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Review Team Evaluation Comments
c/o Woodlot Alternatives, Inc.
30 Park Drive
Topsham, ME 04086

RE: Project Native's proposal to the Natural Resource Damages Assessment Review Committee

Dear Review Committee,

I am writing to convey support for Project Native's proposal to will restore and enhance the integrity of the critically important floodplain forests along the Housatonic River. This grassroots partnership involves several organizations including The Nature Conservancy (TNC), the Sheffield Land Trust, Kampoosa Bog Committee, Southern Berkshire Regional School District, and individual farmers representing several public and private organizations and individuals working towards this goal. Independently, the various stakeholder involved have demonstrated significant ability to meet conservation goals on their own projects. The combination of these groups will be an effective way to cover more ground, creating an extended riparian corridor and buffer zone and make the most of each dollar used.

I have personal been involved with Project Native, TNC and the Kampoosa Bog Committee through MassWildlife's Landowner Incentive Program (LIP). All of which have received grants from the State of Massachusetts for species-at-risk habitat restoration. The work to actively restore this flood-plain ecosystem is a crucial step in the conservation and management of an area in Massachusetts that supports many rare species.

Please accept this letter for support for this grant. Thank you for your careful consideration of this request. Please do not hesitate to contact me for any further information that you may need.

Sincerely,

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