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To: <u>WaterbodyComments</u>
Subject: 303(d) Comments

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Dear Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality,

As a proud resident of Little Rock who cares about the water quality of Fourche Creek, I am writing to express my concern about the way Fourche Creek is categorized in the 2018 303(d) list of impaired waterbodies. Fourche Creek is listed as impaired but is considered to be a Category 5 low priority. I believe that Fourche Creek water quality data should be reexamined and Fourche Creek potentially assigned a higher priority. Upon first sight of the creek it is apparent that the Fourche is facing a number of problems caused by urban water runoff.

The amount of pollution draining into the lower part of the Fourche is astonishing and detrimental not only to the life that relies on that stream but to the humans who live around it. The Fourche could be the natural jewel of Little Rock, enjoyed by many residents and bringing visitors into the city, but instead it is the toilet of the City of Little Rock. Many people have a vision for a Fourche Creek that can be enjoyed without the constant sight of trash or the fear of pathogen transmission, but that dream will never be realized if the Fourche is not listed in a more impaired water quality category. We need to encourage awareness of the issues facing the Fourche Creek, not brush them under the rug. Only with awareness will the Central AR community be able to help nurse the Fourche back to health. Please support the ongoing clean up efforts by reconsidering the categorization of the Fourche Creek.

Sincerely, Miss Faith Mullins 220 E 19th St Little Rock, AR 72206-2347 tabithafmullins@gmail.com