

Appendix 3. Designation Support Letters

The following are records of support and endorsement for Wild and Scenic Designation.

Support Letter for the Upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers

Wild and Scenic Study - Berkshire, VT

TOWN OF BERKSHIRE, VERMONT

CHARTERED IN 1781
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October 16, 2006

Missisquoi River Basin Association
2839 Vt. Route 105
East Berkshire, VT. 05447

Dear MRBA,

The Berkshire Town Selectboard are hereby giving their support to the Missisquoi River Basin Association in applying for the Missisquoi River's individualism as a "Wild and Scenic River". The river is a great natural resource and this would be a fitting label

The project requires a study as the first step to acquiring the label "Wild and Scenic" which would also be very beneficial to the community.

If there is anything else that the Town Of Berkshire can do, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

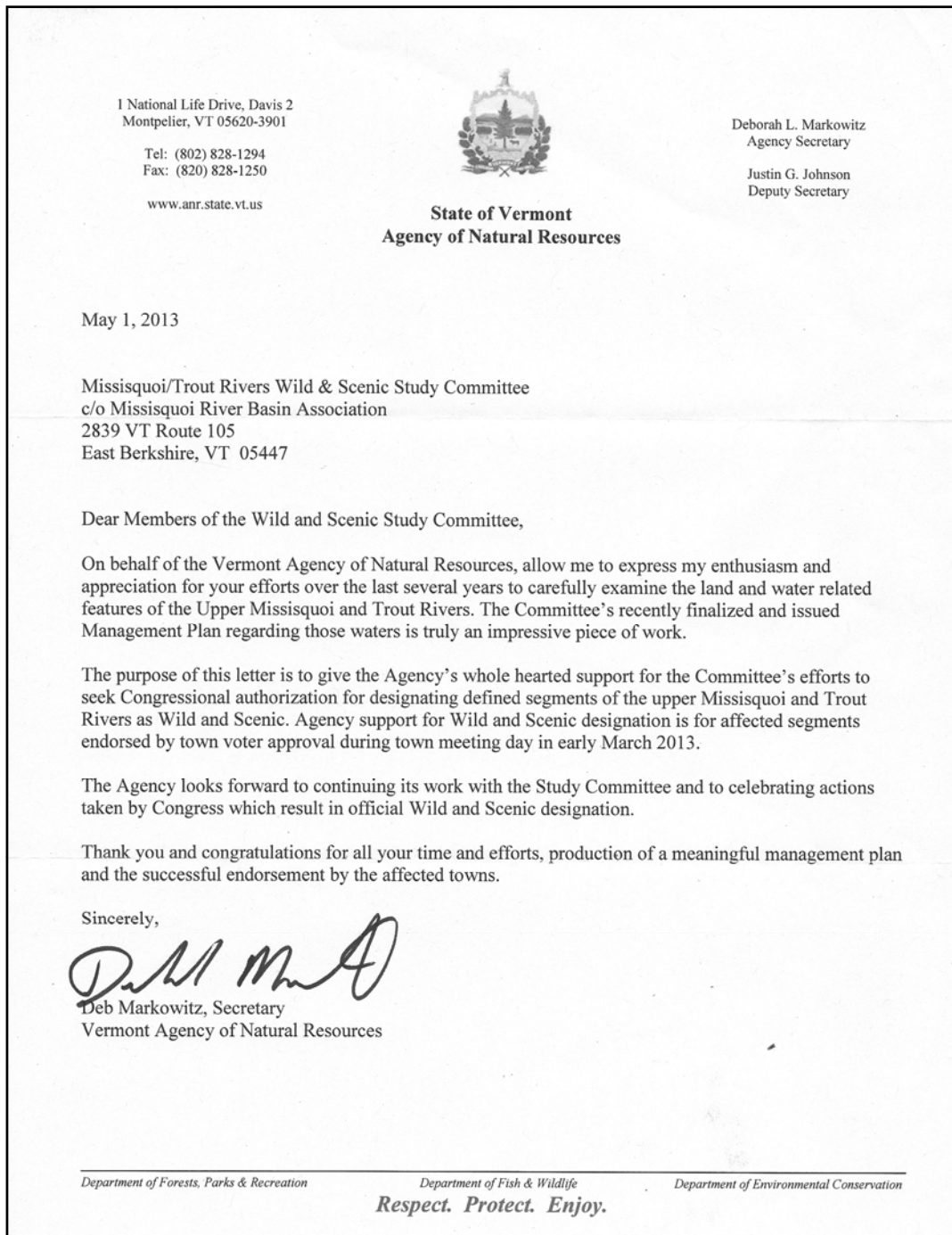


Selectboard of Berkshire
Robert Archambault
Chairman

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Wild and Scenic River Designation - Vermont Agency of Natural Resources



