



Partnership Wild and Scenic Rivers

“Protecting Nationally Designated
Rivers Through Locally Based
Partnerships”

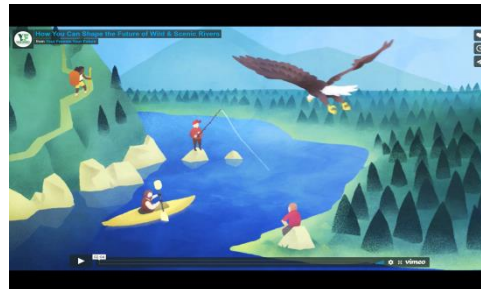
Wild and scenic rivers program

Federally-administered Model

- Managed by NPS, USFS, BLM, USFWS
- Mostly on federal land

Partnership Model

- Managed through locally-led partnership
- Mostly non-federal land



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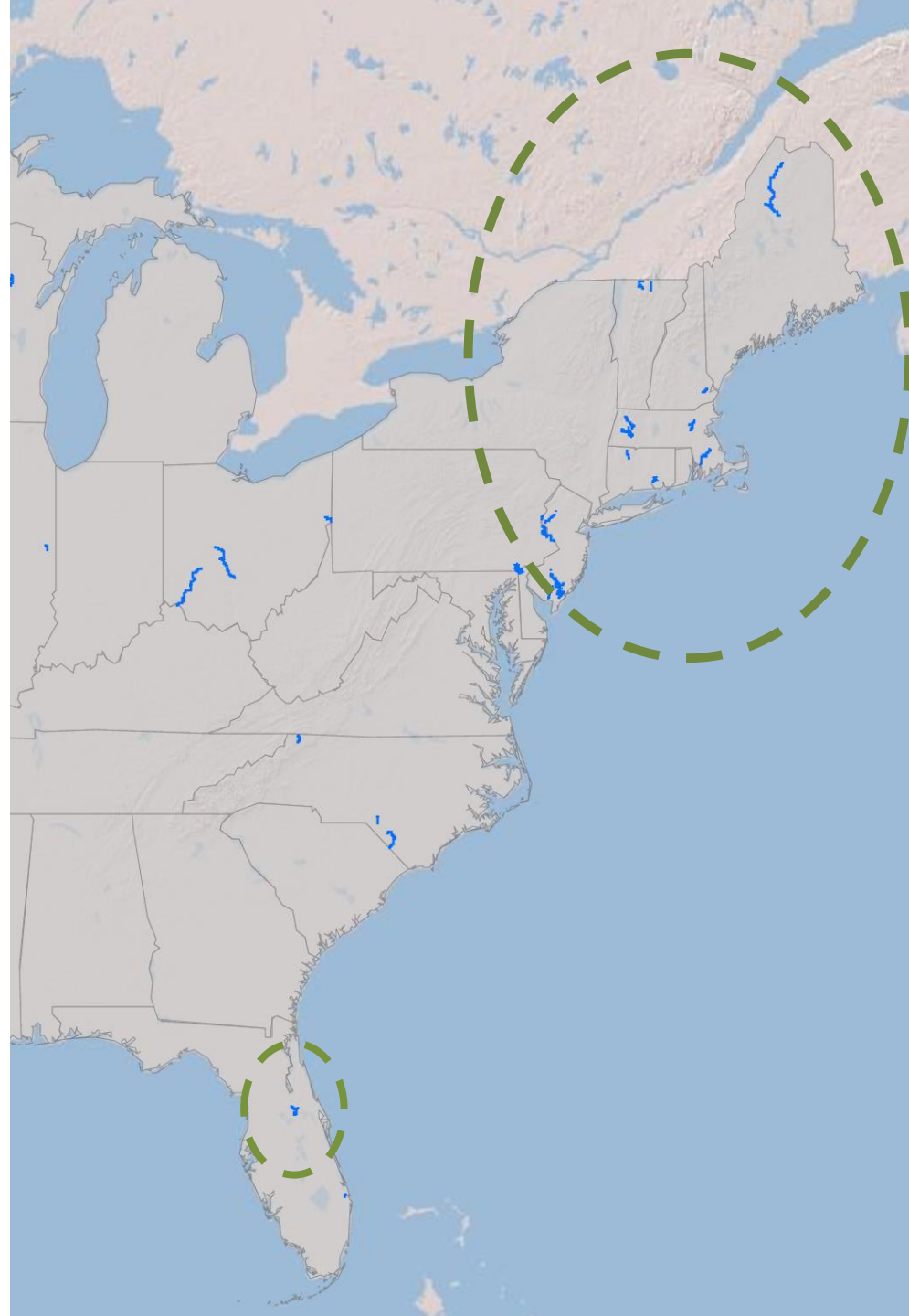
- Managed as “units” of the National Park System
 - Superintendent
 - Rangers/Law Enforcement
 - Federal boundaries
 - Special use permits --- manage recreation
 - Federal lands --- Federal acquisition
 - Federal leadership and control

Partnership Model

- NOT managed as “units” of the National Park System
- Local empowerment and control
- NPS in *support* role
- Local, state, private, tribal lands
- No rangers, no uniforms
- No federal acquisition
- Local leadership

NPS Partnership Rivers

1992	Great Egg Harbor, NJ
1993	Maurice, NJ
1993/2004	Westfield, MA*
1994	West Branch Farmington, CT
1999	Lamprey, NH
1996/2000	Sudbury/Assabet/Concord, MA
2000/2014	White Clay Creek, DE/PA
2000	Lower Delaware, PA/NJ
2000	Wekiva, FL
2006	Musconetcong, NJ
2008	Eightmile, CT
2009	Taunton, MA
2014	Missisquoi and Trout, VT
Study	York, ME
Study	Wood-Pawcatuck, RI
Study	Nashua, MA



Could pwsr be a good fit for My river?

