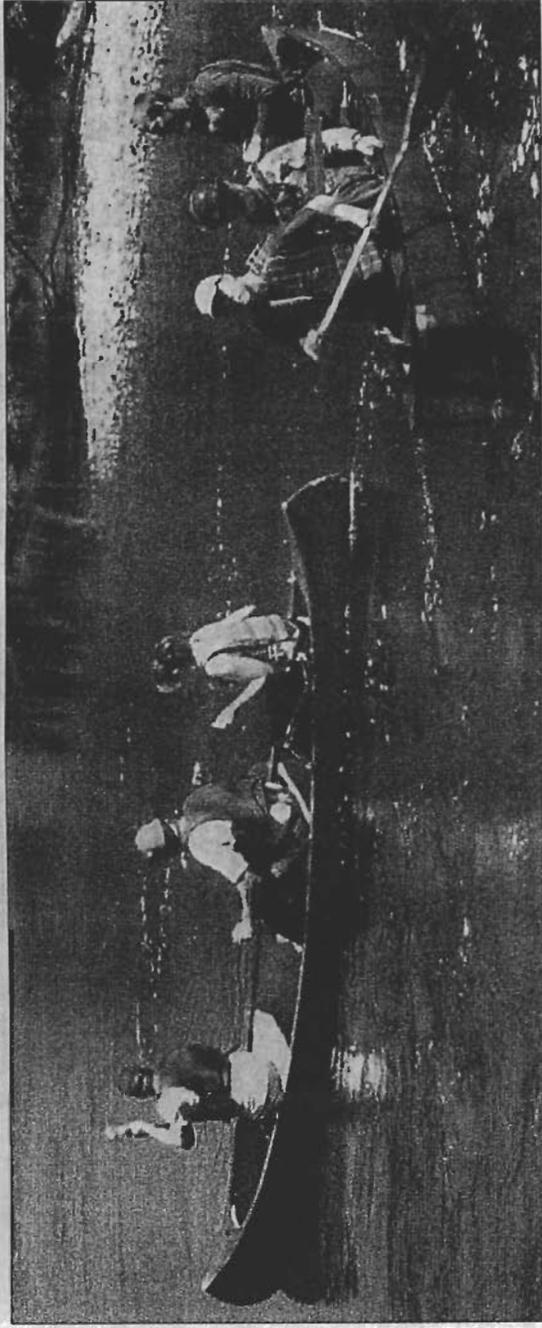


APPENDIX B. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT - SUPPORTING MATERIALS

1. Informational Flyer distributed at the 2008 Cocheco River Clean-Up event
2. Foster's Daily Democrat Article from May 4, 2008
3. Rochester Times Article from May 8, 2008
4. Rochester Times Article from May 15, 2008
5. Rochester Times Article from May 22, 2008
6. Proclamation from the Commissioners of Strafford County to Ron Chagnon and Don Black
6. Cocheco River Watershed Coalition 2008 Annual Meeting of March 27, 2008
7. Letter of April 25, 2008 from Cocheco River Watershed Coalition to Rochester City Council (also distributed to City staff)
8. Cocheco River Watershed Coalition and University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension 2008 Cocheco River Sweep Flyer (distributed to 250 persons)
9. Letter of April 28, 2008 from Cocheco River Watershed Coalition and University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension to Strafford County Delegation, Senators and County Commission regarding the 2008 Cocheco River Sweep
10. Copies of Notification of Corridor Communities letters and receipts mailed on May 23, 2008 to the Towns of New Durham, Middleton, Milton and Farmington, and the Cities of Rochester and Dover
11. Letter of Support of may 29, 2008 from Elizabeth Evans, Chairman, Town of Strafford Conservation Commission



John Nolan/Rochester Times photo

THOMPSON SCHOOL OF FORESTRY students, armed with chainsaws, head off down the Cochecho River in 2007 to clear a passage for canoes.

Cochecho River Sweep set for May 10

By LORIE CHASE

Cochecho River Watershed Coalition Coordinator

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This year some new activities are planned. After put-in, everyone will paddle downstream to the easy take-out access at Rochester's new recreation area at the Henderson property off the Rochester section of Route 11. Last year, with more than 100 paddlers, the event outgrew the roadside celebration at Little Falls Bridge.

This year the group can spread out for a barbecue and activities at the former campground. Forests, water, fish and wildlife will be featured in displays and hands-on activities at this new fest.