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Wild and Scenic River Designation - Enosburgh Conservation Commission

April 29, 2013

Wild and Scenic River Study Committee

2839 VT Route 105

East Berkshire, VT 05447

Dear Wild and Scenic River Study Committee,

We the Enosburgh Conservation Committee strongly support the designation of the Missisquoi River as Wild and Scenic. We have supported the effort from its beginnings through personal contacts and a public meeting to educate the community about the benefits and misconceptions of the wild and scenic designation. We feel that this designation will benefit the river and the town of Enosburgh.

Our recent conservation and education efforts have been on the river corridor. We were actively involved in helping conserve a 7 acre parcel on the river last year. We know that the Missisquoi River is a jewel in our community and are rigorously working to conserve land and preserve the water quality of the river and educate our citizens about the importance of the river.

The Wild and Scenic designation meshes with our mission as a conservation commission. We appreciate all the work that your committee is doing to make this possible for us.

Sincerely,

Sarah Downes


Chairperson, Enosburgh Conservation Commission

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Wild and Scenic River Designation - Richford Conservation Commission

Upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers
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May 30, 2013

Wild and Scenic River Study Committee

The Town of Richford is located on the Missisquoi River. The vitality of the River is transmitted to its surroundings, and the sights and sounds of the Missisquoi River are thoroughly appreciated by the Richford community.

At Town Meeting on March 4 2013, the voters of Richford showed their support of the Missisquoi River as part of the Wild and Scenic River Program.

The members of the Richford Conservation Commission proudly and fully support designation of the Upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers as part of the Wild and Scenic River Program.

Richford Conservation Commission Members

Gregg Campbell
Debbie Foote
Carrie Garrow
Annette Goyne
Mary Robinson

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Wild and Scenic River Designation - Missisquoi River Basin Association (MRBA)



Missisquoi River Basin Association

Our goal is to restore and maintain the ecological integrity of the Missisquoi River system so that the uses and values desired by the community are supported by the river and quality of its water.

May 1, 2013

Wild & Scenic Rivers Study Committee
2839 VT Route 105
East Berkshire
VT 05447

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to express the Missisquoi River Basin Association (MRBA)'s enthusiastic support for the Missisquoi and Trout Rivers to be included in the National Parks Service's Wild and Scenic Rivers Program. This 61-mile stretch of river (25 miles of the Missisquoi from Lowell, VT to Canada, 25 miles of the Missisquoi from Richford to Enosburg Falls, and 11 miles of the Trout River from Montgomery to East Berkshire) has been recognized by the voters of the 8 municipalities through which the rivers pass as having unique values and resources which make them worthy of inclusion as Wild & Scenic Rivers.

We are a volunteer-based watershed organization, working since 1996 to improve water quality in the Missisquoi River, and to increase community interest in and use of this treasured resource. Having the Upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers designated Wild & Scenic would complement our efforts and would recognize the valued place this part of the Missisquoi River and its tributary, the Trout River, hold in this community, both for recreational and tourism purposes.

We wish the Wild & Scenic River Study Committee every success in acquiring Wild & Scenic designation and will help in the process in whatever way possible.

Sincerely,

John Little
Chair

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Wild and Scenic River Designation - Missisquoi Valley Rail Trail



MISSISQUOI VALLEY RAIL TRAIL

NORTHWEST VERMONT RAIL TRAIL COUNCIL

c/o Northwest Regional Planning Commission
155 Lake Street • St. Albans, VT 05478
Phone: 802-524-5958 • Fax: 802-527-2948

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VT Agency of
Transportation

Northwest Regional
Planning Commission

VT Dept. of Forests,
Parks, & Recreation

May 1, 2013

Wild & Scenic Rivers Study Committee
2839 VT Route 105
East Berkshire
VT 05447

Dear Wild & Scenic Committee:

The Northwest Vermont Rail Trail Council is pleased to offer its support for Wild & Scenic Rivers designation of the Upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers as decided by the voters of the 8 municipalities affected.

