

Adopted name Passapatanzy Creek *See work card* <sup>654-50</sup>Date of decision  
May 2, 1940Description a stream that heads near Passapatanzy and flows northeast, entering Potomac River near lat. 38°20' N., long. 77°16'05" W., about 1 mile southeast of the mouth of Potomac Creek, King George County, Va. (~~Not Paspotansie Creek nor Paspatansy Creek.~~)

Names	Authorities
Paspetanke	1662 - Patent Book 5, pp. 234 & 236.
Pasbelanzy	1731 - Tracing by J. Saváge & Staff, Stafford from mouth of Chapawamsick (9th letter uncertain)
Paspata(no)y	1736/7 - The Fairfax map (8th & 9th letters uncertain)
Paspatansy	1776 - North American Pilot
Paspatansy C.	1776 - Jeffrey's Amer. Atlas
Paspatansy	1787 - Thos. Jefferson's map (sesquicentennial copy)
"	1794 - Griffith's map of Md.
Paspatansy C.	1825 - Map of Va., by Herman Boyé, corrected to 1859
"	1826 - Tanner's map of Va.
Paspotansa Cr.	1862 - U.S.C. & G.S., survey T-864
"	1862 - U.S.C. & G.S., chart 390
Whappa Wamsic Cr.	1863 - Blunt's map of Va., Md. & Del. (compiled)
Wappawamsett C.	1864 - Map of Central Va., showing Gen. Grant's campaign
Paspotansie Creek	1903 - U.S.C. & G.S., survey T-2636
"	1935 - U.S.C. & G.S., chart 559, print 6/24/38

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Decision of Executive Committee

Passapatanzy Creek  
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Local usage

"Passapatanzy is the later general spelling. The first spelling was Paspetanke and appears in a Patent of March 18, 1662 to Mary Pate for 300 acres, then Westmoreland County, which is now that part of Stafford and King George Counties, and the same spelling in a Patent to Thomas Humphries March 18, 1662, Patent Book 5, pages 234 and 236.

"Wappawamstett and Whappawamsic Creek are both wrong. It should be Whipseywaughson or Whipsey-Waughson. Parson Waugh lived on one side the Creek and Mr. Whipsey on the other side. The Parson's son married a Miss Whipsey about 1700 and the parents of each gave the youngsters pieces of land on each side of the Creek, and a house was built from which it is logical to derive the name of the new farm as Whipseywaughson  
(Letter from Judge A. T. Embrey 1/19/40)

"Passapatanzy and Whipseywaughson Creek. They are both the same, and you can take your choice. This stream divided near the public road just West of Goby Post Office. The Northwest branch is given the name Passapatanzy. From the Junction point, Whipseywaughson comes almost due South to the main road from Fredericksburg to Dahlgren. Anyone on Passapatanzy calls the whole Creek Passapatanzy, and anyone to the East and South and on Whipseywaughson calls the whole Creek Whipseywaughson,  
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though generally speaking the citizens of this period more generally use the word Passapatanzy, because this is the name of the Post Office and Passapatanzy was the neighborhood in which Pocahontas, the daughter of Powhatan, was taken and turned over to the settlers at Jamestown and most of the historical writers use Passapatanzy because it is older than Whipseywaughson." (Letter from Judge A. T. Embrey, 1/30/40)

"The stream which rises near Passapatanzy Post Office and flows northwest to the Potomac River is known as Passapatanzy Creek."  
(Clerk of Circuit Court, King George Co., 2/7/40)

Passapatanzy Creek shown as entering Potomac River and as receiving a tributary (Marl Swamp) from near Passapatanzy School.  
(Sketch submitted by P.M., Goby, 3/27/40)

Passapatanzy Creek shown as entering Potomac River and as receiving a tributary (Maul Swamp) from near Passapatanzy School, and a tributary (Bullards Swamp) from near Green Heights School.  
(Sketch submitted by P.M., Igo, Va., 3/27/40.)