

Appendix B:

Resolutions and Letters of Support

**Resolutions and
Letters of Support from
Watershed Towns and
State Agencies**

Amy Rose Weinreich
Town Clerk
Clerk to the Town Council
Clerk of the Probate Court
Clerk to the Board of Canvassers



TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN

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June 12, 2018

Sean Henry, Chairperson
Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Study Committee
c/o Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association
203 Arcadia Rd
Hope Valley, RI 02832

Dear Mr. Henry:

At their June 11, 2018 meeting, the Charlestown Town Council unanimously approved the enclosed Resolution in support of the commendation for designation of Seven Rivers of the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed – Beaver, Chipuxet, Green Fall-Ashaway, Pawcatuck, Queen-Usquepaug, Shunock, and Wood Rivers – as a Partnership Wild and Scenic Rivers through an act of the United States Congress, with the understanding that designation would not involve National Park Service ownership or management of lands.

In addition, the Council unanimously endorsed the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Stewardship Plan developed by the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Study Committee.

On behalf of the Council, thank you for your time and dedication in pursuit of this designation.

Sincerely,

Amy Rose Weinreich, CMC
Town Clerk

Enclosure

cc: Denise J. Poyer, Study Coordinator



TOWN OF EXETER, RI

Lynn M. Hawkins, CMC
Town Clerk
Council Clerk
Probate Clerk

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June 12, 2018

Sean Henry, Chairperson
Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and
Scenic Rivers Study Committee
c/o Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association
203 Arcadia Road
Hope Valley, RI 02832

Dear Mr. Henry:

At its Regular Meeting held on June 4, 2018, in the Metcalf School Cafeteria, 30 Nooseneck Hill Road, Exeter, Rhode Island, the Town of Exeter Town Council voted unanimously to endorse the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Stewardship Plan and the recommendation to seek Wild and Scenic Rivers designation through an act of the United States Congress.

The pertinent minutes from the June 4 meeting will be available on the Town of Exeter's website after the Town Council's July 9, 2018, Regular Meeting.

The Town Council and I wish you the very best in your endeavors. Should you need additional assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


Lynn M. Hawkins, CMC

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Copies to Exeter Town Council

Denise J. Poyer, Coordinator, Wood-Pawcatuck Study Comm



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Town of Hopkinton

HOPKINTON, RHODE ISLAND 02833

TOWN OF HOPKINTON, RI

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR

WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS DESIGNATION OF THE SEVEN RIVERS

IN THE WOOD-PAWCATUCK WATERSHED AND

ENDORSEMENT OF THE STEWARDSHIP PLAN

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Hopkinton hereby supports the recommendation for designation of Seven Rivers of the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed – Beaver, Chipuxet, Green Fall, Pawcatuck, Queen, Shunock, and Wood Rivers – as Wild and Scenic Rivers through an act of the United States Congress;

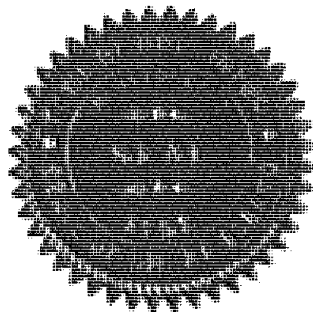
And,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the Hopkinton Town Council endorses the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Stewardship Plan developed by the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Study Committee.

Adopted: June 4, 2018

ATTEST:


Elizabeth J. Cook-Martin
Town Clerk





Town of North Kingstown

Rhode Island

No. 32

TOWN COUNCIL

Richard A. Welch
Council President

Doreen M. Costa
Council Member

Kevin V. Maloney
Council Member

Kerry P. McKay
Council Member

Ellen S. Waxman
Council Member

July 16, 2018

At the Regular Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of North Kingstown held on

July 16, 2018, a resolution was passed as follows:

WHEREAS, the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Study Committee was established in 2015 to develop a locally-based Stewardship Plan that describes the eligibility and suitability of a Partnership Wild and Scenic River designation for the Seven Rivers of the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed and how they will be protected; and WHEREAS, the headwaters of the Chipuxet River and a portion of the Queens River sub-basin are located in North Kingstown; and

WHEREAS, the Town's groundwater recharge area overlays portions of these areas; and

WHEREAS, the benefits of the Wild and Scenic Designation include the preservation of a clean and plentiful water supply, protection of the rural character, protection of public health through promotion of the natural functions of the river and floodplains for flood control and outreach and educational opportunities that enhance the understanding of the watershed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Town of North Kingstown hereby supports the recommendation for designation of Seven Rivers of the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed - Beaver, Chipuxet, Green Fall-Ashaway, Pawcatuck, Queen-Usquepaugh, Shunock, and Wood Rivers - as a Partnership Wild and Scenic Rivers through an act of the United States Congress, with the understanding that designation would not involve National Park Service ownership or management of lands; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Town Council of the Town of North Kingstown endorses the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Stewardship Plan developed by the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Study Committee.

Jeannette Alyward
Town Clerk



Town of
North Stonington, Connecticut

July 11, 2018

Sean Henry, Chairperson
Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Study Committee
c/o Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association
203 Arcadia Road
Hope Valley, Rhode Island 02832

Dear Mr. Henry:

At the North Stonington Board of Selectmen meeting held on July 10, 2018, at the North Stonington New Town Hall, 40 Main Street, the Board voted to endorse the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Stewardship Plan and the recommendation to seek Wild and Scenic Rivers designation through an act of the United States Congress, with the understanding that the designation would not involve National Park Service ownership or management of lands, by a unanimous vote of 3-0. The pertinent minutes are attached.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

Michael A. Urgo
First Selectman

attachment



Town of Richmond, Rhode Island

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Sarah S. Rapose
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June 20, 2018

Sean Henry, Chairperson
Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Study Committee
c/o Wood-Pawcatuck Water Association
203 Arcadia Road
Hope Valley, RI 02832

Dear Mr. Henry,

At a Town Council meeting held on June 19, 2018 at the Richmond Town Hall, the Town Council voted to endorse the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Stewardship Plan and the recommendation to seek Wild and Scenic Rivers designation through an act of the United States Congress, with the understanding that designation would not involve National Park Service ownership or management of lands, by unanimous vote of 4 to 0.

