

November 12, 2016

Tracie Sales, Rivers Coordinator
NH Department of Environmental Services
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Subject: Nomination of the Warner River to the State Rivers Management and Protection Program

Dear Ms. Sales,

As an outdoorsman and angler I would like to offer my strong support to the Warner River Nomination Committee in its efforts to nominate the Warner River to the New Hampshire Rivers Management and Protection Program (RMPP). I am a NH Fish & Game Let's Go Fishing instructor who volunteers over 200 hours a year to introduce individuals to the sport of fishing.

In our teaching we spend a lot of time going over respecting our resources. Areas like proper fish handling, catch and release, proper landowner relations are covered and they dovetail nicely into the RMPP. I'd say 70% of the people I teach are in the 12-17 year old age range and they will be the stewards of the future for projects like the Warner River. Without this protection the Warner River may not continue to prosper as a natural resource for these young adults.

The Warner River provides habitat for a variety of animal and plant species. Its tributaries are home to wild brook trout and endangered plants are found along the river corridor. Significant areas of high quality habitat are found along the Warner River and identified in the New Hampshire Wildlife Action Plan.

In addition to natural habitat, the Warner River provides residents of Bradford, Warner, Sutton, Webster, and Hopkinton with recreational opportunities. The river has been a focus of community life for centuries. Locations along the river are listed on the National Register of Historic Places and include once thriving mill communities and three covered bridges. I often fish this river for recreation and it is filled with some of the most unique spots to fish.

Induction of the Warner River into the New Hampshire RMPP will raise public awareness and create a Local River Management Advisory Committee, a multi-town forum where local residents, business owners and landowners can discuss and address river-related issues and work to balance the needs of all those who enjoy the multiple uses afforded by the Warner River.

I'm pleased to support the nomination of the Warner River into this important program.

Sincerely,

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