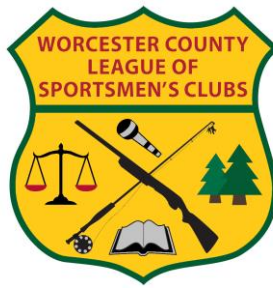


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Blackstone Valley Beagle Club	Leicester Rod and Gun Club
Brookfield Rod and Gun	Leominster Sportsmen's Association
Century Sportsmen's Club	Marlborough Fish and Game Club
Eight Point Sportsman's Club	Maspenock Rod and Gun Club
Fitchburg Rod and Gun Club	Mass. Women's Gun Owners Assn.
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Hamilton Rod and Gun Club	Nimrod League of Holden



Norco Sportsman's Club	Southborough Rod and Gun Club
North Brookfield Sportsmen's Club	Spencer Fish and Game
North Grafton Fish, Game and Bird	Templeton Fish and Game Club
North Worcester Fox and Coon Club	Uxbridge Rod and Gun Club
NWTF Central Mass	Webster Fish and Game
Otter River Sportsman Club	Westminster Rod and Gun Club
Petersham Gun Club	Whitinsville Fish and Game Club
Royalston Fish and Game Club	Wickaboag Sportsmen's Club
Rutland Sportsman's Club	Worcester Fish and Game Association
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 Nashua River Wild and Scenic River Study Committee
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June 28, 2018

Dear Mr. Fosburgh and Ms. Wallace

The Worcester County League of Sportsmen's Clubs (WCLSC) represents over 50 sporting clubs with over 25,000 members in total, that include our region's many devoted hunters and anglers. The League does support the designation of the Nashua, Squannacook, and Nissitissit Rivers as Partnership Wild and Scenic Rivers. The League itself has a 4 Point Program in its mission that encompasses conservation and land/waterway stewardship and supports Community efforts that complement what the League does.

The League recognizes and values the vast corridors of conservation lands along these rivers, including the MA State's Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) of Bolton Flats, Squannacook River, and Nissitissit River, as well as the J. Harry Rich MA State Forest, the Groton Town Forest, and the Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge. The rivers and conservation lands provide a wide range of outdoor recreational activities including wildlife observation, hiking, boating, hunting, and fishing. Within these rivers and on these lands, there are outstanding fly-fishing and diverse hunting opportunities. With these important natural resources becoming part of the Partnership Wild and Scenic Rivers program, the League does not recommend or support any new restrictive changes for the continued management of the wildlife and their supporting habitat as currently managed today by State and Federal agencies. Our concerns would include any restrictions to the stocking of birds or fish, as well as any access restrictions to the rivers and the MA State's WMAs.

Many organizations, towns, agencies, including our League and its members will benefit from the ongoing focus on protecting the natural resources of this area with access to more resources to do so. The League recognizes the Nashua River Wild and Scenic River Study Committee, that is responsible for this project to date, as the best positioned organization to lead the way forward.

Taking action this year to designate the Nashua, Squannacook, and Nissitissit Rivers as Partnership Wild and Scenic River would give further visibility and appreciative recognition with the half-century anniversary year of the Wild and Scenic Program.

Respectfully,

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WCL Corresponding Secretary on behalf of the WCLSC Board and Officers