Very truly yours,

Sarah S. Rapose
Richmond Town Clerk



Town of South Kingstown, Rhode Island

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

180 High Street
Wakefield, RI 02879
Tel. 401-789-9331

July 2, 2018

Sean Henry
Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association
203 Arcadia Road
Hope Valley, RI 02832

Dear Mr. Henry:

We are in receipt of your letter dated May 22, 2018 requesting support for Wild and Scenic designation of the seven rivers in the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed and endorsement of the Stewardship Plan.

At their meeting held on Monday June 25, 2018, the Town Council voted to support the designation of seven rivers of the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed as a Partnership Wild and Scenic Rivers, and endorsed the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Stewardship Plan.

A copy of the Town Council resolution is enclosed for your reference.

Very truly yours,

Susan M. Flynn, CMC
Deputy Town Clerk

Enclosure

cc: Town Manager
Senior Planner



Town of Sterling

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Building Official: 860-564-2275
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Recreation: 860-564-2136
Registrar of Voters: 860-564-2654

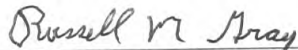
Revenue Collector: 860-564-7563
Selectmen: 860-564-2904
Town Clerk: 860-564-2657
Treasurer: 860-564-8488
Wetlands Agent: 860-564-2275
Zoning Official: 860-564-2275

**Town of Sterling
State of Connecticut**

RESOLUTION
Adopted June 20, 2018

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Sterling hereby supports the recommendation for designation of Seven Rivers of the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed – Beaver, Chipuxet, Green Fall-Ashaway, Pawcatuck, Queen-Usquepaugh, Shunock, and Wood Rivers – as a Partnership Wild and Scenic Rivers through an act of the United States Congress, with the understanding that designation would not involve National Park Service ownership or management of lands, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen endorse the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Stewardship Plan developed by the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Study Committee.



Russell M. Gray, First Selectman

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TOWN OF STONINGTON

SELECTMAN'S OFFICE
ROB SIMMONS
FIRST SELECTMAN

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June 28, 2018

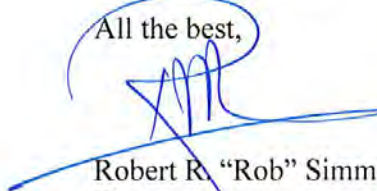
Mr Sean Henry, Chairperson
Wood Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Study Committee
C/O Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association
203 Arcadia Road
Hope Valley, RI 02832

Dear Mr. Henry:

Sean:

The Board of Selectmen at a regular meeting held on June 27, 2018 voted unanimously to endorse the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Stewardship Plan and the recommendation to seek Wild and Scenic Rivers designation through an act of the United States Congress.

All the best,


Robert R. "Rob" Simmons
First Selectman

Let me know if you are going to Washington DC to promote this and I'll go along!!

OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN



115 Main Street
P.O. Box 96
Voluntown, CT 06384
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BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Voluntown hereby supports the recommendation for designation of Seven Rivers of the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed – Beaver, Chipuxet, Green Fall-Ashaway, Pawcatuck, Queen-Usquepaugh, Shunock, and Wood Rivers – as a Partnership Wild and Scenic Rivers through an act of the United States Congress, with the understanding that designation would not involve National Park Service ownership or management of lands

And

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen endorse the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Stewardship Plan developed by the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Study Committee.



TOWN OF WEST GREENWICH, RHODE ISLAND
A RESOLUTION FOR SUPPORT OF THE DESIGNATION OF SEVEN RIVERS OF
THE WOOD-PAWCATUCK WATERSHED
RESOLUTION: 2018-3

WHEREAS, the West Greenwich Town Council met in regular session on June 13, 2018; and

WHEREAS, a motion was made by Vice President Rekas Sloan, seconded by Councilman Boyer, passing the following resolution by a unanimous vote:

RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of West Greenwich, hereby supports the recommendation for designation of Seven Rivers of the Wood- Pawcatuck Watershed- Beaver, Chipuxet, Green, Fall, Pawcatuck, Queen, Shunock, and Wood Rivers as Wild and Scenic Rivers through an act of the United States Congress; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Council endorse the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Stewardship Plan developed by the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Study Committee.

ATTEST:

Erin F. Liese, Town Clerk





Town of Westerly

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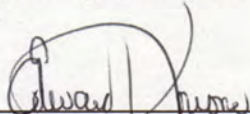
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE WOOD-PAWCATUCK WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS STEWARDSHIP PLAN AND THE RECOMMENDATION FOR WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS DESIGNATION

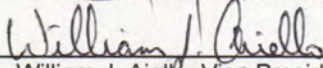
WHEREAS, the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Study Committee has developed a Stewardship Plan to protect the seven rivers within the Wood-Pawcatuck watershed and is seeking national recognition of the rivers through a Wild and Scenic Rivers designation; now therefore, be it hereby

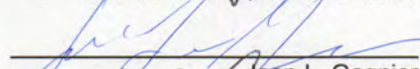
RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Westerly hereby supports the recommendation for designation of Seven Rivers of the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed – Beaver, Chipuxet, Green Fall-Ashaway, Pawcatuck, Queen-Usquepaugh, Shunock, and Wood Rivers – as a Partnership Wild and Scenic Rivers through an act of the United States Congress, with the understanding that designation would not involve National Park Service ownership or management of lands; and

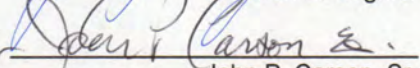
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Westerly endorses the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Stewardship Plan developed by the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Study Committee.

