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Dear EPA Officials:

I have been documenting Philadelphia's MS4 and CSO outfall trash discharge to the Tookany " Tacony Creek for the past 15 months. My most recent surveys photographed trash below PWD's T-03 and T-05 outfalls on January 20, 2014.

This photo shows the conditions found at T-03:



You can view a dynamic 3-D tour of the channel below T-03 at this [link](#).

PWD's™ innovative Green City, Clean Waters program is wonderful, however, it does not address the serious street litter " creek trash " marine pollution issue. My photo-documentation demonstrates that a significant portion of Philadelphia's™ litter is passing through PWD's™ storm sewer system and making its way to Tacony Creek. Some of the stormwater litter is caught by branches in the creek, however, most of it passes on to the Delaware River, Delaware Bay and Atlantic Ocean.

The Anacostia River trash studies have shown how to carefully study creek trash and develop watershed plans to control trash discharge to receiving streams.

As you visit Philadelphia to meet with City Officials, I ask that you inquire into the City's™ street litter control plans and assess whether Philadelphia needs a trash TMDL similar to the TMDL placed on the Anacostia River. It will be incredibly unfortunate if Philadelphia expends \$2 billion + and does not remove trash from Tacony Creek.

I would be very happy to provide you with a briefing on my Tacony Creek trash finding to date and provide a guided tour of the worst trash laden MS4 and CSO

outfalls.

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