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March 20, 2006

Massachusetts SubCouncil  
Housatonic River NRD Fund  
c/o Woodlot Alternatives, Inc.  
30 Park Drive  
Topsham, ME 04086-1737

Re: Beaded Necklace Housatonic River Greenway Proposal

Dear Members of the Massachusetts SubCouncil:

I am writing in support of the Beaded Necklace Housatonic River Greenway's grant proposal for the Natural Resource Damage Fund.

The need for improved public access to the Housatonic River is necessary not only for an enhanced location for recreation, but also for the balanced development of our region. In Pittsfield, the epicenter of advocacy for the Housatonic River's restoration, the development of a multi-use trail and boat launches would assist in linking Berkshire residents and visitors to a rich natural resource that has long been inaccessible. Through a comprehensive plan involving physical access to the river, river trails, and bikeways, the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission and the Berkshire Bike Path Council will collaborate with the Housatonic River Restoration team to provide a recreational resource to be enjoyed for generations to come.

I support the Beaded Necklace Housatonic River Greenway's application to receive Natural Resource Damage funding and respectfully request that every consideration be given to their proposal. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or if I may offer additional support for this application.

Sincerely,

  
ANDREA F. NUCIFORO, JR.  
State Senator