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To Whom It May Concern:

The Clinton River Watershed Council and Trout Unlimited (Challenge, Clinton Valley, Paul H. Young, and Vanguard Chapters) is conducting an inventory of Galloway Creek and the Clinton River beginning in April 2003 for the purpose of assessing the potential of both rivers to sustain a cold-water fishery. The project boundaries are Galloway Creek from Crystal Lake to the confluence at the Clinton River and the Clinton River from the Auburn Road crossing (west of Squirrel Road) downstream to the Yates Cider Mill. These two waterways of interest flow through the communities of Auburn Hills, Pontiac, Rochester Hills, and Rochester.

Information gathered through this inventory process will guide the Michigan Department of Natural Resource, Trout Unlimited, the municipalities, and the Clinton River Watershed Council to make physical habitat improvements to enhance the fishery. Galloway Creek and the Clinton River demonstrate good baseline potential to sustain an active fishery, however with minor improvements, the recreational opportunities could be greatly maximized.

Volunteers from the Challenge, Clinton Valley, Paul H. Young, and Vanguard Chapters of Trout Unlimited and the Clinton River Watershed Council will be in the field conducting a physical habitat inventory of Galloway Creek and the Clinton River throughout the 2003 summer (April – September) and will be collecting macroinvertebrate samples in the spring and fall of 2003. Volunteers are assigned to inventory locations with prior permission from the landowner. All of the field work will be conducted either in-stream or from roadside access points. Local government officials have been involved in planning the study and have been notified of the survey procedure.

If you have any questions about the inventory, please contact the watershed council at 248-601-0606 or e-mail heather@crwc.org.

Sincerely,

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