



## Missisquoi River Basin Association

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October 23, 2006

Mr. Tom Berry, Senator Jeffords' office  
Mr. Bob Paquin, Senator Leahy's office  
Mr. JP Isabelle, Rep. Sanders' office

Dear Messrs. Berry, Paquin, and Isabelle,

Re: Wild & Scenic designation for the Missisquoi and Trout Rivers

Further to our September 25 letter to you with letters of support from 9 municipalities and 1 organization, attached is a letter of support from the Town of Berkshire. You now have letters of support from all ten municipalities involved in MRBA's efforts to pursue Wild and Scenic designation for the upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers.

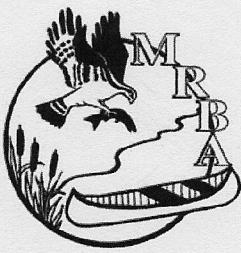
We look forward to your success in obtaining legislative approval for a feasibility study to be conducted by the National Park Service to evaluate the merit of designating the upper Missisquoi and Trout as Wild and Scenic.

Please feel free to contact Jamie Fosburgh, Rivers Program Manager at the National Park Service in Boston ((617-223-5191, or [jamie\\_fosburgh@nps.gov](mailto:jamie_fosburgh@nps.gov)) for any help you may need.

Sincerely,

John Little (Chair, Missisquoi River Basin Association)  
Chris O'Shea (Legislative Liason)  
Anne McKay (Board member)  
Cynthia Scott (Coordinator and Board member)

Attachments: letter of support from Town of Berkshire



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March 8, 2007

Bob Paquin  
Senator Leahy's office  
199 Main Street  
Burlington  
VT 05401

Dear Bob,

I would like to invite you to attend the Missisquoi River Basin Association's annual public forum which will be held at 7 pm. on Thursday, March 22, 2007 at the Emergency Services Building in Montgomery Center (it's on Route 242, about 6 houses from the intersection with Route 118).

We will be highlighting the geomorphic assessment work we did last summer on the Trout River, but will also update the community on our progress in pursuing Wild and Scenic designation with the National Park Service. We hope that you will also be able to weigh in on this subject from your perspective.

Please contact me at 933-9009 (office), 933-8851 (home) or [mrba@pshift.com](mailto:mrba@pshift.com) if you'd like more information or more detailed directions.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Scott  
Coordinator





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March 12, 2007

Thomas Berry  
Senator Sanders' office  
1 Church St., 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
Burlington  
VT 05401

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Sincerely,

Cynthia Scott  
Coordinator

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

October 26, 2006

Ms. Cynthia Scott, Coordinator  
Missisquoi River Basin Association  
2839 VT Route 105  
East Berkshire, VT 05447

Dear Cynthia,

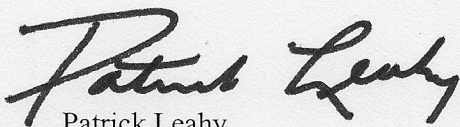
We are writing to thank you and the entire Missisquoi River Basin Association for your work on gathering municipal support for legislation authorizing a study of the Missisquoi and Trout rivers to determine whether they are eligible and suitable for designation as Wild and Scenic Rivers. These two rivers are important to Vermont for their ecological benefits, recreational opportunities, and natural beauty. Additionally, as part of the Lake Champlain Watershed, these rivers provide a vital link to our continued efforts to protect and restore the lake.

A study to determine the appropriateness of designating the Missisquoi and Trout rivers as Wild and Scenic would bring together local stakeholders to develop a river management plan that would be implemented at the local level. While not guaranteeing that the rivers would be designated as Wild and Scenic, the study would be a valuable asset for all the communities and could offer a blueprint for protection of the rivers and watershed.

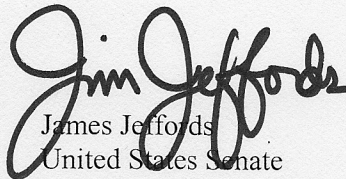
Due to your efforts in gathering local support, we can now begin the federal process of authorizing a study. With little time left in the current legislative session, it will be difficult to pass the necessary legislation before the end of the year. However, we are committed to continuing to work with you on this effort to make the river study a reality.

Again, we applaud your efforts to gain support for federal legislation regarding the Missisquoi and Trout rivers. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Bob Paquin of Senator Leahy's staff (802-229-0586), Tom Berry of Senator Jeffords' staff (802-658-6001), or JP Isabelle of Congressman Sanders' staff (802-862-0697).

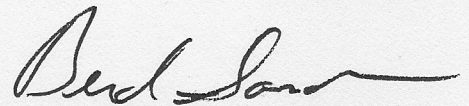
Sincerely,



Patrick Leahy  
United States Senate



James Jeffords  
United States Senate



Bernie Sanders  
Member of Congress

CC: Jamie Fosburgh, Rivers Program Manager  
National Parks Service  
15 State St.  
Boston, MA 02109