- Is there a history of high local involvement and commitment to the river?
- Is there a mix of land ownership and/or mostly non-federal land ownership?
- Are there special resources highly valued at the local level?
- Do I have good local and agency partners to work with?
- Would my congressional representatives be potentially receptive?
- Others?



Background



Explore



Study



Designate

Components of study legislation

- Define study segments
- Define federal agency
- Direct a report to Congress within 3 years

Does PWSR study legislation differ from other WSR study legislation?



No (not necessarily!)



TOOLKIT REFERENCE: NPS Testimony sample on PWSR study legislation

How does the study committee function?

Local leadership (Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer)

NPS participation in an advisory role

\$\$\$ and technical support through Cooperative Agreements



TOOLKIT REFERENCE: SC bylaw examples

How does a study cooperative agreement work?

- Needs local partner that has right local stature
- Provides funds for use by Study Committee
- Funds can only be spent with vote of Study Committee
- Annual workplan and budgets developed by Study Committee



TOOLKIT REFERENCE: CA workplace examples and CA language

How does the management plan get developed?

Management plan is a local document



KEY POINT

ORV research and community engagement

What do people value about the river?

- May or may not be ORVs...
 - Ex: Missisquoi River – agriculture large feature of Plan but not ORV
- Expression of local value and commitment to river
- NPS technical assistance ensures it will meet WSR needs as well

Study committee may form Management Plan Subcommittee to write plan

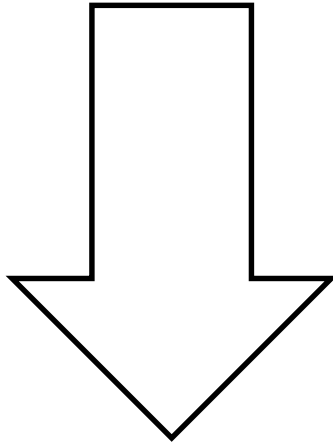
- Sometimes ORV research (sub-committee) takes on Plan once values are researched
- Outreach Sub-committee interface with town boards, stakeholders
- “Workshops” good tool to review ORV research to get input on Plan



TOOLKIT REFERENCE: Workshop agenda and draft ORV

- Key stakeholders must support the “vision”
- ORVs that “ring true” at local level

Building support for plan



BUILDING SUPPORT
FOR DESIGNATION



TOOLKIT REFERENCE: SC
outreach plans plus samples

How will local support be demonstrated?

Local constituents can show support by voting to adopt the Management Plan and its recommendations including whether or not to seek designation.

This can be accomplished in the best way for local communities including:



TOOLKIT REFERENCE: town hall sample resolutions



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Nashua River Wild and Scenic River Study Committee
c/o Nashua River Watershed Association
592 Main Street
Groton, MA 01450

Dear Mr. Fosburgh and Ms. Wallace:

This is to certify that the following was voted at the Annual Town meeting held March 14, 2018:

Article #19: Voted in the majority to accept the locally-developed River Stewardship Plan drafted by the Nashua River Wild and Scenic River Study Committee and its recommendation that the portion of the Nissitissit River flowing through Brookline be designated a Wild and Scenic River with the understanding it would not involve Federal acquisition or management of lands.

A true copy of record,
ATTEST:


Patti Howard- Barnett
Town Clerk

Good practices

Seek out dialog with potential opposition early and often

Outreach, outreach, outreach!

Use clear, accurate information

Identify key stakeholders

Meet with likely allies first, then identify potential adversaries

Engage skeptics early in the process

Repeat again and again what designation does NOT do

Highlight benefits, but don't club people over the head

Reassure folks that designation isn't required at end of the study

Listen!



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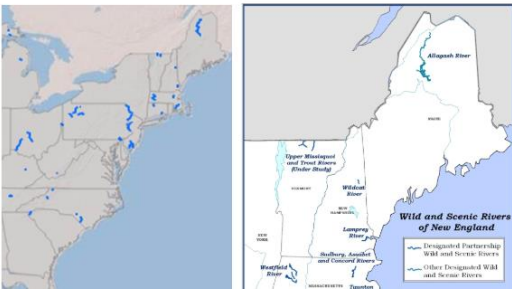
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Partnership Wild and Scenic River (PWSR) Toolkit Introduction



For 50 years the Wild and Scenic Rivers (WSR) program has been protecting our waters through the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

"It is hereby declared to be the policy of the United States that certain selected rivers of the Nation which, with their immediate environments, possess outstandingly remarkable scenic, recreational, geologic, fish and wildlife, historic, cultural or other similar values, shall be preserved in free-flowing condition, and that they and their immediate environments shall be protected for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Congress declares that the established national policy of dams and other construction at appropriate sections of the rivers of the United States needs to be complemented by a policy that would preserve other selected rivers or sections thereof in their free-flowing condition to protect the water quality of such rivers and to fulfill other vital national conservation purposes." (Wild & Scenic Rivers Act, October 2, 1968)



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Western Rivers Conservancy

Upcoming Events

No events

Where is the toolkit located?

Link to online toolkit:

<https://rms.memberclicks.net/PWSRToolkit>

Toolkit contacts:
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