



The State of New Hampshire
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



Thomas S. Burack, Commissioner

June 23, 2010

Don Clement, Chair
c/o Theresa Walker
Rockingham Planning Commission
156 Water Street
Exeter, NH 03833

Dear Mr. ^{Don,} Clement:

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) is in receipt of your nomination for the designation of the Lower Exeter/Squamscott River into the Rivers Management and Protection Program. The original nomination was received on May 26, 2010 and the revised nomination was received on June 23, 2010.

Upon review of the materials submitted, including the river nomination form, maps and appendices, DES has determined that the nomination satisfies the requirements for completeness under RSA 483:6 and Env-Wq 1803. You may, however, continue to submit any supplemental information in support of the nomination that you wish. In addition, because the original nomination was received by the June 1st deadline, please be advised that the designation of the Lower Exeter/Squamscott River into the Rivers Management and Protection Program is now eligible for consideration during the next legislative session.

A public hearing will be scheduled so that DES and the Rivers Management Advisory Committee (RMAC) may receive public comments on the nomination. Ordinarily, a field trip along the river is scheduled for the same day as the hearing. We anticipate that the public hearing and field trip will be held in July. Following the public hearing and the evaluation of the nomination based on the criteria listed in RSA 483:6,IV and Env-Wq 1804, the DES Rivers Program and the RMAC will make their respective recommendations to the DES Commissioner about whether to approve the nomination.

I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming meeting of the RMAC on June 30th. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Laura Weit-Marcum
Acting Rivers Coordinator

cc: Thomas S. Burack, NHDES Commissioner
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