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lected along the way. Over the last 10 years, paddlers have collected tons of trash, so the river is more beautiful each year.

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There is no charge for the event. The rain date is May 17. Everyone is welcome.

Advance registration is required this year. Call the UNH Cooperative Extension office 749-4445 or 516-8113 for more information and to sign up by noon on Friday, May 9.

Before the launch, on May 5, Professor Matt Chagnon and his Thompson School of Forestry students will canoe the river and ensure there is an open passage, clear of fallen trees.

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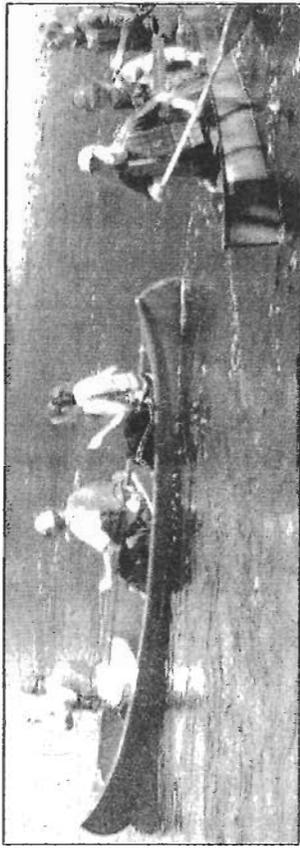
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County commissioners honor two for Cochecho River clean up efforts

By JOHN NOLAN
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ROCHESTER — The yearly trip down the Cochecho River to pick up garbage while enjoying nature now has an official title — The Ron Chagnon/Don Black Annual Cochecho River Sweep.

After scores of canoes came ashore, last Saturday, on land now owned by the City at the former Happy Valley Campground, and after a large crowd had gathered in a semicircle, County Commissioners George Maglaras of Dover and Paul Dumont of Rochester read a proclamation which bestowed the new title on the event, which has now taken place 11 years in a row.

Maglaras said that Chagnon, who is a fellow County Commissioner from Farmington, and Black, a Strafford resident who served, until recently as coun-

Honor

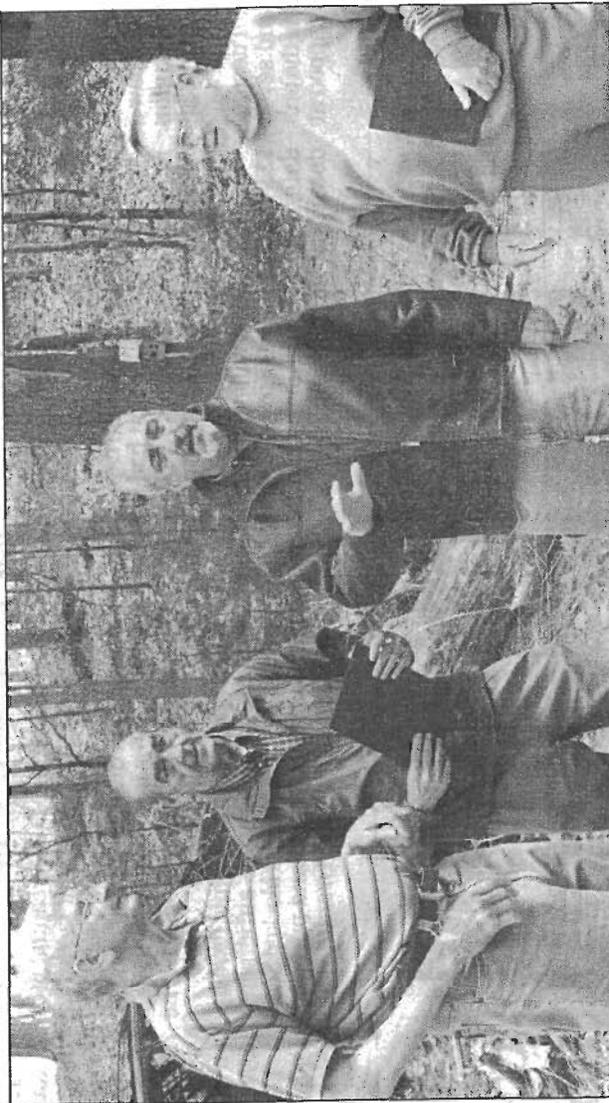
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ty forester for over three decades, had worked diligently, since the event's inception, "to organize and lead this educational and fun event."

