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c/o Nashua River Watershed Association  
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Dear Mr. Fosburgh and Ms. Wallace:

The Middlesex Conservation District, a not-for-profit subdivision of state government, was established in 1947 to provide soil and water conservation programming. Our philosophy has always been that local people working to assess community conservation needs know best how to solve local problems, and that voluntary conservation, coupled with education, results in long-term success. How familiar it is to see much of this same philosophy within the Stewardship Plan that was written during the three-year study of these rivers. All we need to see is the designation passed and then the voluntary recommendations can begin to be implemented.

It is good to see references to the issues we deal with daily in the Plan including best management practices related to: erosion control Practices; pesticide and nutrient management; wildlife management practices, and municipal sediment and erosion control site planning. We are enthused that eleven towns (the majority of which are in Middlesex County) will be working together as a Stewardship Council on these very issues. We support this designation proceeding and look forward to hearing good news.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth McGuire  
Administrator