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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:

The Trustees of Reservations (Trustees) is a non-profit conservation and preservation organization dedicated to preserving natural and historical places in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. We have had the opportunity to work closely with the Nashua River Watershed Association (NRWA) in the past on a variety of impactful projects, including a Forest Redesign project (2009 to 2012) on, "Working with Municipalities, Foresters and Landowners to Increase Forest Conservation and Ensure Sound Forest Stewardship," which was funded by a U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service, Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry grant. This was one example of our efforts to further the conservation work in the Squannacook and Nissitissit Rivers sub-basin.

Recently, Trustees' conservation focus continued in this area with the integration of the 210-acre Fruitlands Museum in Harvard, MA, which is now one of our newest reservations. We note that the Nashua, Squannacook, and Nissitissit River Stewardship Plan references the importance of the Fruitlands property and the abutting landscape - including the Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge - for its prime recreational and scenic resources, including two miles of trails and breathtaking views across the Nashua River valley. In addition, we steward Fruitlands rich cultural resources, caring for and sharing the stories of the community's history with the public.

The Trustees has been carrying out its mission to "...preserve, for public use and enjoyment, properties of exceptional scenic, historic, and ecological value in Massachusetts" for over 126 years and we believe that there is strong alignment between our work of today and the goals of the Nashua River Stewardship Plan. We anticipate - and look forward to - many opportunities for collaboration with the future Stewardship Council as we pursue our shared goals in this unique and cherished part of our Commonwealth.

Sincerely,



Jocelyn Forbush
Chief, Operations & Programs
The Trustees of Reservations