



Wild and Scenic Rivers Stewardship Council Announces 2023 Community Grants Program

The Nashua, Squannacook, and Nissitissit Rivers Wild and Scenic Stewardship Council announces the third year of their Community Grants program. Grants will support projects that protect and/or enhance the Nashua, Squannacook, and Nissitissit Rivers and their Outstandingly Remarkable Resource Values (ORRVs) as set forth in the Nashua, Squannacook, and Nissitissit Rivers Stewardship Plan (Stewardship Plan).

The program aims to engage municipalities and local organizations in protecting the rivers' resources and building strong local stewardship of the rivers in accordance with the Stewardship Plan. Applications will be accepted for projects within the communities along the Wild and Scenic designated rivers including: Ayer, Bolton, Dunstable, Groton, Harvard, Lancaster, Pepperell, Shirley, and Townsend in MA; and Brookline and Hollis in NH.

Projects funded through the 2022 Community Grants program included enhancing access along the Nashua River in Ayer, mapping and installing signage along Harvard's waterways, improving parking at Cook Conservation in Lancaster, rebuilding a canoe launch on Harbor Pond in Townsend, and assessing riverbank stabilization along the Squannacook River in Townsend. Funded projects also included invasive plant removal and native plantings in Ayer, Groton, Pepperell, and Shirley.

Applications are being accepted now through February 1, 2023. Awards will be announced in March, 2023. A Request for Proposals and Grant Application for the 2023 program are available at www.wildandscenicnashuarivers.org.