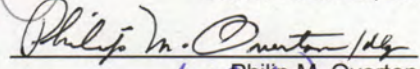


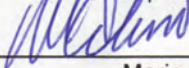

Edward P. Morrone, President

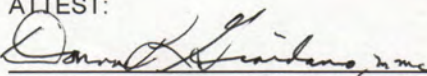

William J. Aiello, Vice President

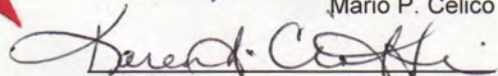

Jean L. Gagnier


John P. Carson, Sr.


Philip M. Overton


Mario P. Celico

ATTEST:

Donna L. Giordano, MMC, Town Clerk


Karen A. Cioffi

ADOPTED: June 18, 2018

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RHODE ISLAND
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR
235 Promenade Street, Room 425
Providence, Rhode Island 02908

July 17, 2018

Sean Henry, Chairperson
Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Study Committee
c/o Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association
203 Arcadia Road
Hope Valley, RI 02832

Dear Mr. Henry,

I am writing to confirm the strong and enthusiastic support of the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (DEM) for the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Study Committee and their recommendation to seek National Wild and Scenic Designation for seven rivers in the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed. These amazing rivers offer exceptional recreational opportunities for paddlers, birders, fisherman, and anyone who enjoys scenic waterways. They contain thousands of acres of wetlands providing habitat for a high diversity of fish, amphibians, reptiles, mammals and invertebrates.

The outstandingly remarkable values of the Beaver, Chipuxet, Green Fall - Ashaway, Pawcatuck, Queen - Usquepaugh, Shunock, and Wood Rivers include clean, cold water habitat that supports brook trout and large numbers of invertebrate species. The watershed provides critical habitat for wildlife in deep forests, shrublands, vernal pools, undeveloped riparian corridors and wetlands. Rich agricultural fields, sites of long abandoned industry, mill villages with remnants of homes, schools and churches and extensive Native American ceremonial stonework are important cultural features found within the watershed that tell important stories of the region's past.

DEM also heartily endorses the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Stewardship Plan to protect the values of the rivers. Careful and strategic stewardship of state lands within the Wood Pawcatuck watershed is based upon resource protection, forest health and habitat management. Best management practices assure a balanced approach to assuring both public recreation and resource protection. RI DEM embraces the opportunity to be an active participant in the ongoing stewardship work that will safeguard the land and waters of this spectacular watershed.

In addition to this endorsement, I want to express appreciation for the dedication and hard work of the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Study Committee. The representatives of eleven towns from two states along with partner organizations worked tirelessly for nearly three years under the guidance of Committee Chair, Sean Henry and Study Coordinator, Denise Poyer

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**Letters of Support
from Town Committees,
Community Partners, and
Other Supporters**



March 13, 2018

Sean Henry, Chairperson
Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Study Committee
C/O Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association
203 Arcadia Road
Hope Valley, RI 02832

Dear Mr. Henry:

I am writing on behalf of the Appalachian Mountain Club to confirm our organization's support of the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Study Committee and their recommendation to seek National Wild and Scenic Designation for seven rivers in the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed. We also support the development of the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Stewardship Plan to protect the values of the rivers. This position was taken by a formal vote of the Board of Directors on behalf of our over 2,700 members at our meeting on March 13, 2018. Enclosed is a copy of the motion from that meeting.

Over many decades, our chapter has led hikes, paddles, bike rides and held conservation activities in the Wood/Pawcatuck watershed. The chapter maintains many miles of hiking trails and bridges in the study area, has re-built the picnic pavilion near in the upper wood basin, The chapter was instrumental in constructing a hiker bridge over the Wood River near route 165.

Granting this Wild and Scenic designation would ensure that not only our members, but others with myriad interests and appreciation for the watershed could continue their activities knowing the Wood/Pawcatuck was permanently protected.

Sincerely,

Linda M. Pease

Linda M. Pease
Conservation Chair and Paddling Sub Chair
Appalachian Mountain Club - Narragansett Chapter (RI Chapter)



Connecting People with Nature

Audubon Society of Rhode Island

November 1, 2017

Sean Henry, Chairperson
Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Study Committee
c/o Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association
203 Arcadia Road
Hope Valley, RI 02832

Dear Mr. Henry:

The Audubon Society of Rhode Island supports the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Stewardship Plan and its recommendation to seek Wild and Scenic Designation.

The Wood and Pawcatuck Rivers are important resources to Audubon. Two of Audubon's refuges, Fisherville Brook and the Eppley Sanctuary are on the Queen River, one of Rhode Island's most pristine river systems. The Queen's River, a cold, largely forested stream with headwaters in West Greenwich. The river flows southwestward through the tiny villages of Liberty and Usquepaug before joining the Pawcatuck River in South Kingstown.

We appreciate the dedicated work of the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Study Committee and support their findings and recommendations.

Sincerely,



Lawrence Taft
Executive Director

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June 27, 2018

Sean Henry, Chairperson
Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Study
c/o Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association
203 Arcadia Road
Hope Valley, RI 02832

Dear Mr. Henry:

I am writing on behalf of Avalonia Land Conservancy, Inc. to confirm the organization's support of the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Study Committee and their recommendation to seek National Wild and Scenic Designation for seven rivers in the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed. We also support the development of the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Stewardship Plan to protect the values of the rivers. This position was taken by a formal vote of the Avalonia Board of Directors at its meeting on June 27, 2018.

