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Hello Bethany,

Please note that I am following up with the petition to reclassify the noted streams: Alder Brook and Blue Bank Brook in Ripton and Lincoln, Vermont; and Goshen Brook in Goshen, Hancock, and Ripton, Vermont.

As Ripton, VT residents, my family and I would much appreciate the streams be reclassified from B(2) to A(1) for Aquatic Biota, Aquatic Habitat, and Aesthetics Designated Uses in the Vermont Water Quality Standards.

It is so important to make sure this happens now, in a time when it is only getting more difficult to protect the pristine resources that we are still fortunate to have here in Vermont.

I understand that some out-of-state landowners were flustered by this petition and I heard their comments. What I do wish someone tells them is that the upgrade in classification really will not change their ability to use the land as they have been, are currently, or will in the future. In essence, stream reclassification betters their property.

But, it does secure a level of recognition and protection now and in the future for the streams, which is necessary not only for Ripton, but for all of Vermont! If we want clean water in Vermont, and even Lake Champlain, we must ensure that, at the very least, the headwaters of watersheds/rivers/etc. are pure.

Now is the time to offer our beautiful Vermont all the service we can to make sure it's natural environment lasts for many generations! Reclassifying these streams from B(2) to A(1) helps the process.

Thanks for your time and **please confirm receipt of this comment**,

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