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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
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RE: Wild and Scenic River Designation

Dear Mr. Fosburgh and Ms. Wallace:

As Executive Director of the NH Fish & Game Department I write to offer my support for the "Nashua, Squannacook, and Nissitissit Rivers Stewardship Plan" and to endorse its recommendation to seek designation as Partnership Wild and Scenic Rivers. The towns of Brookline and Hollis are involved in the Study Committee working on this Partnership Wild and Scenic designation, as they both abut the Nissitissit River. Both towns voted overwhelmingly in the affirmative at their Spring 2018 Annual Town Meetings to support this Plan and seek designation for their river.

Designation would aid in the protection of the Outstandingly Remarkable Resource Values (ORRVs) identified by the Study Committee. The Study Committee, which utilized key input from our agency staff, wrote the Stewardship Plan. These ORRVs are comprised of ecological, recreational & scenic, and historical & cultural values. The ORRVs include rare species, riverside greenways, river-related historic features, boating access sites, and many other values that are appreciated by both sportsmen and nature enthusiasts. From the vantage point of my role with the NH Fish & Game Department, I see extraordinarily positive benefits to New Hampshire and our neighboring Commonwealth of Massachusetts if designation is achieved.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director
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