Enclosed is a copy of the motion from that meeting.

Very truly yours,

Dennis S. Main, President

Avalonia Land Conservancy, Inc. preserves natural habitats in southeastern Connecticut by acquiring and protecting lands and by communicating the value of these irreplaceable resources.



Charlestown Land Trust
P.O. Box 1387
Charlestown, RI 02813

June 15, 2018

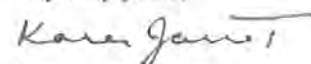
Sean Henry, Chairperson
Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Study Committee
c/o Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association
203 Arcadia Road
Hope Valley, RI 02832

Dear Mr. Henry:

I am writing on behalf of the Charlestown Land Trust to confirm the Board support of the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Study Committee and their recommendation to seek National Wild and Scenic Designation for seven rivers in the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed. We also endorse the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Stewardship Plan to protect the values of the rivers. This position was taken by a formal vote of the Board at our meeting on June 13, 2018. The motion was unanimous to support the Stewardship Plan and the recommendation for the Wild and Scenic Designation.

Thank you all for the work you have done to protect our rivers.


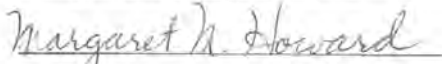
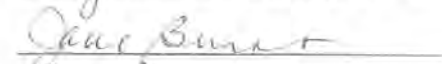
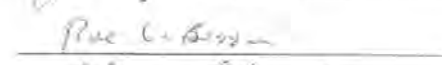

Very truly yours,


Karen Jarret
President- Charlestown Land Trust







Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center

27 June 2018

Sean Henry, Chairperson
Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Study Committee
c/o Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association
203 Arcadia Road
Hope Valley, RI 02832

Dear Mr Henry-:

Summer greetings from the Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center (DPNC)! I am writing in support of the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Study Committee's efforts to seek National Wild and Scenic Designation for seven rivers in the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed. We also support the development of the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Stewardship Plan to protect the values of the rivers. DPNC is one of the oldest (longest running) environmental organizations in CT, since 1946. We have a long history of year-round programs within the watershed including birding trips, canoe/kayak explorations, summer camp outings, cultural and natural history tours, hikes, school trips and more. These include partnerships with WPWA, local/regional schools, Westerly Land Trust, The Nature Conservancy, RI and CT ornithological and botanical societies and other groups. The watershed and its rivers offer countless sites and opportunities for us to connect people to nature through first-hand experiences, educational programs and activities. Our region, including the areas encompassed by the Wood Pawcatuck watershed, is part of an important cultural landscape that preserves unique history, nature and sense of place that enriches our lives.

Sincerely,



Margaret L Jones
Executive Director

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Our mission: To inspire an understanding of the natural world and ourselves as part of it - past, present and future.



Hopkinton Conservation Commission
1 Town Hall Road
Hopkinton, Rhode Island 02833

December 15, 2017

Hopkinton Town Council
1 Town House Road
Hopkinton, RI 02833

Re: Wild and Scenic Rivers Study Support

Dear President Landolfi and Town Council Members:

At our November meeting, the Hopkinton Conservation Commission viewed a presentation given by Maureen Kennelly of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Study Committee. This Study includes rivers in the Wood/Pawcatuck watershed and encompasses 14 cities and town in both Connecticut and Rhode Island.

The Conservation Commission voted to support this effort to recognize the special qualities of our rivers and we encourage the Hopkinton Town Council to do so as well.

Very truly yours,

Deborah O'Leary
Secretary
Hopkinton Conservation Commission

Cc: Denise Poyer, WPWA
Maureen Kennelly



PO Box 1132, Hope Valley, RI 02832

4 June 2018

To: Hopkinton Town Council

Re: National Wild & Scenic Rivers Designation

We, the Friends of the Hopkinton Land Trust, are fully aware and are in complete support of the National Wild & Scenic Rivers Designation. We are so fortunate to live near these beautiful rivers and we are grateful for the efforts of all of the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Study Committee!

Best wishes for continues success. If we can be of further support, please get in touch with us.

Christine Anderson

Friends of the Hopkinton Land Trust

friendsofthehopkintonlandtrust@gmail.com



HOPKINTON RHODE ISLAND

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

James M. Lamphere, Town Planner
One Townhouse Road
Hopkinton, Rhode Island 02833
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September 5, 2018


Sean Henry, Chairperson
Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Study Committee
c/o Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association
203 Arcadia Road
Hope Valley, RI 02832

Dear Sean:

I am writing on behalf of the Hopkinton Planning Board to confirm our support for the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Stewardship Plan and its recommendation to seek Wild and Scenic Designation. This position was taken by a formal vote of the Hopkinton Planning Board at their meeting on September 5, 2018. Please see below for the motion from that meeting:

“Al DiOrio made a motion, seconded by Tom Holberton, for the Hopkinton Planning Board to support the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic River Stewardship Plan. Passed unanimously.”

Very truly yours,



Al DiOrio
Chairperson



Narragansett Chapter of Trout Unlimited (TU225)
203 Arcadia Road
Hope Valley, Rhode Island 02832

July 19, 2018

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Sean Henry, Chairperson
Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Study Committee
c/o Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association
203 Arcadia Road
Hope Valley, RI 02832

Dear Mr. Henry,

Thank you for the Herculean effort you and your team of volunteers have put into this study. All of us at The Narragansett Chapter of Trout Unlimited (TU225) truly appreciate the need to protect this very precious resource.

I am writing on behalf of our organization to confirm our support of the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Study Committee and their recommendation to seek National Wild and Scenic Designation for seven rivers in the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed.