The Rail Trail Council is always looking for ways to attract more trail users, from providing amenities such as information kiosks and benches/tables to creating trail loops off the Missisquoi Valley Rail Trail. Wild & Scenic designation of the Upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers will undoubtedly increase visitor traffic to this area of the State and many of these people will be participating in the recreational opportunities of Franklin County, including the Rail Trail.

The Missisquoi Valley Rail Trail (MVRT) is a 26.4 mile crushed-stone multi-season multi-use recreational trail on a rail corridor extending from St. Albans to Richford. Hiking, biking, horseback riding, snowmobiling, and cross-country skiing are permitted. While the State of Vermont owns the MVRT, the Council advises the State on trail management issues.

Good luck with acquiring Wild & Scenic designation for 2 very deserving rivers. We look forward to working with you on future recreation-related projects involving the Missisquoi and Trout Rivers.

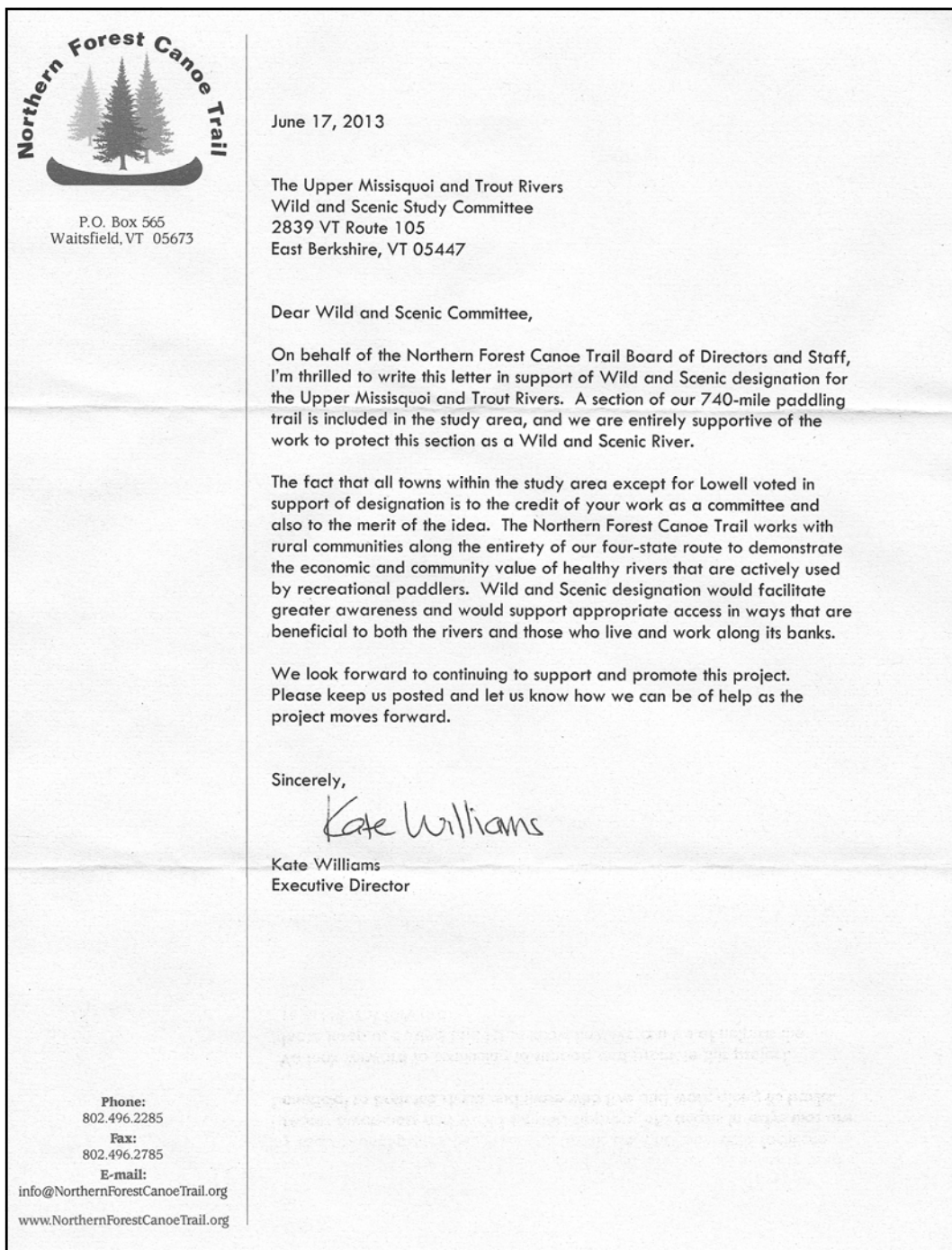
Sincerely,

David L. Stanley
Chair

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Wild and Scenic River Designation - Northern Forest Canoe Trail (NFCT)



