservation of the Rappahannock River and Chesapeake Bay.
Brandy Station Foundation (BSF)	Arthur Larson provided comment on behalf of the BSF in support of the nomination stating that the river meets the eligibility criteria and is an integral part of historic Civil War sites in the area. The Foundation is an organization dedicated to protecting the historic rural character of the Brandy Station area and eastern Culpeper County.
Trout Unlimited, Rapidan Chapter	Fred Kallmeyer wrote on behalf of Trout Unlimited, Rapidan Chapter in support of the nomination citing the importance of protecting high quality water with naturally reproducing populations of brook trout and maintaining water quality for future generations.
Concerned Culpeper Citizens (CCC)	Robert Burnett wrote on behalf of the CCC in support of the nomination. He states that exceptional effort was made to inform the 100+ property owners of the nomination and its potential impacts. They (the CCC) are thoroughly convinced the five individuals who spoke in opposition at the December 12, 2005 Rappahannock County Board of Supervisors meeting represent the sum total of that sentiment. He also states the CCC was actively involved in the development of Culpeper County’s current Comprehensive Plan which specifically includes support for Hazel River Tier III status.
Rappahannock League for Environmental Protection (RLEP)	Paul Farmer wrote on behalf of RLEP in support of the nomination and states the position in favor of Tier III designation was a unanimously passed resolution by the RLEP board of directors and represents the views of an overwhelming majority of RLEP’s almost 400 members residing in and/or owning land in Rappahannock County.
Piedmont Environmental Council (PEC)	Christopher Miller wrote on behalf of the PEC in support of the nomination and the PEC feels that protection for the Hazel River against future sources of sewage and industrial waste discharge is a critical step towards preserving the river for future generations. He also states that a Tier III designation is consistent with the Comprehensive Plans for Rappahannock and Culpeper Counties.

CITIZEN COMMENT - SUPPORTING

Overview

Number of riparian landowner comment **supporting** - 21
 Number of non-riparian landowner citizen comment **supporting** - 58
 Total - 79

The majority of the supporting comment stems from stated personal experience with and recreational use of the Hazel River and a desire to maintain the current water quality of the river and preserve the rural nature of the area through which it flows. Most also stated their belief that the river satisfies all necessary eligibility criteria to be considered for Exceptional State Waters designation. Several of the riparian landowners that commented stated they understand the impacts of a designation and are willing to accept the regulatory restrictions that accompany an Exceptional State Waters designation.

The table below lists all citizens that provided comment in favor of the nomination.

	Non-Riparian Landowner - Supports	Riparian Landowner - Supports
1	Andre & Rebecca Abecassis	C. Richard & Loreen D. Allen
2	Ashley Adams	Carla Coleman
3	Lyle & Mindy Alexander	Linda Croxon & Philip Ward
4	Randy & Donna Bartlett	Peggy Dyer
5	Ronald Bird & Peter Stetson	Lowell Dodge
6	Will Boyd	Edward Dorsey
7	Carol T. Comisarow	Robert & Kathy Ellis
8	Brody H. M. Corson	John Feeney
9	Albert C. Costanzo	George W. & Jenifer Flathers
10	Walter M. Cox	Harvey W. Fox
11	Paul R. Farmer	Barney O'Meara
12	Penelope Firth	Mary O'Meara
13	Hans Gerhard	John Ragosta
14	John & Jean Hagarty	Mark Rankins
15	Jenny Fox Hoffman	Jean F. Scott
16	Chris Hoffman	Roger Scruton
17	Hal & Beverly Hunter	Joseph G. Svatos
18	Bill & Jeanne Jarrett	George & Maura Swanberg
19	Kit Johnston	Jack & Greta Weeks
20	Sasha Kinney	Robert L. & Patricia Wendy Weinberg
21	Ed Kitchen	Priscilla W. Woll
22	David Knapp	
23	Richard & Mary Ann Krammes	
24	Elke Kyff	
25	Doug Lapp	
26	Virginia Leavell	

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27	Mary Beth Martin
28	Veronica J. McCrohan
29	Frank Mello
30	Sally Mello
31	Mike Millan
32	Wendy Murdoch
33	Julienne A. Nelson
34	Joseph M. Oliver, Jr.
35	Pam Owen
36	Grace Peters
37	Katherine F. Poush
38	Steve & Lynn Prewitt
39	Paul C. Prose, Jr.
40	Oliver Putnam
41	Derek & Aimee Raines
42	Linda Ramer
43	Ann Leavell Reynolds
44	Nancy Y. Reynolds
45	Monira K. Rifaat
46	C. Robayo
47	R. Daniel Robayo
48	Tom & Andrea Salley
49	Ellie Spencer
50	Liz Tylander
51	Augustus Vogel
52	Lucie Leavell Vogel
53	Marilyn B. Vogel
54	Harold & Elisabeth Hackman
55	Anne Watson
56	Allen M. Wilson
57	E. V. Yankey
58	Maya Zwerdling

CITIZEN COMMENT - OPPOSING

Overview

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Number of riparian landowner comment **opposing** - 5
 Number of non-riparian landowner citizen comment **opposing** - 11
 Total - 16

Below are the most commonly reoccurring reasons given for opposition to the nomination to designate the Hazel River as an Exceptional State Water:

- The river does not meet the eligibility criteria except for portions within Shenandoah National Park.
- There is limited recreational access outside of Shenandoah National Park due to numerous King’s Grant properties.
- Perceived infringement of property rights.
- The designation would worsen existing problems with individuals trespassing to gain access to the river.
- The designation would restrict the potential to develop one’s property.
- There are concerns of being unable to update or replace failing septic systems. Some landowners are located adjacent to the Hazel River at the lower boundary of the Shenandoah National Park and cabins are located on geologic formations that render conventional septic fields unfeasible and necessitate the use of a single family home treatment system. This type of system results in a high quality discharge which would be prohibited if the river is designated Tier III.

The table below lists all citizens that provided comment in opposition to the nomination.

	Non-Riparian Landowner - Opposes	Riparian Landowner - Opposes
1	William R. Babcock	Rolf Graage
2	Amanda Beck	Ben Grace
3	Eileen Ginty	Mrs. Aldean C. Hitt
4	Jennifer & Joshua Goodhart	Douglas W. & Phyllis H. Jenkins
5	John & Christine Grossi	P. Wayne & Louise Stilwell
6	Peter F. & Anne B. Hansen	
7	Angela M. Kollet	
8	Edward & Eileen Lester	
9	Michelle E. Rakes	
10	Sallie C. Thornhill & Melanie Kopjanski	
11	Susan M. van den Toorn	