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Subject: Nomination of the Warner River to the State Rivers Management and Protection Program

Dear Ms. Sales,

The Bradford Board of Selectmen would like to offer its 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).

This water body 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.

The establishment of a Local River Management Advisory Committee would ensure preservation of the Warner River's many valuable resources. Induction of the Warner River in to the New Hampshire RMPP would also elevate public awareness of the river and would create a multi-town forum where local residents, business owners, and stakeholders can discuss and address river-related issues and work to balance the needs of all those who enjoy the multiple uses afforded by the river.

The Bradford Board of Selectmen is pleased to support the nomination of the Warner River into this important program.

Sincerely, Bradford Board of Selectmen:



John Pfeifle




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Jim Bibbo

signed

October 17, 2016

