

Natural Resources Management Act includes NH priorities, now goes to president

WASHINGTON — On Feb. 26 the House of Representatives passed S. 47 — the Natural Resources Management Act, which includes legislation championed by Kuster that will protect natural resources and promote tourism in New Hampshire. The House of Representatives followed the Senate and passed critical legislation that includes Sens. Jeanne Shaheen and Maggie Hassan's bills to permanently reauthorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund, protect the Nashua River and redesignate Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site as a "National Historic Park."

The bill includes legislation introduced by the New Hampshire delegation to redesignate the Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site as a "National Historic Park," which would change the name of the site to more accurately illustrate the size and complexity of the location. The legislation includes the Nashua River Wild and Scenic River Act to designate portions of the Nashua, Squannacook, and Nissitissit Rivers in Massachusetts and New Hampshire as scenic rivers under the National Wild and Scenic Rivers

System. The package also contains a long-term priority for Kuster, permanent reauthorization of the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). The LWCF program helps fund the conservation of national parks, forests, wildlife refuges, wilderness areas, and state and local parks, among many



Jeanne Shaheen

other sites. The legislation will now head to the President's desk for his signature.

"The legislation we passed today is a sweeping measure that will benefit our environment and economy in New Hampshire," said Kuster. "In the Granite State, our identity is closely tied to the natural beauty of our landscape, and I'm proud to fight to protect the resources that make New Hampshire such a wonderful place to live and visit."

The legislation now heads to the president's desk to be signed into law. "I am very pleased to see this legislation head to the president's desk for signature — a final step in a long process to enact these measures that will preserve and protect New Hampshire's natural beauty," said Shaheen. "Permanently reauthorizing LWCF will bolster

our outdoor economy and help preserve the sites we treasure most in New Hampshire, including the White Mountain National Forest, and protecting the Nashua River's waters, wildlife, and natural resources will support communities across the region. Saint-Gaudens bridges the connection between natural beauty and art with its historic architecture, American art, landscapes and trails, and redesignating the site as a National Historical Park will more appropriately reflect its purpose. I will always support efforts that safeguard New Hampshire's historical significance and natural beauty."



Maggie Hassan

"I am encouraged that the House of Representatives voted to approve this bipartisan legislation that takes important steps to protect the beautiful natural resources that define us as a state," Hassan said. "From permanently reauthorizing the Land and Water Conservation Fund to enhancing efforts to conserve the Nashua River and its tributaries, this commonsense legislation is good for New Hampshire and good for our environment. I urge the President to sign this bill into law without delay."