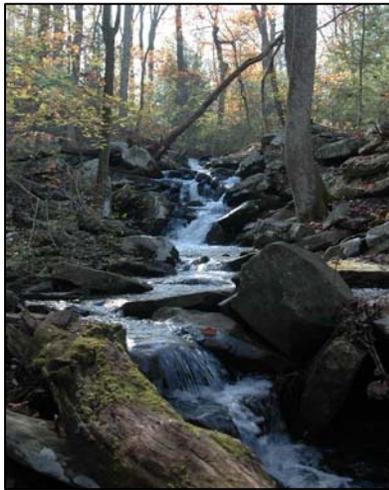




Limited Resource Waters Bill HB4185/SB4119

This Bill lifts protection from about half of the streams in Tennessee, and leads to the destruction of adjacent land and scenic areas. By exempting “ephemeral bodies” from permit requirements any developer, landowner, or industry can cover up, pipe, pollute, and destroy approximately 30,000 miles of headwater streams with no regard to downstream effects.

Important waters and lands of the state will be destroyed if this bill passes:



Mabbit Stream, Monroe County, TN

- **There is a drought!** Headwater streams are often spring fed, seasonal streams with little to no aquatic life however they provide much needed flow to adjoining tributaries which eventually flow into our state’s designated drinking water sources. **Lifting protection of ephemeral water bodies will significantly reduce the overall water quantity throughout the state.**
- The stream miles and water bodies determined to not meet their designated uses increases every year throughout the state. If passed, this bill will continue this trend to a greater extent. **Lifting protection of any water body only increases the potential of greater downstream water quality destruction.**

- Wetlands are often seasonal water bodies. By the 1990’s Tennessee had lost approximately half of its wetlands. **Wetlands serve several significant purposes throughout the state:**
 - Protection from flooding,
 - Filter and purify surface waters,
 - Serve as nursery and habitat to a variety of aquatic species.
- Lifting protection of these waters also lifts protection of the adjacent lands. A significant portion of ephemeral streams rest in mountainous areas with seasonal flows unable to support aquatic life due to the terrain, but these areas have **great worth as recreational, natural and scenic areas to both residents and tourists.**



Richland Creek, Davidson County, TN,
during low flow