

Christopher Curtis, Vice President
Deerfield River Watershed Association
88 South Mill River Road
South Deerfield, MA 01373

February 25, 2021

RE: National Wild and Scenic River Designation for the Deerfield River

Dear Mr. Curtis:

The Marlboro Selectboard is writing to express our support for designating eligible segments of the Deerfield River and its tributaries as a National Wild and Scenic River. On February 25 2021, the Marlboro Selectboard met to discuss this issue, and voted to support seeking Congressional authorization and funds for a planning study to evaluate whether portions of the Deerfield River can be designated as a National Wild and Scenic River.

The Deerfield River is one of our region's most beautiful and special natural treasures, and it helps define the character of the Town of Marlboro. The Deerfield River deserves national designation for many reasons. The Deerfield River in Vermont features some of the best fly fishing in the East, wilderness hiking and camping opportunities, and whitewater boating on the undammed segments of the river.

We understand that designating segments of the Deerfield River as a National Wild and Scenic River would protect the river from new federally permitted dams and provide much needed federal funding for river improvement or restoration projects.

We look forward to working with the Deerfield River Watershed Association as this process advances to protect the Deerfield River.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jesse Kreitzer".

Jesse Kreitzer, Chair
Marlboro Selectboard