We also endorse the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Stewardship Plan to protect the values of the rivers. The Stewardship Plan agrees with our chapters Vision; *To ensure that the habitats for cold-water and estuary fish thrive in Rhode Island for future generations*, and Mission; *To conserve, protect, restore, and sustain the cold-water fisheries and their watersheds in Rhode Island through collaborative, educational, and environmental activities.*

This position was taken by a formal vote by the Board of Directors Meeting on July 18, 2018

Very truly yours,

Glenn Place

President
Narragansett Chapter TU225
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PO Box 327, North Stonington CT 06359

Sean Henry, Chairperson
Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Study
203 Arcadia Road
Hope Valley, RI 02832

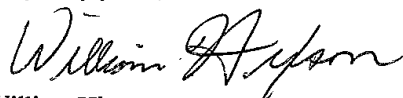
Dear Mr. Henry:

I am writing on behalf of The North Stonington Citizens Land Alliance, Inc. to confirm the Alliance's support of the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Study Committee and its recommendation to seek National Wild and Scenic Designation for seven rivers in the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed.

We also support the development of the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Stewardship Plan to protect the values of the rivers. These positions were taken by a formal vote of the North Stonington Citizens Land Alliance Board of Trustees at our meeting on July 23, 2018.

The motion we passed is written and signed below.

Very truly yours,



William Hixson
Board of Trustees

Motion: Approved July 23, 2018

The North Stonington Citizens Land Alliance appreciates and supports both the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Study Committee's recommendations to seek both the National Wild and Scenic Rivers designation for its seven watershed rivers, including the Shunock and Green Fall Rivers in North Stonington, as well as its Stewardship Plan.

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Town of
North Stonington, Connecticut

July 6, 2018

Board of Selectmen
Town of North Stonington
40 Main Street
North Stonington, CT, 06359

Dear Selectmen:

The Conservation Commission is unanimously supportive of the efforts to designate the Wood-Pawcatuck Rivers a federally designated Wild and Scenic River and ask for your support as well.

The Conservation Commission has recognized the need for protection of our water resources from the outset of this organizations efforts and supported with the previous administration, the current North Stonington volunteers in representing us in this effort.

As the mission of the Conservation Commission affirms: We are *"For the development, conservation, supervision, and regulation of natural and historic resources, including water resources, within its territorial limits."* Both the Green River and the Shunock River, along with numerous tributaries, among them Miller Brook, the Assekonk, and Wyassup Stream feed the Wood-Pawcatuck River system. As south-east Connecticut grows, it is incumbent upon us to protect these valuable natural resources at all costs.

Please add our letter to this effort.

Yours truly,

William Ricker, Chairman
Mike Charnetski
Dr. Steven Colgan
Robert DeGoursey
Douglas Farrand
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NORTH STONINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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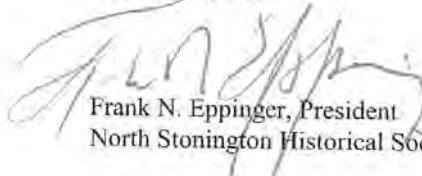
July 30, 2018

Sean Henry, Chairperson
Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Study Committee
c/o Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association
203 Arcadia Rd.
Hope Valley, RI 02832

Dear Sean:

I am writing on behalf of the North Stonington Historical Society, Inc. to confirm the Society's support of the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Study Committee and their recommendation to seek National Wild and Scenic Designation for seven rivers in the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed. We also endorse the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Stewardship Plan to protect the values of the rivers.

Very truly yours,



Frank N. Eppinger, President
North Stonington Historical Society, Inc.

FNE/cab

c: Richard Seager (via email: dickseager@comcast.net)
Madeline Jeffery



TOWN OF
North Stonington, CT.

Inland Wetlands Commission

Sean Henry, Chairperson
Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Study Committee
c/o Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association
203 Arcadia Road
Hope Valley, RI 02832

Dear Mr. Henry:

I am writing on behalf of the North Stonington Inland Wetlands Commission to confirm their support of the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Study Committee and their recommendation to seek National Wild and Scenic Designation for seven rivers in the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed.

We also support the development of the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Stewardship Plan to protect the values of the rivers. This position was taken by a vote of the Commission at our meeting on June 13, 2018. Enclosed is a copy of the vote from that meeting.

Very truly yours,

Mark Grigg, Chairman
Inland Wetlands Commission

MG/ck

40 Main Street, North Stonington, CT. 06359



Town of
North Stonington, CT

PLANNING AND ZONING

Sean Henry, Chairperson
Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Study Committee
c/o Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association
203 Arcadia Road
Hope Valley, Rhode Island 02832

Dear Mr. Henry:

I am writing on behalf of the North Stonington Planning and Zoning Commission to confirm their support of the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Study Committee and their recommendation to seek National Wild and Scenic Designation for seven rivers in the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed.

We also support the development of the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Stewardship Plan to protect the values of the rivers. This position was taken by a formal vote of the Commission at our meeting on June 7, 2018. Enclosed is a copy of the motion from that meeting.

Very truly yours,

Lou Steinbrecher, Chairperson
North Stonington Planning & Zoning Commission

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Rhode Island Rivers Council

c/o RI Water Resources Board
RI Department of Administration
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November 15, 2017

Sean Henry, Chairperson
Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Study Committee
c/o Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association
203 Arcadia Road
Hope Valley, RI 02832

Dear Mr. Henry:

I am writing on behalf of the Rhode Island Rivers Council to confirm the Council's support for the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Wild and Scenic Rivers designation. This position was taken by a formal vote of the Council at their meeting on November 15, 2017. Enclosed is a copy of the minutes from that meeting.

We wish you all the best as you proceed with your efforts toward obtaining Wild and Scenic designation for the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed.

