



Salmon River Watershed Partnership

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Corinne Fitting
Department of Energy & Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Protection and Land Reuse
79 Elm Street
Hartford, Connecticut, 06106-5127

RE: Proposed Stream Flow Classifications for the Connecticut River Basin

Dear Ms. Fitting:

On behalf of the Salmon River Watershed Partnership (SRWP) I am submitting comments on the Proposed Stream Flow Classifications as it pertains to the Salmon River Watershed.

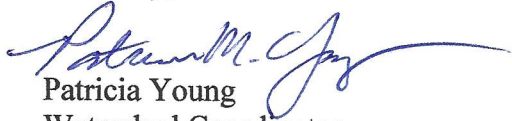
The Salmon River Watershed is a 149 square mile watershed, wholly in the state of Connecticut and is comprised of land from ten Connecticut towns. The Salmon River Watershed Partnership was formed to support collaborative efforts between the towns to focus on the protection of its resources.

As part of SRWP's review of the proposed stream flow classification mapping, municipal land-use staff was contacted and requested to verify factors for consideration in classification and identify whether future water supplies with significant investment were all represented. No comments relating to misrepresentation were submitted.

We would note two points. First, a recent dam removal on the Jeremy River in Colchester (Norton Mill Dam) was completed within the last year and another dam removal in Glastonbury on the Blackledge River is currently in design process. And second, we have attached our most recent open space mapping, which includes other preserved lands, not on the state mapping. This map is due for another update to include several more preserved parcels, which we would be happy to forward as soon as it is complete if timing is conducive. The map is a pdf format, but if another format would be helpful, please contact us.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If you should need any further information, please feel free to contact me at (860) 345-8700.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Patricia Young", with a long, sweeping horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Patricia Young
Watershed Coordinator
Salmon River Watershed Partnership