



BOLTON CONSERVATION TRUST

August 14, 2018

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:

I write offering the Bolton Conservation Trust's (BCT) support for the Nashua Partnership Wild and Scenic River designation. We would do well to note that one of our town's premier outdoor destinations is the Bolton Flats State Wildlife Management Area which has an important flood plain along the Nashua River and breathtaking views from hills flanking it on either side. Bolton Flats – with 2.75 miles of trails – is widely known as a primary habitat for migratory birds and offers many recreational activities such as canoeing, bird watching, fishing and hiking.

We are committed to sustaining the character of Bolton for existing and future generations by engaging the community through events, environmental education programs and land stewardship. Consequently, we see a close fit between our mission and that of the Study Committee that drew up the Nashua Wild and Scenic River Stewardship Plan. Our work complements that of the Bolton Conservation Commission, which we understand is also supportive of the Wild and Scenic designation, as is the town at large.

A partnership approach to managing a natural resource, shared by communities all connected by water, makes great sense to us. We shall participate in future stewardship activities directed at improving the Nashua River watershed to the extent we are able.

Sincerely,

Dan Gaffney, President

P.O. Box 14 Bolton, Massachusetts 01740

*a private non-profit corporation*

*dedicated to preserving the rural heritage and natural assets of Bolton, Massachusetts*