



CANOE & KAYAK Rentals, Tours,
Instruction, & RIVER CAMP

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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:

Nashoba Paddler, LLC is a small, family-owned, family-friendly business located on the riverbank of the Nashua River in Groton, Massachusetts. Eight thousand unique visitors use canoes and kayaks from Nashoba Paddler each season to explore the Nashua and Squannacook Rivers. Our goals are two-fold: to get people out on the river so that they can connect with nature and the river environment and become educated stewards, and, to promote paddlesports as an activity that can be enjoyed at any age. We serve as an outfitter, give tours, provide paddling instruction, run a recreational summer camp, and also partner with the Nashua River Watershed Association on their River Classroom program®.

In season, I am on the rivers daily. I know firsthand the biological diversity they enable, the recreation they support, and the river-related historical and cultural treasures that came into being because of them. The "Nashua, Squannacook, and Nissitissit Rivers Stewardship Plan" was developed with a great deal of expertise and local input – there are many, many recommendations that Nashoba Paddler can assist with going forward.

Based here in Groton, I have become close friends with Marion Stoddart, who is such an inspirational model to youth. Marion just celebrated her 90th birthday last weekend at the Groton Greenway River Festival along the Nashua River. What could be more wonderful than designating the three rivers as Partnership Wild and Scenic Rivers this year to celebrate the **50th Anniversary of the Wild and Scenic Program** and coincidentally celebrate **Marion Stoddart's 90th birthday!**

Sincerely,

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