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Jamie Fosburgh, Manager, Northeast Region Rivers Program, National Park Service
Lucy Wallace, Chair, Nashua River Wild & Scenic River (NRWSR) Study Committee
NRWSR Study Committee
c/o Nashua River Watershed Association, Inc.
592 Main Street
Groton, MA 01450

**RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR WILD AND SCENIC RIVER DESIGNATION
NASHUA, SQUANNAHOOK, AND NISSITISSIT RIVERS**

Dear Mr. Fosburgh and Ms. Wallace:

Hollingsworth & Vose Company (H&V) has been manufacturing specialty papers at its facility along the Squannacook River in West Groton, MA since 1852. We pride ourselves on being a good citizen in our communities and a good steward of the environment. For the past many years, H&V has had the pleasure of partnering with the Nashua River Watershed Association (NRWA) to provide NRWA's River Classroom® participants with convenient access to the river from H&V's property.

H&V supports the proposal to designate the Nashua, Squannacook, and Nissitissit Rivers as Partnership Wild and Scenic Rivers. H&V worked with NRWSR Study Committee members to define an appropriate exclusion area that includes our manufacturing plant, adjacent dam, and wastewater treatment facility. The exclusion area agreed upon enables the Study Committee to obtain the Wild & Scenic River designation for upstream and downstream sections of the river. H&V looks forward to working with the Stewardship Council to maintain this valuable natural resource.

Sincerely,

HOLLINGSWORTH & VOSE COMPANY - WEST GROTON FACILITY



Greg Van Fleet
Site Manager



Kathy Puff
Environmental & Safety Manager