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

RE: Wild and Scenic River Designation

Dear Mr. Fosburgh and Ms. Wallace:

I am writing to express the Department of Fish and Game's support for the purposes and goals of the "Nashua, Squannacook, and Nissitissit Rivers Stewardship Plan" and to endorse the plan's recommendation to seek federal designation for sections of the Nashua, Squannacook, and Nissitissit Rivers as Partnership Wild and Scenic Rivers.

The committee that drafted the voluntary Stewardship Plan sought and incorporated input from subject matter experts within the Department of Fish and Game, as well as our Division of Ecological Restoration, Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, and Massachusetts Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program. The Partnership Wild and Scenic Rivers designation will encourage the 11 communities that voted to support designation at Town Meeting to continue to work together to protect the important rare species habitats, wildlife habitats, and recreational resources that these rivers support. I sincerely hope the effort to secure this designation is successful.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this very significant project.

Sincerely,

Ronald S. Amidon
Commissioner