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Wild and Scenic River Designation - Vermont Chapter of the Sierra Club

April 12th, 2012

Vermont Sierra Club Supports
Upper Missisquoi and Trout River
Wild and Scenic River Designation



To Whom It May Concern,

The Executive Committee of the Vermont Sierra Club, on behalf of our three thousand members, has unanimously voted to support the classification of the Upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers as wild and scenic waterways. We, along with Vermonters in general, understand these rivers to be important natural and cultural resources for our state and the nation.

If we are to deliver a Vermont to our grandchildren which is recognizable to our forbearers, it is essential that we place a high conservation value upon such beautiful rivers as the Missisquoi and the Trout.

Therefore, we are happy to lend our full support to the fine efforts of our friends conducting the Wild and Scenic River study concerning these majestic waters ways.

Sincerely,
Executive Committee of the
Vermont Chapter of the Sierra Club

Vermont Sierra Club, Montpelier, Vermont, (802) 522-5812, www.vermontsierraclub.org

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Support Letter for the Upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers

Wild and Scenic River Designation - Vermont Council of Trout Unlimited



Vermont Council

November 14, 2013

Ms. Shana Stewart Deeds
Study Coordinator
Upper Missisquoi and Trout River
Wild and Scenic Study
2839 Vermont Route 105
East Berkshire, VT 05447

Dear Ms. Deeds:

The Vermont Council of Trout Unlimited supports the inclusion of the proposed Missisquoi River and Trout River reaches to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. As the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act was implemented to protect our waterways, the inclusion of these reaches will add a layer of protection afforded by this federal designation against riparian development and to help restore fisheries habitat.

The vast majority of our rivers in Vermont are obstructed. The Vermont Council believes that obstructing or diverting a river flow for hydropower is environmentally harmful and fragments aquatic habitat, thereby diminishing what some consider a 'clean' source of power. It is important that all levels of state and federal protection be employed to protect our rivers as wildlife habitat, for recreation and as drinking water sources.

Because of this, we support the Wild and Scenic designation of these reaches of the Missisquoi and Trout Rivers in the hopes that this designation will further protect these rivers from future hydropower construction, be it a traditional dam, run-of-river, a diversion project, or otherwise. It is also our hope that any future federal support will include consideration of removal of existing, unutilized dams, as well as bank stabilization, stream crossings, culvert modernization, fish passage through existing dams, and other means to protect aquatic habitat. This will protect these rivers for today's anglers and recreationists, as well as for future generations.

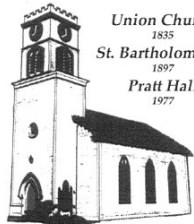
Sincerely,

Vermont Council of Trout Unlimited

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Wild and Scenic River Designation - Montgomery Historical Society



Montgomery Historical Society
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pratthall@gmail.com
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November 20, 2013

Shana Stewart Deeds
Study Coordinator
Upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers
Wild and Scenic Study
2839 VT Route 105
East Berkshire, VT 05447

Shana,

As you know the Town of Montgomery enthusiastically supported and endorsed the designation of the Upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers as part of the Wild and Scenic River Program at Town Meeting in March of 2013. The Society took great pride in supporting your work researching the area's history and identifying the Outstandingly Remarkable Values of the study area, and were pleased to host a Study Group meeting at Pratt Hall.

The Montgomery Historical Society has members from: 20 VT towns including 8 in Franklin County, 16 states & the District of Columbia, 2 Canadian Provinces, and 3 foreign countries other than Canada. We enthusiastically add our organizations' voice to all of those others in support of the designation and its goals of preserving this unique national resource, and enhancing our community's and region's quality of life.

For the Board of Directors who unanimously approved this letter:


Scott Perry
Chairman

The Montgomery Historical Society Board is...
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Ken Secor, Elsie Saborowski, Parma Jewett, John Beaty, Jo Anne Bennett, Pat Farmer & Patricia Perl