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Jamie Fosburgh, NPS, Manager, Northeast Region Rivers Program
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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:

Supporting efforts to protect the environment has been one of my top legislative priorities as a Massachusetts State Representative. Thus, it is my distinct pleasure to join my constituents in Ayer, Harvard, and Shirley in accepting the "Nashua, Squannacook, and Nissitissit Rivers Stewardship Plan" and its recommendation to seek designation for these rivers as Wild and Scenic.

I am a firm believer that robust conservation policy is essential to ensuring that we leave the next generation with a sustainable, healthy environment. The Stewardship Plan and the progress made toward earning the designation of Wild and Scenic is a testament to the work of the communities of my district and their partners in surrounding cities and towns to ensure that the Nashua River and its watershed remain pristine for many years to come.

This Wild and Scenic designation would be an extraordinary bookend to the Nashua River's long journey from a polluted eyesore to the jewel of our region.

Please contact my office if you have any questions about my support for the Stewardship Plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jennifer Benson".

Jennifer Benson
State Representative
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