



Reports from other designated Wild & Scenic Rivers regarding their use of annual funds

These are real-world examples of how designated Wild and Scenic Rivers have used their annual funds. These types of projects are not required by an Advisory Committee; they are merely examples of possible projects.

- **Maurice River – New Jersey**

Boardwalk construction - Partners including the NPS, Natural Lands Trust, and the nonprofit Citizens' United to Protect the Maurice River collaborated to build a 120-foot observation boardwalk at the Peek Preserve in Millville, NJ. The NPS contributed \$25,000 toward construction and \$43,000 in private donations was leveraged, as well as volunteer labor. The NPS also contributed \$20,000 toward a handicapped visitor's access to the boardwalk and assisted with the state permit application process.

- **Eightmile River, Connecticut**

Stormwater management - Jim Ventres, Land Use Administrator for the Town of East Haddam, which is in the Wild & Scenic designated Eightmile River Watershed, reports that the Eightmile River Wild and Scenic Coordinating Committee is applying for grant funds for identifying and mapping the location of all of the storm drains in East Haddam, Salem and Lyme, and for reviewing the adequacy of the stormwater systems. The grant money, from the Long Island Sound Future's Fund, would provide an opportunity for the three towns to take a proactive, comprehensive approach to stormwater management.

- **Upper Farmington River, Connecticut**

Small grant program funding local activities- The Wild & Scenic Committee is particularly proud of their Grants Program that over the past four years has awarded funding to: Camp Jewell in Colebrook, Farmington River Angler's Association, Roaring Brook Nature Center in Canton, Barkhamsted Historical Society, Trout Unlimited, Start-up funding for the Hartland Land Trust, Barkhamsted Conservation Commission, Aton Forest Inc. of Norfolk, Town of New Hartford, Colebrook Land Conservancy, and New Hartford Land Trust.

Informational kiosks – The Farmington River Coordinating Committee (FRCC) completed informational kiosks at key locations along the Farmington River.

Biological studies – The FRCC continues to support a detailed study of stream insect samples with the Farmington River Watershed Association and the Department of Environmental Protection, to determine whether the insect community is being affected by pollutants in the river. The FRCC also supported efforts to monitor water quality.

Angler access – The FRCC continued work with organizations to provide an angler's trail, a trail where anglers could safely access the river without eroding riverbanks at appropriate locations.

- **White Clay Creek – Delaware**

Land transactions - In 2009 the Partnership preserved 215 acres of open space that had an estimated value of \$3.5 million. The coalition of cooperators that worked on the land transactions included Franklin Township, London Britain Township, Brandywine Conservancy, Natural Lands Trust, and the private property owners. The Wild & Scenic Committee has another 149 acres of open space for protection valued at approximately \$2.7 million near closing. In 2009 this river received \$137,000 from the NPS and leveraged an estimated \$130,000 in donations, volunteer hours and in-kind services.

- **Lamprey River, New Hampshire**

Perseveration projects - The Lamprey River was designated in 1996 and since that time has protected 1,437 acres through 16 land preservation projects. NPS contributions of about \$650,000 have leveraged a total investment of nearly \$5.6 million. Many partners have worked together to make this possible including: municipalities, private foundations, community groups, individuals, the National Estuarine Research Reserve, and the Great Bay Partnership (a consortium of federal, state, and nonprofit conservation interests).

Canoe launch site construction - The Lamprey River Advisory Committee (LRAC) worked with the Town of Lee to identify a site for a needed new canoe launch and utilized federal funds granted through the Wild & Scenic Rivers Program to help the town purchase the land from the current owner, develop plans for the launch, secure permits for construction, and finally, construct the launch.

Vernal pool and mussel surveys - Worked with Oyster River High School on project to document vernal pools. Completed a study to document mollusk populations in the Lamprey River Watershed including the status of the state-listed Brook floater mussel. The study was conducted under contract by Biodiversity.

History and archeology projects - Installed an information kiosk at the John Hatch Memorial Park at the Wiswall Dam. Participated in project design meetings for the Wiswall Dam & Fish Ladder Project.

- **Westfield River, Massachusetts**

Road runoff and erosion study - The Wild & Scenic Committee has helped MA towns realize savings by enabling them to work cooperatively with neighboring towns. For example, the towns are working together on a drainage study to gain a greater understanding of road runoff and erosion along the river. The study will cost approximately \$22,000 and will assess approximately 42 miles of road, develop BMP conceptual designs and provide cost estimates for improvement. The goal is to have the Committee provide future matching funds to implement the BMP recommendations and to pursue larger sources of grant funding.

- **Sudbury, Assabet and Concord Rivers (SuAsCo), Massachusetts**

Music /Arts - Gifts of Great Meadows is a slide presentation with musical accompaniment composed by Richard Sebring, horn player with the Boston Pops. The slides of winter ice formations along the river are complemented by seasonal music. Gifts of Great Meadows was supported in part by the Wild & Scenic Committee, Sudbury Valley trustees and US Fish and Wildlife Service, was introduced by Keith Lockhart and performed at all Pops concerts of the 2009 winter season. It is a beautiful example of the inspiration created by these rivers.

Invasive species management - The SuAsCo Wild & Scenic Committee provided the seed funding of \$2600 and two other small grants of \$5000 and \$6000 to create and give project support to the Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area that was established to address the growing threat to resources from the rapid spread of invasive species. Twenty-three organizations have signed onto the project, including government agencies, conservation commissions, land trusts and other non-profits. Leveraging of the initial seed money has taken form in volunteer hours, a \$15,000 grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and matching funds of \$11,000 from the Sudbury Foundation. In this example of Wild & Scenic funding a small initial investment has leveraged staff time from other organizations, a more competitive chance of receiving grant money and the ability to tackle a regional issue collaboratively.

Organizational support - The regional land protection organization, Sudbury Valley Trustees (SVT), has approximately ten percent of their budget funded through the Wild & Scenic budget. In 2008 SVT protected 303 acres in Sudbury, transferred land along the Assabet River to the Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge, and stabilized and enhanced the Greenways Conservation Wildlife Viewing Area.

Boater's Trail/Recreational Map - National Park Service staff wrote a proposal to the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation for an \$8000 grant that resulted in a Sudbury River Boater's Trail. It is available as an interactive map on their website at www.sudbury-assabet-concord.org