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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 Squann-a-tissit Chapter of Trout Unlimited is based in Pepperell, Massachusetts and draws its membership from the surrounding communities. Our mission is to “Preserve, protect and restore the Nissitissit and Squannacook watersheds through better scientific understanding and partnerships with other conservation groups.” We are a particularly active Chapter. Our projects include supporting the removal of Turner Dam on the Nissitissit River in 2015, replacing culverts for stream continuity on Gulf Brook, a tributary to the Nissitissit River, and working to remove Keyes Dam on Sucker Brook, another Nissitissit tributary.

Our members are keenly aware of the unique resources we have in the cold water fisheries of the Squannacook and Nissitissit Rivers. Avid fly fishermen/fly fisherwomen, they value the opportunity to fish for Brook, Brown and Rainbow Trout in beautiful rivers flowing through protected lands, giving one the peaceful sense of “being in the wilderness” while only an hour away from major metropolitan cities.

The Squann-a-tissit Chapter of Trout Unlimited sees numerous ways in which we can participate in achieving the worthy goals delineated in the “Nashua, Squannacook, and Nissitissit Stewardship Plan” as developed by the Nashua River Wild and Scenic River Study Committee over the last several years. We encourage Congress to move swiftly to designate the Nashua, Squannacook, and Nissitissit Rivers as Partnership Wild and Scenic Rivers.

Sincerely,

Russell W. Schott
Chapter Secretary