

Dunstable Rural Land Trust 1070 Main Street Dunstable, MA 01827 20 July, 2018

Jamie Fosburgh, NPS, Manager, Northeast Region Rivers Program Lucy Wallace, Chair, NRWSR Study Committee C/O Nashua River Watershed Association 592 Main Street Groton, MA 01450

Dear Mr. Fosburgh and Ms. Wallace:

I write in behalf of the Dunstable Rural Land Trust (DRLT) in support of the Nashua, Squannacook, and Nissitissit Rivers Wild and Scenic River designation. The Nashua River forms the western boundary of our town; most of the land along the River is dedicated open space, including the northern terminus of the Nashua to Ayer Rail Trail. Nearby, DRLT holds four hundred fifty (450) acres of open space with trails which connect to the Rail Trail. In addition, three active farms, including one hundred and sixty-one (161) acres under permanent agricultural restriction (APR) lie nearby. Unkety Brook, a coldwater trout stream, flows into the River through land held by the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife.

DRLT is dedicated to the preservation of open space in and around the Town of Dunstable. We are thrilled by and fully support the Wild and Scenic River designation. We look forward to working closely with the proposed Stewardship Council as it implements the Stewardship Plan created in recent years by the NRWSR Study Committee.

Robert E. Kennedy, President Dunstable Rural land Trust