

Lake Massesecum  Improvement Association

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Tracie Sales, Rivers Coordinator
NH Department of Environmental Services
29 Hazen Drive
Concord, NH 03301

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

Dear Ms. Sales,

The Lake Massesecum Improvement Association (LMIA) 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). Relationship between Warner River and Lake Massesecum is strong with both water bodies connecting to each other.

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.

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.

The Lake Massesecum Improvement Association pleased to support the nomination of the Warner River into this important program.

Sincerely,



President, LMIA

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