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Letter of support for NRWA Wild and Scenic Designation

I am writing in support of Wild and Scenic River designation for the Nashua, Nissitissit and Squannacook Rivers in Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

In this 50th anniversary year of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, we have a wonderful opportunity to protect the rivers and watershed area of these three rivers. They are all valued assets to the communities and people who live along them, from enjoyment with recreational fishing and boating, to swimming holes and walking, these rivers play an important role for people of all ages.

The history of the Nashua River is itself a story of re-creation; of a river so polluted that no life could survive the chemicals and pollution poured into it for years. Awarding Wild and Scenic designation to the Nashua, Nissitissit and Squannacook would be the greatest thanks and recognition to the efforts of Marion Stoddart and thousands of other local citizens who have worked so hard to bring these waters back to life. The rivers now form a wonderful and much needed wildlife corridor for so many birds and animals as well as a variety of fish and aquatic life.

Today, these three rivers improve the quality of life for the people and businesses in our communities. On a personal level, I lived in a house on the banks of the Squannacook river for six years and I've been kayaking all three rivers since 1984, using these waterways for personal enjoyment, training for slalom racing, and teaching students new to the sport of kayaking. I've enjoyed them for ice skating, fishing and long contemplative walks along wooded shorelines. Having these rivers in our backyards makes life richer and more enjoyable.

As the member of the Hollis-Brookline Rotary club, we support the ongoing stewardship efforts of Nashua River Watershed Association and the Nissitissit Land Trust and see value in safeguarding these rivers and their corridors for future generations to enjoy.

I speak for the Hollis-Brookline Rotary, as well as personally, in asking for permanent federal protection for these waterways by awarding them Wild and Scenic River status.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Juliana Rowland".

Juliana Rowland
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Past-President, 2017-18

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