

CLARK CREEK

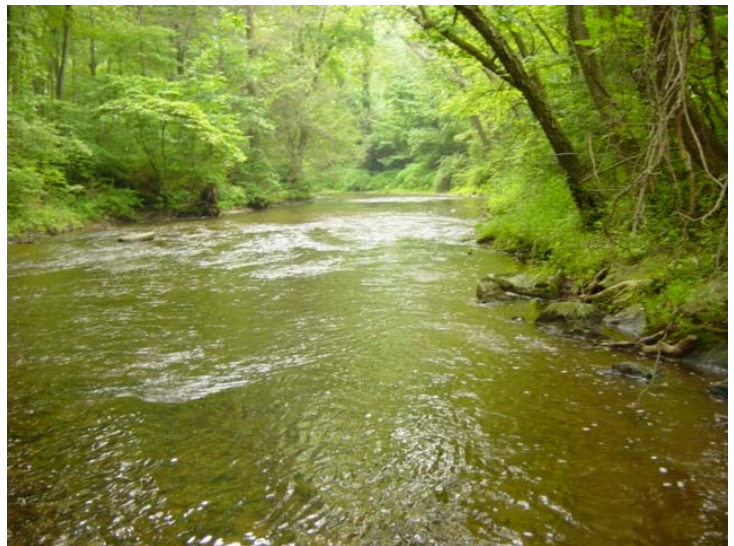
Description

The Clark Creek watershed drains an area of 43.1 square miles in central Dauphin County. The watershed is a long narrow basin approximately 25 miles long with an average width of about 1.5 miles. The stream flows west joining the Susquehanna River northeast of Dauphin Borough. There are no significant tributaries only small streams draining the steep mountainsides; Third and Stony Mountain to the south and Peters Mountain to the north.

The vast majority of the watershed is forested with a significant amount of land in public ownership. Population density is very low. The City of Harrisburg has constructed and maintains a water supply reservoir on the main stem of the stream in Rush Township. The reservoir is one of the main sources of drinking water for the city and surrounding area. Topography is typical of the Ridge and Valley physiographic province in Pennsylvania. The ridges of the Clark Creek watershed are composed mainly of red and gray sandstone with some conglomerate. The valley is underlain with sandstone and shale.

DEP Classification

Clark Creek is classified as a High Quality – Cold Water Fishery (HQ-CWF) designated special protection waters. The creek is also classified as a Trout Stocking Fishery (TSF).



Clark Creek before entering the Susquehanna River.

QUICK FACTS

Watershed Size: 43.1 mi² in
Dauphin County

Stream Miles: 46.9

Impaired Stream Miles: 0

Land Uses: Predominantly forest

DEP Stream Classification:

- High Quality, Cold Water Fishery
- Trout Stocking Fishery

DEP Listed Impairments:

None

Watershed Municipalities:

Middle Paxton Twp, Rush Twp



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