



# NASHUA RIVER WILD & SCENIC STUDY COMMITTEE

Nashua • Squannacook • Nissitissit Rivers

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- The National Park Service Partnership Wild and Scenic Rivers Program is dedicated to protecting nationally significant river resources through locally-based partnerships.
- Legislation sponsored by U.S. Congresswoman Niki Tsongas was signed into law on December 19, 2014 which authorized the study.
- The Nashua, Squannacook and Nissitissit Rivers are an essential part of our region's culture, character, & history. They are also an essential part of our future.
- Currently, eleven Massachusetts and New Hampshire communities along the Nashua, Squannacook and Nissitissit Rivers are working together on a planning process with local groups and state & federal agencies. Our mission is to craft a vision for the future of these rivers, to consider their eligibility and suitability to be part of the National Wild & Scenic River System, and to determine how these rivers should best be managed in order to protect water quality and three Outstandingly Remarkable Resource Values (ORRVs): 1) biological diversity, 2) recreation & scenic, and 3) historic & cultural.
- Upon completion of the 3-year planning process, if participating communities vote affirmatively, the US Congress will be asked to designate the rivers as Partnership Wild and Scenic Rivers.
- This process will result in the formation of strong local partnerships and will build public awareness, appreciation of these rivers, and support for the voluntary, locally-based stewardship plan to be developed as part of the study. The goal is to protect our shared outstandingly remarkable resources for the future as well as to attract public & private funding to enhance public enjoyment of the rivers.



*The Nashua, Squannacook, and Nissitissit Rivers photos by Cindy Knox Photography*

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