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The Housatonic, like many rivers in the North East has been a victim of our abuse for centuries. This is unfortunate. The Housatonic has the potential to be a recreational and cultural focus for every community it flows through. In fact it has the potential to be a major focus of the tourist industry which is so vital to the Berkshires. The Berkshires are famous for their mountains, and justly so. The Berkshire mountains have been a focus of the tourist industry for the best part of two centuries. Just as powerful is the potential of the Berkshire rivers. The development of "waterfront" has become a major part of community revitalisation throughout the country. One only has to look as far as the lower Hudson for examples.

I , myself buy an out of state fishing license in Mass. This is an expense I choose to make based on the quality of the river fisheries.

Proposal #11 must be aproved as vital step forward in revitalising this river. This is important not only for the direct benefit of the fishery in the river, but as start of the redevelopment of an expanded "cultural Berkshires".

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