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Dear Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality,

Fourche Creek is a very valuable urban asset. It should be a much higher priority in the 2018 303(d) list of impaired waterbodies.

Specifically:

Reach 22, from the confluence of Rock Creek and Fourche Creek to the Arkansas River, was listed as impaired prior to 2016. Unless there have been significant positive changes with accompanying data, Reach 22 should be listed as impaired.

Reaches 22 and 24 should have a TMDL should be set, and aquatic life should still be listed as not supported.

The creek is obviously urban and contains enormous amounts of trash. Thus urban runoff must be listed as a source of contaminants!

Primary and secondary contact uses are clearly not supported due to pathogenic indicator bacteria. During major floods, raw sewage is released directly into the creek and E. coli counts spike.

The water quality of Fourche Creek is very important and must be improved. ADEQ should conduct an accurate assessment for the 2018 303(d) list with the urgency that this waterway deserves.

Sincerely,  
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