

No. 1980-18

## AN ACT

## HB 1843

Designating Stony Creek as a component of the Pennsylvania Wild and Scenic Rivers System in accordance with the Pennsylvania Scenic Rivers Act; providing for cooperation and coordination in its protection and use and for the responsibilities of its management.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

**Section 1. Short title.**

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Stony Creek Wild and Scenic River Act."

**Section 2. Legislative findings and purpose.**

The Department of Environmental Resources has, in accordance with the act of December 5, 1972 (P.L.1277, No.283), known as the "Pennsylvania Scenic Rivers Act," fulfilled its obligations and responsibilities prerequisite to the designation of Stony Creek as a component of the Pennsylvania Scenic Rivers System. The designation of Stony Creek by this act is for the purpose of conserving and enhancing its scenic quality and promoting public recreational enjoyment in accordance with the provisions of the "Pennsylvania Scenic Rivers Act."

**Section 3. Designation and classification.**

The 16-mile main stem of Stony Creek and the three tributary streams, Rattling Run, Yellow Springs and Rausch Creek, and related adjacent land areas, from the headwaters in Lebanon County to the Pennsylvania Game Commission gate at Ellendale Forge, Dauphin County, is designated a wild component of the Pennsylvania Scenic Rivers System under the "Pennsylvania Scenic Rivers Act." The boundaries of the component corridor have been defined by the Department of Environmental Resources and are shown on the map entitled, "Stony Creek Study," on file and available for public inspection in the Bureau of Land Records, Department of Community Affairs of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

**Section 4. Management responsibilities.**

The Pennsylvania Game Commission and the Department of Environmental Resources shall exercise administrative responsibilities in implementing the "Management Guidelines for Wild River Corridors" outlined within the "Discussion of Management Guidelines" in the text of the study of Stony Creek conducted by the Department of Environmental Resources under the "Pennsylvania Scenic Rivers Act," known as the "Stony Creek Study." The Pennsylvania Game Commission shall exercise administrative responsibilities in imple-

menting the land management guidelines on Commonwealth lands within the designated component. The Department of Environmental Resources shall exercise administrative responsibilities in implementing the water resource management guidelines and where applicable, the surface mining and solid waste disposal provisions of the land management guidelines.

**Section 5. Cooperation and coordination.**

All State agencies are authorized to seek the help of and enter into agreements with the Federal Government and its agencies and commissions, local governments and concerned private individuals and organizations with the view of fostering cooperation and coordination to further the purpose of this act. To this end, the Department of Environmental Resources shall also seek the cooperation of the Susquehanna River Basin Commission.

**Section 6. Effective date.**

This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 24th day of March, A. D. 1980.

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