

June 21, 2018

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:

I write in support of the Nashua River Wild and Scenic River Study Committee's work and their recommendation to seek the Partnership Wild and Scenic designation. The three waterways lie completely within our area of interest and the riparian buffer scores very highly in our Merrimack Valley Conservation Plan priority focus area ranking. It was wonderful to hear how strongly the individual towns voted in favor seeking the designation.

The Merrimack Conservation Partnership is a regional conservation partnership. It was formed by some 33 private organizations and public agencies in New Hampshire and Massachusetts to protect water quality, preserve aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems, conserve the region's working farms and forests, and provide recreational open space to the watershed's 2.6 million residents. To learn more, visit http://merrimackconservationpartnership.org/.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Brian Hotz

Merrimack Conservation Partnership Coordinator