

### PRP Public Comment Tracking Log

Name	Contact Information	Date Comment Received	Comments	Response	Changes Made to PRP?
Diane Syphrit	724-494-0248 182 South Kerrwood Drive Hermitage, PA 16148	8/29/2017	An explanation as to why the 1997 test was used in developing this plan instead of having a new test completed should be included in the document. The plan does not explain why 20 year old data was used.	PaDEP requires that a pollutant reduction plan be created based on the MS4 Requirements Table. The MS4 Requirements Table lists Bobby Run as impaired for Appendix E - Nutrients. PaDEP's listing originates from the Statewide Surface Waters Assessment, which was completed in 1997. Section II, Part D states that the pollutant reduction plan is being developed due to the impairment listing from the MS4 Requirements Table. Because the City of Hermitage is required to meet the requirements of the MS4 permit and Pollutant Reduction Plan, testing from 1997 is to be used as that is what PaDEP is basing their impairment listing on.	No
Diane Syphrit	724-494-0248 182 South Kerrwood Drive Hermitage, PA 16148	8/29/2017	The 1997 PaDEP test results along with the date of that test should be included in the document/appendix.	The test results from the stream assessment will be included in Appendix B. Reference to the Statewide Surface Waters Assessment will be included in the narrative in section I, part A.	Yes
Diane Syphrit	724-494-0248 182 South Kerrwood Drive Hermitage, PA 16148	8/29/2017	What is the acceptable level of phosphorus for a stream of this size? This should be included in the document/appendix.	The acceptable level of phosphorus within a stream is dependent on a number of conditions so there isn't a specific acceptable level. PaDEP utilized benthic macroinvertebrate sampling during their Statewide Surface Waters Assessment to determine if Bobby Run showed signs of Biology impairments. No laboratory chemistry testing was completed during the assessment.	No
Diane Syphrit	724-494-0248 182 South Kerrwood Drive Hermitage, PA 16148	8/29/2017	A note should be included in the document/appendix stating that the root cause of the phosphorus issue is not in scope for this plan.	Section II, part C will be updated to include some common causes of phosphorus. The specific cause of the phosphorus within the Bobby Run watershed can not be identified based on the stream assessment reports provided by PaDEP. The plan proposed addresses phosphorus in general by focusing on stormwater related solutions, such as stream bank restoration to minimize channel and bank erosion.	Yes
Diane Syphrit	724-494-0248 182 South Kerrwood Drive Hermitage, PA 16148	8/29/2017	Why was the reduction goal set at 5%? Could the goal have been higher? If so, why was a higher goal not used?	The 5% reduction requirement is set by PaDEP in the MS4 permit instructions. As pollutant reduction is a new requirement under the MS4 permit, a higher goal was not chosen at this time. The City of Hermitage has to budget for design and construction, as well as look for grant opportunities, to obtain funding to meet the 5% reduction requirements. Obtaining a reduction goal beyond 5% would require additional funding beyond what is already needed, so it was determined to meet what is required by PaDEP.	No
Diane Syphrit	724-494-0248 182 South Kerrwood Drive Hermitage, PA 16148	8/23/2017	During the public meeting, Ms. Syphrit had a number of questions. Ms. Syphrit provided her comments in a written form after discussions with Ms. Mazzarelli, which have been included above.	See comment responses above.	See above.
Bruce Kelley	656 Lillian Drive Hermitage, PA 16148	8/23/2017	During the public meeting, Mr. Kelley asked how many times DEP tested Bobby Run.	During the public meeting, it was estimated that the stream was last tested approximately 10-15 years ago. After follow up coordination with PaDEP, the stream was last tested in 1997. PaDEP has not retested this since 1997. During the public meeting, it was indicated when retesting occurs, impairment listings are typically not removed, but additional impairment listings may be added. The requirements for the 2018 MS4 permit, including the PRP are based on PaDEP's testing.	No