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Tracie Sales, Rivers Coordinator
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Dear Ms. Sales,

At its regular meeting on April 10, 2017, the Upper Merrimack River Local Advisory Committee voted unanimously to support the Warner River's nomination into the state Rivers Management and Protection Program.

In addition to its significant natural habitat, the Warner River provides residents of the towns of Bradford, Warner, Sutton, Webster, and Hopkinton with many recreational opportunities and has been a focal point for the communities. There are a number of sites listed on the National Register of Historic Places including three covered bridges. There is historical evidence of once thriving mill communities in the river and on its banks.

The establishment of the Warner River Local Advisory Committee would be an excellent coordinating group for the five towns would be beneficial to the preservation of the Warner River's many valuable resources and services. The nomination would facilitate awareness of the river and serve as a forum where residents, business owners, and other various stakeholders can discuss and address river-related issues to balance the needs of many who enjoy the Warner River.

The Upper Merrimack River Local Advisory Committee is pleased to support the designation of the Warner River into this important program.

Sincerely,

Gary Lynn
Secretary

CC: Sam Durfee, Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission