

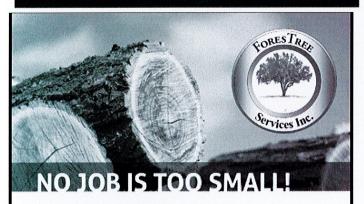
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MAC N'CHEESE & DESSERT BAKE-OFF

Don't feel like cooking? Love to eat? Join us for dinner and enjoy unlimited food while helping to raise money to replace the outdoor play structure at the Maple Village Preschool in Dunstable.

Sunday, April 29, 2018 3:00pm-6:00pm

VFW, 55 Leighton St, Pepperell, MA

Tickets: \$20 each, kids under 12 FREE (cash/check only)

Think you have a winning mac n' cheese dish? Do friends rave about your homemade chocolate chip cookies? Show off your cooking chops and compete in the bake-off! Contact Chrissy at mclane.chrissy@gmail.com

PROTECTING A BIT OF WILD & SCENIC DUNSTABLE AT NO COST TO YOU

Posted on behalf of the Scenic River Study Committee

The Nashua, Squannacook, and Nissitissit Rivers are an essential part of our region's culture, character, history, and recreation. In Dunstable, the Nashua River parallels our town line for approximately two miles along the northwestern boundary, with the 11+-mile Nashua River Rail Trail to Ayer beginning at the Dunstable/Nashua state line.

Protecting these rivers is critical to their future. With funding from the National Park Service Partnership Wild and Scenic Program, local groups including the Nashua River Watershed have been working in partnership over the last three years with state and federal agencies and a group of volunteer residents from each of the surrounding 11 towns on a Scenic River Designation Study that: provides a vision for the future of these rivers,

considers their eligibility and suitability to be part of the National Wild & Scenic River System; and determines how these rivers should best be managed in order to protect water quality and outstanding values such as biological diversity, recreation, and cultural, and historical resources.

SHOW OF HANDS, NOT WALLETS

The Study is nearing completion. Each of the surrounding communities will be asked to vote Yes on acceptance of the Stewardship Plan prepared by the Nashua Wild & Scenic Study Committee and the Plan's recommendation to seek Wild and Scenic River designation by Congress.

At the upcoming May 14th Annual Town Meeting, the Stewardship Plan will be a warrant article that will request support from Dunstable by a show of hands.

If all surrounding communities vote affirmatively, the U.S. Congress will be asked to designate sections of the rivers as Partnership Wild and Scenic Rivers.

WHAT WOULD THE DESIGNATION MEAN?

Wild and Scenic designation by Congress would allow Dunstable and surrounding towns to voluntarily implement a Stewardship Plan without any encumbrance on the towns or surrounding privately owned lands, and ensure that any federally funded or permitted project would not adversely impact the water resources and would help to protect water quality. This designation would qualify the rivers for federal funds on an annual basis to support local projects and activities that protect and enhance the rivers' outstanding values. The Study and designation do not change any existing local land use. The Federal government cannot zone private lands; zoning is a power of state and local governments. Existing regular uses of private lands will not be affected. Any and all work with local landowners to improve the rivers' quality or habitat is done voluntarily and cooperatively. Further, it would also protect the river resources from new federal projects, including new dams or hydro facilities licensed by FERC, which would adversely affect the free-flowing character or remarkable resources for which the rivers are being designated.

For more information on the rivers or the study, visit https://www.wildandscenicnashuarivers.org.