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Jamie Fosburgh, NPS, Manager, Northeast Region Rivers Program
Lucy Wallace, Chair, NRWSR Study Committee
Nashua River Wild and Scenic River Study Committee
c/o Nashua River Watershed Association
592 Main Street
Groton, MA 01450

Dear Mr. Fosburgh and Ms. Wallace:

As Governor of Massachusetts, I support the recommendation of the "Nashua, Squannacook and Nissitissit Rivers Stewardship Plan" to seek designation as Partnership Wild and Scenic Rivers.

Nine communities in Massachusetts and two in neighboring New Hampshire voted at their annual town meetings to support designation of the Nashua, Squannacook, and Nissitissit Rivers as Partnership Wild and Scenic Rivers. For over 20 years the Partnership Wild and Scenic Rivers model has provided a collaborative approach to protecting rivers and river related resources, allowing citizens to work together across town and state borders to voluntarily protect the natural resources that extend beyond their communities. Following Congressional approval of the designation the communities will continue to work together implementing the locally-developed Stewardship Plan.

There are only seven Partnership Wild and Scenic Rivers currently designated in New England, and it is my hope that during the 50th Anniversary year of the program that these rivers will be the eighth awarded designation in the region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charles Baker".

Charles D. Baker
Governor