"Over the years," said Maglaras, "with the partnership of Strafford County, the Cochecho River Watershed Coalition, UNH Cooperative Extension, The (Rochester) Times, several Rochester City staff, Waste Management Inc, NH Fish and Game, NH Department of Environmental Services, and many members of the public, the event has grown to several hundred paddlers annually who help clean up the river and have fun along the way. Don leads the way with educational programming and Ron hosts the event, providing a picnic for everyone that participates."

Recalling some of the fun, Chagnon mentioned a photograph run in The Times several years back when he was seeking reelection to the County Commission. The shot showed Chagnon in a canoe, with a wayward plastic chair on board which he had gleaned from the river bank as trash. The caption suggested he was trying to save his seat.

Black, who stands six feet seven inches tall, was reminded of the time when he was standing almost chin deep in water, chainsawing a tree trunk which had fallen over the river. Chagnon chuckled that the wa-



Don Black, left, and Ron Chagnon, second left, have been honored by County Commissioners George Maglaras, second right, and Paul Dumont for their efforts cleaning up the Cochecho River.

John Nolan/Times photo

ter would be flowing over the heads of normal people. On that occasion they were indebted to Butch Barron who turned up with his skidder to haul the blockage ashore.

"We have had a lot of help from a lot of people," said Black, singling out CRWC Coordinator Lorie Chase for special praise for her dedication to the cause of a cleaner river, "through coyote, gray fox, red fox, mink, muskrat, beaver and more."

Chagnon noted the help provided annually by the Thompson School students, who clear a route through fallen debris a few days before each trip.

ers sizzled on a grill operated by Strafford County Administrator Ray Bower, canoeists viewed the exhibits that had been set up by various agencies. Charlie Bridges of New Durham, representing Fish and Game, had a table of animal pelts that attracted much interest. His educational exhibits, all tagged with NHF&G labels, included skunk, coyote, gray fox, red fox, mink, muskrat, beaver and more.

DES also had an exhibit, with Steve Coucher focusing on river protection and Jen Drociack handling the volunteer river assessment program.

Chase reminded everyone that there will be a training session on May 22 for water quality monitor volunteers at Waste Management. She can be contacted at



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No, City Councilor Sandra Keans, right, is certainly not shopping for a fur stole. She and Irene Creteau, left, were checking out Charlie Bridges, second left, of NH Fish & Game's education display of pelts and skulls of creatures found in the state. This, and other informative exhibits were on view at the end of the recent Cocheco River canoe cleanup event.

PROCLAMATION



THE RON CHAGNON/DON BLACK ANNUAL COCHECO RIVER SWEEP

We, the Commissioners of Strafford County hereby declare this event the
Ronald R. Chagnon/Donald C. Black Cocheco River Sweep

In honor of these two gentlemen who have worked so diligently over the last eleven years to organize and lead this educational and fun event.

Cooperative Extension and the Cocheco River Watershed Coalition partnered in October of 1997 under a grant from the New Hampshire Estuaries Project for outreach education about the Cocheco River.

Canoe and kayaks trips have been organized every year since to show the local people the natural beauty of the river and to clean up trash along the way.

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Don leads the way providing educational programming and Ron hosts the event, providing a picnic for everyone that participates.

In Witness Whereof, We have hereunto set our hand pen to paper this day, May 10, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Eight and declare this event the Ron Chagnon/Don Black Cocheco River Sweep.

George Maglaras
Chairman
Strafford County

Paul J. Dumont
Vice Chairman
Strafford County





You are invited to our
10th Annual Meeting
Thursday, March 27, 2008, 6:30 p.m.
Roberge Center at Wyandotte Falls
Rochester

Potluck Supper

- 🍷 Bring a friend
- 🍷 Bring a dish for dinner...
 - If your last name begins with A-H, bring a main dish.
 - If it begins with I-Z, bring a salad or side dish.
 - Dessert and beverages will be provided

Special Presentation:

Images of the Cocheco River

A potpourri of impressions of the Cocheco River contributed by members, partners, media and other friends during our ten years of stewardship of the river.

Other Business:

- 🍷 Election of Directors
- 🍷 Brief preview of the 2008 monitoring program

Call with questions and to sign up 269-5461 or 749-4445



Everyone is welcome!

A clean river benefits everyone...including YOU!



