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Nashua River Wild and Scenic River Study Committee
c/o Nashua River Watershed Association
592 Main Street
Groton, MA 01450

July 13, 2018

Dear Mr. Fosburgh and Ms. Wallace:

Nashoba Conservation Trust (NCT) is a Pepperell, MA based land trust dedicated to protecting open space and retaining the rural character of our community. Since its incorporation in 1969 NCT has strongly focused its conservation efforts on land adjacent to the Nashua and Nissitissit Rivers and their tributaries with the goal of protecting water quality, as well as aquatic and wildlife habitat. Indeed, the very first parcel protected by NCT abuts Gulf Brook, a cold-water tributary of the Nissitissit.

Today more than half of NCT's holdings in fee are adjacent to the Nashua and Nissitissit Rivers or their tributaries. It is for this reason that we take particular interest in the Nashua, Squannacook, and Nissitissit River (NSN) Study and enthusiastically support its recommendation to seek Wild and Scenic River designation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ken Hartlage". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ken Hartlage
President