



# TO CONSERVE

the natural and scenic landscapes of the  
Piscataquog, Souhegan and Nashua River watersheds.

PLC

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Al Futterman  
Land Programs Director  
Nashua River Watershed Association  
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Mr. Futterman:

By this letter, the Piscataquog Land Conservancy (PLC) offers its full support for the Nashua, Squannacook, and Nissitissit Rivers Wild and Scenic River designation. PLC is a private, non-profit land conservation organization dedicated to conserving the land, water and wildlife of twenty-three communities in the Merrimack valley of southern New Hampshire. Both Brookline and Hollis are in our service area, where we seek to conserve the natural and scenic landscape. It is the Nissitissit River that runs through these towns and this is where our first project in our expanded service area was completed. Two properties totaling 75 acres along ½ mile of the river was purchased by the Town of Brookline and then a conservation easement was donated to PLC. This acquisition had been a priority for protection for nearly fifty years. Indeed, this project has helped to complete a largely protected greenway corridor along the Nissitissit River that extends past the state line into Massachusetts. We are well aware of the treasure this river is and the wildlife corridor role it plays but we also are aware that with a warming climate, species to our south will need to utilize the Nissitissit to seek preferred habitat further north. We note that this has been identified in the Stewardship Plan along with the need to continue to protect key riparian lands throughout the participating towns. It is in this way that we anticipate staying involved in a Congressionally-approved Nashua, Squannacook, and Nissitissit Wild and Scenic River.

Sincerely,

Chris Wells  
Executive Director