

Pafford, Matthew

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Sent: Thursday, February 15, 2018 4:28 PM
To: Pafford, Matthew
Subject: RE: Whiting Street Improvement Project

Dear Mr. Pafford:

The Farmington River Coordinating Committee (FRCC) was established when 14 miles of the upper Farmington River were designated as a National Wild & Scenic River – August 26, 1994. The FRCC comprises representatives from each of the five towns adjacent to the Farmington River (Barkhamsted, Canton, Colebrook, Hartland, and New Hartford) as well as representatives from the Farmington River Anglers Association, the Farmington River Watershed Association, the Metropolitan District Commission, the CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, and the National Park Service. The FRCC embodies an important partnership among the riverfront towns and others to provide stewardship of the Farmington River and its upper watershed.

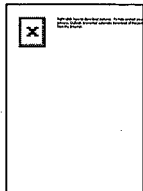
In fulfilling its congressionally-mandated duties, the FRCC is responsible for overseeing activities on the river and implementing the Upper Farmington River Management Plan. This Plan was developed in 1993 by the Farmington River Study Committee with extensive input from citizens and officials in the riverfront towns and nonprofit and governmental entities who have a stake in the health of the river. The Management Plan was updated in 2013 by the FRCC with much public input and approval by all members of the FRCC. A major component of our work plan each year is water quality monitoring, and supporting projects that will enhance water quality in the West Branch Farmington River.

The FRCC encourages the Whiting Street Improvement Project to include the described stormwater management components including improvements to existing drainage and, especially, installation of a bioswale. These are the types of projects that FRCC has been supporting in the Winchester area to help improve the quality of water flowing from tributaries into the West Branch Farmington Wild and Scenic River.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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on behalf of the FRCC

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