Very truly yours,

Veronica Berounsky, Chair
Rhode Island Rivers Council

Rhode Island Canoe and Kayak Association

January 4, 2018

Sean Henry, Chairperson
Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Study Committee
c/o Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association
203 Arcadia Road
Hope Valley, RI 02832

Dear Mr. Henry:

I am writing on behalf of the Rhode Island Canoe and Kayak Association (RICKA) to confirm the Association's support of the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Study Committee and their recommendation to seek National Wild and Scenic Designation for seven rivers in the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed. We also support the development of the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Stewardship Plan to protect the values of the rivers. This position was taken by a formal vote of the Association at their meeting on January 3, 2018. Enclosed is a copy of the motion from that meeting.

Very truly yours,



Sharon Dragon, President
Rhode Island Canoe and Kayak Association



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Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

September 27, 2018

Sean Henry, Chairperson
Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Study Committee
c/o Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association
203 Arcadia Road
Hope Valley, RI 02832

Dear Mr. Henry:

I write to express my strong support for the recommendation of the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Study Committee to seek National Wild and Scenic Designation for seven rivers in the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed. Rhode Island is proud to be part of a bi-state partnership devoted to protecting the cultural and natural resources of this watershed that serves as the sole source of drinking water for more than 60,000 residents and supports roughly 70 percent of Rhode Island's imperiled species.

The RI Department of Environmental Management (DEM) has worked with partners for many years to conserve critical lands in the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed to protect and restore habitat and water quality and to allow for public recreational enjoyment of the rivers. From land acquisition, to research, to projects to improve the connectivity of the rivers, this area has been a top priority for our state's conservation and outdoor recreation programs. I wholeheartedly endorse the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Stewardship Plan to protect the values of the rivers and commend the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Study Committee for all for the effort that has brought the study to this pivotal recommendation. I also commend the leadership of the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association.

With its unique geology, exceptional ecosystems, excellent water quality, and remarkable recreational opportunities, the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed is deserving of this important Congressional designation. The Watershed's rivers should be protected for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations, and being named National Wild and Scenic Rivers would support such preservation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gina Raimondo".

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor



Town of Richmond, Rhode Island

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June 20, 2018

Sean Henry, Chairperson
Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Study Committee
c/o Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association
203 Arcadia Road
Hope Valley, RI 02832

Dear Mr. Henry:

I am writing on behalf of the Richmond Conservation Commission (RCC) to confirm that the RCC has received and reviewed the final Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Study Plan, dated June 2018, and the RCC supports the Study Committee's recommendation to seek National Wild and Scenic Designation for seven rivers in the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed. The RCC endorses the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Stewardship Plan as an important means to help protect these rivers including those within the Town of Richmond and in eleven other towns in Rhode Island and Connecticut. This position was taken by motion and formal vote of the RCC at its meeting on June 20, 2018. A copy of the RCC motion and vote outcome is available in the Town of Richmond meeting note records.

Thank you for all the in-depth work that has completed for these efforts over the last several years. The RCC greatly appreciates the Committee's efforts and looks forward to our rivers being collectively designated as a federal Wild and Scenic River.

Very truly yours,

James G. Turek
Chairperson
Richmond Conservation Commission

cc: Sarah Rapose, Richmond Town Clerk

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Town of Richmond, Rhode Island

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May 24, 2018

Sean Henry, Chairperson (Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Study Committee)
c/o Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association
203 Arcadia Road
Hope Valley, RI 02832

Dear Mr. Henry,

The Planning Board of the Town of Richmond heard a presentation from Peter Paton, the Town of Richmond's representative on the Study Committee, on May 22, 2018 regarding the Committee's application for National Wild and Scenic Designation of the Beaver, Chipuxet, Green Fall-Ashaway, Pawcatuck, Queen-Usquepaugh, Shunock, and Wood Rivers and the associated draft Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Stewardship Plan.

The Planning Board unanimously voted to support the identification of these waterways as possessing the necessary Outstandingly Remarkable Values for official federal recognition. The Board was also unanimous in its support of the Stewardship Plan as drafted, though noted that Trout Unlimited should have a representative on the Stewardship Council for their continued conservation efforts to restore and maintain river ecosystems and fisheries in the Watershed.

Warm regards,

Juliana M. Berry, Town Planner and BPZ Department Head

cc: Richmond Town Council

September 24, 2018

Denise Poyer, Study Coordinator
Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Study Committee
c/o Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association
203 Arcadia Road, Hope Valley, RI 02832

RE: Save The Bay support for the Partnership Wild and Scenic River Designation
for the Wood-Pawcatuck River

Dear Denise:

As one of the largest non-profit, environmental groups in southern New England, Save The Bay represents the voices of thousands of environmentally-aware members and supporters committed to preserving, restoring, and protecting the ecological integrity and value of Narragansett Bay, coastal Rhode Island, and the entire watershed. On behalf of the organization, I am writing to express our overwhelming support of Wild and Scenic designation of the Wood-Pawcatuck Rivers.

The seven river segments contained within the Wood-Pawcatuck watershed contain more rare and endangered species than anywhere else in the region. These amazing rivers offer exceptional recreational opportunities for paddlers, birders, and fisherman. In addition, they contain thousands of acres of wetlands providing critical habitat for a high diversity of fish, amphibians, reptiles, mammals and invertebrates.

It is our hope that National Wild and Scenic designation will strengthen bi-state relationships and lead to greater efforts by local communities, state and Federal agencies, and environmental organizations to work together. Providing long term protection of these river systems is the best way to protect the environmentally sensitive and diverse habitats that stretch from its headwaters to Little Narragansett Bay.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve on the study committee and we look forward to working with the Wild and Scenic Stewardship Council as they implement the Wood Pawcatuck Stewardship Plan. We strongly recommend that Congress designate this ecologically significant region as a Wild and Scenic river system.

