

Nashua, Squannacook, and Nissitissit Rivers Wild & Scenic Stewardship Council Advisory Committee – Purpose, Structure, and Appointment

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Background

Pursuant to Chapter 5 of the *Nashua, Squannacook, and Nissitissit Rivers Stewardship Plan (Stewardship Plan)*, the Stewardship Council (Council) can “form a non-voting Advisory Committee whose members may participate in committee deliberations without a vote.” There is no provision in the *Stewardship Plan* for a minimum or maximum of appointees, term of appointment, appointment process, or purpose of a given Advisory Committee as these items are left to the discretion of the Council. This policy is intended to provide guidance to the Council on formation of an Advisory Committee.

The *Stewardship Plan* suggests entities, individuals, and other stakeholders (stakeholders) to be considered for members of an Advisory Committee. These include, but are not limited to:

- Devens Enterprise Commission, representing the Devens Regional Enterprise Zone
- Massachusetts state agencies, such as the Division of Fisheries & Wildlife and the Division of Ecological Restoration
- New Hampshire state agencies, such as the Fish & Game Department
- Federal agencies, such as the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and the U.S. Geological Survey
- Companies that own the three working dams: Hollingsworth & Vose; Ice House Partners/Grady Research; and Eagle Creek Renewable Energy
- Stakeholders involved in recreational use of the rivers, such as Nashoba Paddler LLC, Squann-a-tissit Chapter of Trout Unlimited, Nashua River Chapter of Ducks Unlimited, various bass fishing clubs and other sportsmen’s groups
- Conservation organizations, such as local and regional land trusts and trail groups
- Historical and cultural organizations, such as Freedoms Way Heritage Association, local historical societies, and The Trustees of Reservations/Fruitlands Museum
- Expert or specialized resources, such as attorneys, consultants, and university faculty

Purpose

The purpose of the Advisory Committee is to provide additional input to the Council and/or enable participation by appropriate stakeholders in forwarding works towards specific goals or initiatives pursuant to the *Stewardship Plan*.

Structure

Stakeholders deemed to have expertise beneficial to the Council’s activities may be appointed as Advisory Committee members. They would be encouraged to attend all regular Council meetings and participate to the same extent as Council members, with the exception of ability to vote.

Appointment Process

1. Nominees to the Advisory Committee shall be appointed by vote of the Council present at a regular Council meeting. Appointees will serve for a three-year term which may be renewed by vote of the Council.
2. Council members may recommend stakeholders for appointment, using the attached form, "Advisory Committee Membership Recommendation Form."
3. It is anticipated that additional stakeholders may be invited to assist the Council and/or its subcommittees on specific matters for which it is seeking additional input and advice in its deliberations.

Nashua, Squannacook, and Nissitissit Rivers Wild & Scenic Stewardship Council
Advisory Committee Membership Recommendation Form

(Additional Space Can be Used in Responding to This Form)

Suggested Advisory Committee Member Entity/Individual _____

Why should this entity/individual be a member of the Advisory Committee?

In what way does this entity/individual support the goals of the National Wild & Scenic Rivers Program and the goals of the *Stewardship Plan*?

What skills and expertise do you think this entity/individual would bring to the Council?

Is there some kind of “gap” you think this entity/individual would fill on Advisory Committee?

What other thoughts do you have about why this entity/individual should be included on the Advisory Committee?

Your Name (optional) _____