

To: Lucy Wallace, Chair, Nashua Wild and Scenic Study Committee

From: Judd Gregg

Date: June 8, 2018

Re: Support for Designation of the Nissitissit River in NH as a locally-managed, Partnership Wild and Scenic River

Dear Ms. Wallace:

I write to offer my support for the proposed designation of the Nashua, Squannacook and Nissitissit Rivers as a locally managed, Partnership Wild and Scenic River under the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

As a United States Senator in 1995 I joined with fellow NH Republicans, US Representative Bill Zeff and Senator Bob Smith, as an original legislative sponsor of the Lamprey River in NH for inclusion in the system. Designated in 1996, the Lamprey has more than 20 years of success as a Partnership Wild and Scenic River. Until my retirement from the Senate in 2011, I was a strong supporter of the Lamprey designation and the Partnership program; I remain so today.

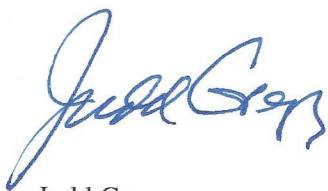
The local management model of the Partnership Wild and Scenic Rivers is an excellent fit with New Hampshire's tradition of community governance and empowerment. The Wild and Scenic designation brings communities together to steward shared river resources with support from the National Park Service. The designation recognizes and rewards local leadership in conservation.

No New Hampshire communities have earned such recognition and support more than Hollis and Brookline, whose leadership in the protection of our treasured Nissitissit River is unparalleled.

Having grown up and lived in the Nashua, I can attest to the efforts that many conservation organizations made in the last half century to keep the Nissitissit River in pristine shape.

This designation will continue that effort and assist in keeping this unique natural resource protected and available for generations to come.

Sincerely,



Judd Gregg

CC: Senator Jeanne Shaheen
Senator Margaret Hassan
Congresswoman Ann Kuster