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Tracie Sales, Rivers Coordinator
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Concord, NH 03301

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

Dear Ms. Sales,

The Webster Select Board 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.

This water body provides habitat for a variety of species and its tributaries are home to wild brook trout. The river corridor is home to a number of rare, threatened, and endangered plant and animal species. Significant areas of high quality habitat can also be found along the Warner River, as defined in the New Hampshire Wildlife Action Plan.

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

The establishment of a Local River Management Advisory Committee would be hugely 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 also elevate the awareness of the river and would create an inter-municipal forum where local residents, business owners, and stakeholders can discuss and address river-related issues and work to balance the needs of many who enjoy the countless uses of the Warner River.


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

Sincerely,

Webster Select Board



Bruce G. Johnson, Chairman



Michael P. Borek



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