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**DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

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

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

Dear Ms. Sales,

I am writing in support of the Warner River becoming a "designated river" per RSA 483. The river provides areas of high quality habitat for a variety of animal species and houses a number of rare, threatened, and endangered plant species. Its tributaries (Sutton's Lane River and Stevens Brook being the main ones) are home to native brook trout.

In addition to natural habitat, the Warner River provides residents of the communities of Bradford, Hopkinton, Sutton, Warner, and Webster with both recreational opportunities and access to a rich historical legacy, dating back centuries. The establishment of a Local River Management Advisory Committee would be very beneficial to the preservation of the Warner River's many valuable resources and services. Induction of the Warner River into the New Hampshire RMPP would allow the many users of the river's resources to meet and discuss river-related issues as well as the varying needs of its residents, business owners and others, to the benefit and enjoyment of both those presently affected and the future generations to come.

The Sutton Conservation Commission is pleased to support the designation of the Warner River into this important program.

Sincerely,

Betsy Forsham, Chair
Sutton Conservation Commission