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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, Inc. 592 Main Street Groton, MA 01450

Dear Mr. Fosburgh and Ms. Wallace,

The University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension has been providing services for over 100 years. Our mission is to strengthen people and communities in New Hampshire by providing trusted knowledge, practical education, and cooperative solutions.

I'm delighted that two of our New Hampshire communities – Brookline and Hollis – are participating the effort to seek designation for the Nashua, Squannacook, and Nissitissit Rivers as Partnership Wild and Scenic Rivers. I am familiar not only with the communities involved, but also with such lead partners as the Nashua River Watershed Association, with whom I have done projects over the years.

I have followed the activities and success of the Lamprey Partnership Wild and Scenic River with great interest. I foresee a similarly positive outcome from the Nashua, Squannacook, and Nissitissit Rivers designation.

As the UNH Cooperative Extension's State Forestry Specialist, I see many ways in which we might be able to help advance of the goals of the "Nashua, Squannacook, and Nissitissit Rivers Stewardship Plan" and look forward to being invited to do so.

Sincerely,

Karen P. Bennett

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