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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:

The Montachusett Regional Planning Commission (MRPC) is writing in support of the Nashua, Squannacook and Nissitissit Wild and Scenic River designation. We note the considerable attention devoted to the Regulatory Summary and the Municipal Regulations for Resource Protection sections of the Stewardship Plan, which includes a review of planning capacity for each of the participating towns, over half of which are in our service area.

We agree that there is indeed suitability for this designation in the participating communities, given the number and type of local bylaws – historically and in the recent past -- that address resource protection. MRPC will undoubtedly be involved in any future efforts to promote cutting-edge bylaws that will not merely protect our region's considerable natural and other resources but will enhance them. We look forward to continuing to assist after designation is achieved and implementation of the Plan begins.

Sincerely,

Glenn Eaton, Executive Director