



## WHITE CLAY CREEK

### National Wild & Scenic River

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June 10, 2022

Name

Street

City, State Zip

#### **RE: Request to access property as part of the Upper East Branch White Clay Creek Watershed Study**

Dear Landowner:

We are requesting permission to access the stream on your property as part of a grant funded watershed study that may include your property. During the month of July, a small group of scientists will be walking and assessing many of the streams within the 12 square mile drainage area above an area of repeat flooding in Avondale Borough. We will be clearly marked in fluorescent vests and plan to access only the areas within or along the banks of the stream. Because the large majority of the streams run through private property, we are sending out notices to all potential landowners along these branches, as well as the local police and affected townships. **Please send a response with your name and address to [mpc@whiteclay.org](mailto:mpc@whiteclay.org) before June 24 if you are willing to allow access to the stream on your property.**

Funding for this study was awarded by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to the White Clay Watershed Association. The primary deliverable is an assessment report and restoration plan for the Upper East Branch of White Clay Creek above Avondale Borough. The Chester County Hazard Mitigation Plan identifies Avondale Borough as an area of high flooding potential. While some significant efforts in the watershed have been undertaken with cooperation from landowners, the flooding concerns remain, and are likely to increase with expected changes in storm intensity. This study will attempt to address flooding issues by identifying additional restoration opportunities upstream that improve flood relief for downstream properties while also providing habitat, and water quality benefits upstream. Completion of this study will increase the competitiveness of future grant applications for restoration projects in our watershed.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration and support of this important project to improve our water resources!

Sincerely,

Shane Morgan, Wild and Scenic Program Manager  
White Clay Watershed Association