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April 25, 2008

Dear Rochester City Official,

This is a special invitation for you to participate in the annual Cocheco River Sweep from Farmington to Rochester on Saturday, May 10. The trip is sponsored by the Cocheco River Watershed Coalition and Strafford County UNH Cooperative Extension. County Commissioner Ron Chagnon of Farmington is hosting the event.

Departing at 9:00 am, we will paddle downstream from the Farmington well site to the Henderson property purchased by the City as a water source and recreation area. We are planning new festivities at the former campground with a variety of hands-on activities and displays. Hotdogs and all the fixings will be served.

A tour of the property designed for community officials to explore the natural resources will be lead by Frank Mitchell, UNH Cooperative Extension Professor/Specialist in Land and Water Conservation. You are specially invited to come for the tour. You are welcome to paddle down the river to the site or to join us between 11:00 and 1:00 for a picnic and the hands-on educational activities and displays before the tour begins at 1:00 pm.

We have reserved the NH DES canoes for the event, so if you do not have a canoe or kayak, we will provide a place in a canoe for you. The canoes are large and stable. If you are not an experienced paddler, we will provide one to guide your trip. Everyone must wear an U.S. Coast guard approved personal flotation device and, again, we will provide one if you don't have your own.

It is important that you call (749-4445) or email lorie.chase@unh.edu before Friday, May 9 at noon, to let us know that you are coming, if you have a canoe or if you need to reserve a place and if you are bringing others. Space is limited, but we want to accommodate you. Rain date is May 17.

We look forward to seeing you on the river!

Lorie Chase
Cocheco River Watershed Coalition

Deborah Goard
Strafford County UNH Cooperative Extension



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Cochecho River
Watershed Coalition

Annual Cochecho River Sweep

**A Canoe and Kayak Trip from Farmington to Rochester
Saturday, May 10, 2008, 9:00 a.m.**

If you are comfortable paddling a canoe or kayak on a spring day, then this is the trip for you. UNH Cooperative Extension, the Cochecho River Watershed Coalition, and the NH Department of Environmental Services have collaborated with Strafford County Commissioner, Ron Chagnon, to provide an informative and enjoyable day on the river.

NEW! Festive activities at our eleventh annual event!



We'll gather and put in at the usual place, the Farmington well site off Rt. 11. As we paddle downstream we can pick up trash and enjoy the scenic river along the way. We will take out at the easy boat landing at Rochester's new recreation area on the Henderson property. There we will have some fun and educational activities in the former campground. Forests, water, wildlife and fish will be featured in hands-on activities and displays. A picnic with hotdogs and all the fixings will be served from the grill.

- Paddlers must wear US Coast Guard approved personal flotation devices.
- Bring water to drink.
- **Pre-registration is required this year.** Please call 749-4445 or 516-8113 to sign-up and for directions to the site before noon on May 9.
- There is no charge fro the event, but donations to cover the cost of food are welcome.
- Trash bags will be provided for paddlers and then collected by Waste Management, Inc.
- Transportation back to your car will be provided.
- Those who want a longer paddle trip can continue downstream later on their own.
- Rain date is May 17.

Everyone is welcome!

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April 28, 2008

Good Morning:

Together with the Cocheco River Watershed Coalition and Strafford County UNH Cooperative Extension, we are extending this special invitation for you to participate in the annual Cocheco River Sweep from Farmington to Rochester on Saturday, May 10, 2008. The trip is sponsored by the Cocheco River Watershed Coalition and Strafford County UNH Cooperative Extension. County Commissioner Ron Chagnon of Farmington is hosting the event.

This year we would like to honor the two gentlemen who have dedicated many years to this event, Don Black and Ron Chagnon by proclaiming this the Annual Don Black/Ron Chagnon Cocheco River Sweep. This is a surprise for these two gentlemen, and we are hoping that you will be able to attend.

The river sweep in canoes and/or kayaks begins at 9:00 in the morning and will end at the Henderson Property in Rochester. This is where we will hold the Dedication Ceremony at approximately 11:00 a.m., along with festivities, a variety of hand-on activities, displays, and a tour of the property to explore the natural resources. Hotdogs, hamburgers, and all the fixings will be served. For further information on the activities planned for this special day, please see the attached flyer.