Sincerely,



David Prescott
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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

June 6, 2018

Honorable Town Council
South Kingstown Town Hall
180 High Street
Wakefield, RI 02879

Dear Council Members:

I am writing on behalf of the Conservation Commission to confirm the Commission's support of the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Study Committee and their recommendation to seek National Wild and Scenic Designation for seven rivers in the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed. We also endorse the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Stewardship Plan to protect the values of the rivers. This position was taken by a formal vote of the Commission on June 6, 2018.

Very truly yours,

David Flanders, Chair
Conservation Commission



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July 20, 2018

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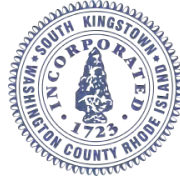
Dear Mr. Henry:

I am writing on behalf of the South Kingstown Land Trust to confirm our organization's support of the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Study Committee and their recommendation to seek National Wild and Scenic Designation for seven rivers in the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed. We also endorse the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Stewardship Plan to protect the values of the rivers. This position was taken by a formal vote of the Board of Trustees at our meeting on February 8, 2017. Enclosed is a copy of the motion from that meeting.

Very truly yours,

Martha Day, President
Board of Trustees

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**TOWN OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN
PLANNING DEPARTMENT
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Robert C. Zarnetske, Town Manager
FROM: Doug McLean, Senior Planner *DM*
SUBJECT: Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Stewardship Plan
DATE: June 19, 2018

This memorandum is provided as background information on the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Stewardship Plan for Town Council consideration at its June 25, 2018 regular meeting. The Stewardship Plan was developed by a Study Committee coordinated through the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association (WPWA) and is available for download here: <http://wpwildrivers.org/study-committee/>. Please see the attached letter from Sean Henry, Chairperson of the Study Committee, requesting that the Town Council pass a resolution to support the Wild and Scenic River designation and to endorse the Stewardship Plan.

Denise Poyer, Project Coordinator for the WPWA, will attend the Town Council meeting on June 25th to provide a brief overview of the Stewardship Plan and answer any questions as it pertains to South Kingstown's participation moving forward. As part of the municipal evaluation process, the Conservation Commission reviewed the Stewardship Plan at its June 6, 2018 regular meeting and provided the attached letter of support for the Town Council's consideration. Planning Department staff also reviewed the Plan and finds that it is comprehensive, based on empirical analysis, and contains valuable information for potential implementation moving forward. It should be noted that the Plan includes a series of action strategies as voluntary measures that individual towns, states, federal, or non-profit agencies may wish to institute on their own or in conjunction with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Council.

If the Town Council is comfortable proceeding in this regard, the following resolution is provided for its consideration:

"BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Kingstown Town Council hereby supports the recommendation for designation of Seven Rivers of the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed – Beaver, Chipuxet, Green Fall-Ashaway, Pawcatuck, Queen-Usquepaugh, Shunock, and Wood Rivers – as a Partnership Wild and Scenic Rivers through an act of the United States Congress, with the understanding that designation would not involve National Park Service ownership or management of lands

And

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the South Kingstown Town Council endorses the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Stewardship Plan developed by the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Study Committee."

Please advise if you have any questions on this memorandum or attachments.

w/enclosures

June 25, 2018
Board of Selectmen
Town of Stonington, CT

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SELECTMANS OFFICE

Dear Board of Selectmen,

I am writing on behalf of the Stonington Conservation Commission to ask you to support the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Study Committee and their recommendation to seek National Wild and Scenic Designation for the seven rivers in the Wood- Pawcatuck Watershed. We also support the development of the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Stewardship Plan to protect the values of the rivers. This position was taken by a formal vote the Conservation Commission at our meeting on 5/21/18.

Very Truly Yours,

James Friedlander
Conservation Commission

[Signature]
JUN 29 2018

*For an on-letter
to them.*



STONINGTON LAND TRUST

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November 30, 2018

Sean Henry, Chairperson
Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Study
203 Arcadia Road
Hope Valley, RI 02832

Dear Mr. Henry:

I'm writing on behalf of the Stonington Land Trust. At the Land Trust's Board Meeting on November 20, 2018, the Board of Directors had a formal vote in favor of supporting the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Study Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

Therefore, I'd like to confirm with you that the Board of Directors supports the sum total of the efforts of the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Study Committee. In particular, we give whole-hearted support to the Committee's recommendation to seek National Wild and Scenic Designation for the seven rivers in the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed.

Also, we support the development of the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Stewardship Plan, which will ultimately protect the values of the seven rivers.

Thank you to everyone involved in the heroic efforts to protect the spectacular Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed!

Sincerely Yours,

Stanton Simm
Executive Director
Stonington Land Trust

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June 12, 2018

Sean Henry, Chairperson
Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Study Committee
c/o Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association
203 Arcadia Road
Hope Valley, RI 02832

Dear Mr. Henry,

I am writing to offer the full and unqualified support of The Nature Conservancy to this Committee for the recently completed stewardship plan and for your efforts to advance the Wood-Pawcatuck and their tributaries for designation as Wild and Scenic rivers under the National Park Service.

This Committee's work has been invaluable in making a solid case for the designation and building a strong constituency of people who know and love these rivers.

This unique and extraordinary river system is the last of its kind in Rhode Island and warrants the highest level of protection and conservation possible while allowing for its use and enjoyment by all people.

These rivers support some of the highest biodiversity in the region and serve as the foundation of local and regional identity, a thriving recreation and tourism economy, and they will be protected through these efforts for future generations.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this process. We look forward to continuing to work with you to secure this important designation.

