



**Townsend Rod and Gun**

**46 Emery Rd**

**Townsend MA 01469**

June 20, 2018

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

592 Main Street

Groton, MA 01450

Dear Mr. Fosburgh and Ms. Wallace:

The Townsend Rod and Gun Club is supportive of the Nashua, Squannacook, and Nissitissit Rivers Wild and Scenic River designation. We note that Townsend's residents have shown their nearly unanimous support of this designation at our Spring Annual Town Meeting.

Our Club is located on Bixby Brook a trout stream and tributary to and close by the Squannacook River, which flows through the center of our town (and is a coldwater fishery). The Study Committee that has moved this process forward had reached out to our club early on in the process when they were reaching out to local groups that have an interest in the rivers such as ourselves. We were invited to a forum on the recreational aspects of the Stewardship Plan that was in draft form, as they were looking for our feedback.

The final Plan well captures our thoughts concerning how to maintain and enhance the natural resources that are such a draw to sportsmen like ourselves. We welcome seeing the voluntary recommendations in the Stewardship Plan implemented and especially welcome the designation of these rivers as locally-managed Partnership Wild and Scenic Rivers.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Bellrose<sup>AF</sup>

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Board of Directors