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Jamie Fosburgh, NPS, Manager, Northeast Region Rivers Program Lucy Wallace, Chair, NRWSR Study Committee Nashua River Wild and Scenic River Study Committee c/o Nashua River Watershed Association 592 Main Street Groton, MA 01450

Dear Mr. Fosburgh and Ms. Wallace:

Lawrence Academy, founded in 1793, is a secondary boarding and day school located in Groton, Massachusetts. Our students benefit from the strong academic program we offer, and, they also benefit from the extraordinary natural resources in Groton and the surrounding communities. We recognize the importance of connecting with nature, and we encourage that through a variety of our practices and programs. This is especially evident in our summer Everyday Adventure Camps, and we often use the services of Nashoba Paddler, LLC to enable the students to get out on the Nashua or Squannacook Rivers. We've also bused our students up to Brookline, New Hampshire to experience the beautiful Nissitissit River.

As a resident of Groton as well as the Associate Head of School of Lawrence Academy, I have followed the work of the Nashua River Wild and Scenic Study Committee and am delighted that progress is being made toward formal designation as Partnership Wild & Scenic Rivers during this 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year of the National Park Service's Wild & Scenic Rivers Program.

The "Nashua, Squannacook, and Nissitissit Rivers Stewardship Plan" recognizes the importance of connecting youth with nature and fostering stewardship in the coming generations. I look forward to being called upon if I can help forge connections between the future Stewardship Council and Lawrence Academy.

Sincerely,

Robinson Moore

Associate Head of School

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