

Nashua River “Wild and Scenic” River Study Committee

Sections of the Nashua, Squannacook, and Nissitissit Rivers

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Potential “OUTSTANDINGLY REMARKABLE RESOURCE VALUES” (ORRVs) SECTIONS OF the Nashua, Squannacook, and Nissitissit Rivers

Category	Outstandingly Remarkable Resources Values (ORRVs)	Key Feature	Some Key Findings for the Study	Additional Features for the Management Plan*
Biological Diversity	Assemblages of Priority Natural Communities and Rare Species Habitats Hydrologic Reserves	Coldwater Fisheries Blanding’s Turtles	Most eastern extensive coldwater fisheries in MA Native Eastern Brook Trout and other fish Turtles (rare & diversity of species) Brook Floater and other freshwater mussels (rare) Squannacook- Nissitissit River Sanctuary Act Aquifers Outstanding Resource Waters Bolton Flats, Squannacook River & Nissitissit River Wildlife Management Areas & other protected riparian lands including Nashua River Greenway Forest Legacy Area lands Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge 3 Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs) recognizing biodiversity	Native brook trout & alewife/American shad reintroduction "Fly fishing only" and “catch & release” sections of Nissitissit River Recent removal of the Millie Turner dam in Pepperell Anadromous fish restoration

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Recreational & Scenic	Aquatic Corridors on 3 rivers Fishing Use Boating Use Regional Trail System Protected Greenways Lands	Greenways	Multiple River Access Points including at Nashoba Paddler 3 Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs) recognizing recreational and scenic Cold & Warm Water Fisheries Pepperell Pond (boating, bass fishing) Various levels of riverside experience from paved rail trails (Nashua River Rail Trail & Squannacook River Rail Trail), Hiking, and Wildlife Management Areas maintained for wildlife habitat Protected Greenways Lands including Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge and Bolton Flats, Squannacook River & Nissitissit River Wildlife Management Areas	Nashua River Greenway Forest Legacy Area Groton School crew use MA Scenic Landscape Inventory Fruitlands Museum Hunting as a Recreational use to maintain habitat Forested Corridor boating experience
Historic & Cultural	River Renewal Regional Conservation Ethic Historic & Cultural Features	“The Marion Stoddart Story”	Remarkably improved water quality resulting in Clean Water Act & national recognition Benton MacKaye, William Wharton, etc. Successful grassroots advocacy/multiple partners including land trusts, local, state, federal and other entities Shirley Shaker Village 3 Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs) recognizing historic features Freedoms Way National Heritage Area	Fruitlands Museum On Water Education Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring

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