



Delaware Riverkeeper Network (DRN) and partners have been working to protect the Tohickon Creek Watershed, which has one of the longest standing community upgrade Exceptional Value (EV) petitions languishing before the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. Originally submitted in 1992, there has been strong support to upgrade this stream, but PADEP rejected the long-standing request to upgrade this stream. Instead, they propose to downgrade it.

Advancing healthier Lake Nockamixon cold-water releases to the Tohickon Creek could help improve the Tohickon's water quality and aquatic life, thus helping to secure EV designation for the creek. The Lower Tohickon includes popular recreational areas like Ralph Stover State Park, Tohickon Valley Park, and other preserved lands and access points that would benefit greatly from sustainable cold-water releases that improve the benthic life and fishery resources of the stream. These cooler releases can also help mitigate climate change impacts that threaten many of our tributary streams.

The video can be viewed at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oqxr98bkA5M>