



**CITY OF PITTSFIELD**

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October 12, 2006

Housatonic River Natural Resource Trustees  
C/o Woodlot Associates  
30 Park Drive  
Topsham, ME 04086-1737

**Re: Housatonic River Museum Proposal**

Dear Trustees:

The City of Pittsfield urges your favorable consideration of the Housatonic River Museum project. This museum is critical to fostering greater appreciation and stewardship of the river. It is vitally important to provide residents of Pittsfield and the Housatonic Watershed an opportunity to explore the past, present, and future of our river and its surrounding landscapes. Never before has such a unique and forward thinking proposal been advanced in the watershed, one that will surely capture the spirit of the river and draw visitors into a truly one of a kind learning experience. Located at the headwaters of the Housatonic River and being the largest, and most PCB-impacted community in the MA portion of the watershed, Pittsfield remains the ideal location for such a learning center.

The City of Pittsfield has embraced the river now like no other time in our history. We have a unique opportunity do advance the development of a museum that will help to share our story and dreams for the future. I urge the Trustees to support the modest request for exhibit development.

Sincerely,

James McGrath  
Director of Community Services