

# Partnership Wild and Scenic River Designation Process

## Federal Designation: Local Control

1. Study proposed by  
US Rep. Tsongas,  
National Park Service,  
& NRWA

2. Town Boards of Selectmen  
voted to participate

3. Legislation for Wild and Scenic Study introduced  
to Congress by US Rep. Tsongas

4. Congress passed  
Nashua River Wild &  
Scenic River Study Act

5. Towns appointed reps to Nashua River  
Wild & Scenic River Study Committee

6. Committee develops nonbinding  
River Stewardship Plan

7. Committee seeks public  
input on the draft Plan

8. Towns vote to  
approve voluntary  
Stewardship Plan and  
seek designation

We are  
here in the  
process.

9. US Rep. Tsongas introduces  
designation legislation to Congress

10. Congress votes  
on federal Wild and  
Scenic designation

11. Towns appoint reps to form Nashua River Wild and Scenic River  
“Stewardship” Committee; Committee receives federal funding;  
Towns work together on the nonbinding Stewardship Plan