Sincerely,

John Torgan
Rhode Island State Director



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9-19-18

Sean Henry, Chairperson
Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Study Committee
c/o Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association
203 Arcadia Road
Hope Valley, RI 02832

Dear Mr. Henry:

I am writing on behalf of the Tomaquag Museum to confirm our organization's support of the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Study Committee and their recommendation to seek National Wild and Scenic Designation for seven rivers in the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed. We also endorse the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Stewardship Plan to protect the values of the rivers.

Tomaquag Museum has partnered with WPWA over many years providing environmental experiences combined with Indigenous cultural knowledge. WPWA staff have taught river watershed curriculum to Native youth at Tomaquag Museum including kick netting for macro-invertebrates, water quality testing and study of vernal pools. WPWA led kayaking programs for Native youth as well as partnered with the museum for public kayak tours sharing both the ecological and culture uses of the river. This knowledge is important both culturally and ecologically for next generations to pass down the use and care of the river systems and the adjoining resources.

Tomaquag Museum has always shared with the public the importance of the environment, the changes in the landscape overtime and how that effects the ecology through its initiatives and partnerships. This is why we have presented to WPWA staff, Board & constituents regarding the use of the river by the Indigenous Peoples. We believe the care and preservation of this Watershed is critically important environmentally and culturally. The stewardship of the rivers is of great importance to the whole community and adds to the vibrancy of our state.

Best,

Lorén M. Spears
Executive Director





Conservation Commission
Town of West Greenwich
280 Victory Highway

January 4, 2018

Sean Henry, Chairperson
Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Study Committee
c/o Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association
203 Arcadia Road
Hope Valley, RI 02832

Dear Sean,

I am writing on behalf of the West Greenwich Conservation Commission to confirm the commission's support of the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Study Committee and their recommendation to seek National Wild and Scenic Designation for seven rivers in the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed. We also support the development of the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Stewardship Plan to protect the values of the rivers. This position was taken by formal vote of the commission at their meeting on December 7, 2018. Enclosed is a copy of that motion from that meeting.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Grube'.

Christopher Grube, Chairperson
West Greenwich Conservation Commission

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January 23, 2018

WOOD – PAWCATUCK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

203 ARCADIA ROAD

HOPE VALLEY, RI 02852

Attn: Sean Henry, Chairperson

Wood – Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Study Committee

Dear Mr. Henry,

I am writing on behalf of the West Greenwich Planning Board, to confirm the Board's support of the Wood – Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Study Committee and their recommendation to seek National Wild and Scenic Designation for seven rivers in the Wood – Pawcatuck Watershed.

We also support the development of the Wood – Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Stewardship Plan to protect the values of the rivers.

This position was taken by a formal vote of the Board at our regular meeting last night. Enclosed is a draft copy of the motion from that meeting.

Sincerely,



Brad Ward, Chair

West Greenwich Planning Board

Encl.

Cc: West Greenwich Conservation Commission




Sean Henry, Chairperson
Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Study Committee
c/o Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association
203 Arcadia Road
Hope Valley, RI 02832

Dear Sean (Mr. Henry):

I am writing on behalf of the Westerly Conservation Commission to confirm the Commission's support of the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Study Committee and their recommendation to seek National Wild and Scenic Designation for seven rivers in the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed. We also endorse the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Stewardship Plan to protect the values of the rivers. This position was taken by a formal vote of the Westerly Conservation Commission at their meeting on June 12, 2018. This motion and the subsequent approval will be included in the approved meeting minutes of that meeting.

Very truly yours,



Joseph T. MacAndrew
Westerly Conservation Commission Chairman



Date



May 31, 2018

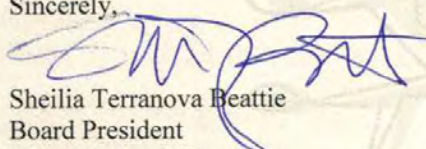
Sean Henry, Chairperson
Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Study Committee
c/o Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association
203 Arcadia Road
Hope Valley, RI 02832

Dear Mr. Henry:

I am writing on behalf of the Westerly Land Trust to confirm our organizational support of the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Study Committee and their recommendation to seek National Wild and Scenic Designation for seven rivers in the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed. We endorse the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Stewardship Plan to protect the values of the rivers as it is in alignment with one of our own missions of protecting these waterways. This position was taken by a formal vote of the Westerly Land Trust Board of Directors on May 4, 2018.

Thank you for your efforts in seeking this national designation for these invaluable natural resources in our State.

Sincerely,



Sheilia Terranova Beattie
Board President
Westerly Land Trust

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Sean Henry, Chairperson
Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Study Committee
c/o Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association
203 Arcadia Road
Hope Valley, RI 02832

Dear Mr. Henry:

I am writing on behalf of the Westerly Municipal Land Trust to confirm the committee's support of the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Study Committee and their recommendation to seek National Wild and Scenic Designation for seven rivers in the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed. We also endorse the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Stewardship Plan to protect the values of the rivers. This position was taken via consensus of the committee at our meeting on Nov. 27th 2017.

Very truly yours,

James J. Federico III, Chairperson
Westerly Municipal Land Trust

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June 11th, 2018

Sean Henry, Chairperson
Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Study Committee
c/o Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association
203 Arcadia Road
Hope Valley, RI 02832

Dear Mr. Henry:

I am writing on behalf of the Westerly Recreation Board to confirm the Board's support of the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Study Committee and their recommendation to seek National Wild and Scenic Designation for seven rivers in the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed. We also endorse the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Stewardship Plan to protect the values of the rivers. This position was taken by a formal vote of the Recreation Board's membership at their meeting on June 6th, 2018.

Very truly yours,

Edward Haik, Chairperson
Westerly Recreation Board

