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Pending Virginia Place Name Proposal before the Domestic Names Committee, USBGN

Fern Creek

Proposal Information

Proposed name	Fern Creek
Proposal type	new name for unnamed feature
Proponent	Robert Wheatley; Goochland, VA
Date proposed	3/18/2024
Submitter	Laura Galli; Goochland, VA
BGN case number	6244
Quarterly Review List	455

Feature Details

Primary coordinates	37.74126, -77.88682
Secondary coordinates	37.75152, -77.87165
Feature class	stream
Feature size	1.7 mi. long
Feature description	Heads at an oblong pond near the boundary of Louisa County and Goochland County, flows generally SW into Courthouse Creek
Name history	Named for the presence of fern along its banks
USGS primary topo map	Goochland 1:24,000
State(s)	Virginia
County(s)	Goochland County
Land ownership	Private

BGN decisions

- None

Other Names

- Unpublished names: None found
- Published names: None found

Case Summary

The new name Fern Creek is proposed for a 1.7-mile-long tributary of Courthouse Creek in Goochland County.

The proponent, who lives adjacent to the stream, states, “The name Fern Creek was chosen due to the widespread presence of fern along its banks near the Aldwyck Subdivision in Goochland County. It is a beautiful creek that deserves to have its own name.”

GNIS lists no streams in Virginia with “Fern” in the name.

Stakeholder Input

Local government	Goochland County Board of Supervisors
State Names Authority	Virginia Board on Geographic Names
Federally Recognized Tribes	All federally recognized Tribes contacted under Policy X