It is important that you call 749-4445 or e-mail lorie.chase@unh.edu, before Friday, May 9, at noon, to let us know that you are coming, if you have a canoe or if you need to reserve a place and if you are bringing others, or if you are attending the Dedication Ceremony and/or activities part of the event only. Space in the canoes is limited, but we want to accommodate you. The rain date for this event is May 17.

We look forward to seeing you on the river and at the Dedication Ceremony!



*Commissioner Ron Chagnon and former Forestry Educator Don Black,
along with a friend (photo courtesy of Lorie Chase)*

Very truly yours,

George Maglaras, Chairman

Paul J. Dumont, Vice Chairman

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Cochecho River Watershed Coalition
268 County Farm Road
Dover, NH 03820
603.749.4445

May 22, 2008

Mayor Scott Myers
City of Dover
288 Central Avenue
Dover, NH 03820

Dear Mayor Myers:

The Cochecho River Water Coalition, in partnership with the Strafford Regional Planning Commission, wishes to notify the City of Dover of the Coalition's submittal to the NH Department of Environmental Services to nominate the Cochecho River for designation to the NH Rivers Management and Protection Program. The Cochecho River Watershed is in a region undergoing rapid growth with pressures from associated development that effect the existing environmental status of the river corridor and watershed. The benefits of designation of the river will provide:

- ✓ Increased protection against the construction of new dams, damaging channel alterations, water quality impairment, and the siting of solid and hazardous waste facilities in the river corridor (one quarter mile from its banks);
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- ✓ Development of a long-range management plan for the river that coordinates state planning and management of fisheries, water quality and quantity, and recreation.

The City of Dover has recognized the Cochecho River as an important natural and community resource in its Master Plan goals. In addition, the Town's zoning ordinance, in the Sensitive Area Development Standards, Aquifer Protection Overlay District, Watershed Protection Overlay District, Wetlands Conservation Overlay District, Waterfront Protection Overlay District, includes river setbacks and buffers, limited uses and development disturbance near the river, and water quality standards. These local level protections are vitally important to the future ecological health and sustainability of the river's ecosystem.

The Cochecho River is a unique and important resource that should be designated to ensure protection of the river's natural resources, water quality and wildlife habitats. The river is a valuable community resource, providing scenic beauty, historic character, and recreational uses for all communities within the watershed and the region. Designation of the river will help bring citizens and communities together to develop an integrated strategy to manage and protect the river. The Coalition asks for your support for the nomination of the Cochecho River as one of New Hampshire's protected rivers.

Sincerely,



Calvin E. Schroeder
Chairman, Board of Directors
Cochecho River Watershed Coalition



Cynthia J. Copeland, AICP
Executive Director
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cc: Ronald Cole, Planning Board - Chair
Rep. Thomas Fargo, Conservation Commission - Chair
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Christopher Parker, Director of Planning and Community Development



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May 22, 2008

Tom Gray
Board of Selectmen, Chair
Town of Milton
424 White Mountain Highway
Milton, NH 03851

Dear Selectman Gray:

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Although the Town of Milton contains only a small portion of the Cochecho River corridor, these lands lie within the Cochecho River Headwaters, a Conservation Focus Area identified in *The Land Conservation Plan for New Hampshire's Coastal Watersheds (2006)*. The Cochecho River Headwaters area contains critical ecological, biological, and water resources of New Hampshire's coastal watershed including diverse wildlife habitat, abundant wetlands, high water quality, productive forests, and outstanding recreational opportunities. In 2008, the Town of New

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Cynthia Wyatt, Conservation Commission - Chair
Rober Naeger, Zoning Board of Adjustment - Chair



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May 22, 2008

Gerald McCarthy
Board of Selectmen, Chair
Town of Farmington
356 Main Street
Farmington, NH 03835

Dear Selectman McCarthy:

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The Town of Farmington has recognized the Cochecho River as an important natural and community resource in its Master Plan goals. In addition, the Town's zoning ordinance, in the Conservation District, Groundwater Protection District, includes river setbacks, limited uses and development disturbance near the river, and water quality standards. These local level protections are vitally important to the future ecological health and sustainability of the river's ecosystem.

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May 22, 2008

Mayor John H. LaRochelle
City of Rochester
31 Wakefield Street
Rochester, NH 03867-1917

Dear Mayor LaRochelle:

The Cocheco River Water Coalition, in partnership with the Strafford Regional Planning Commission, wishes to notify the City of Rochester of the Coalition's submittal to the NH Department of Environmental Services to nominate the Cocheco River for designation to the NH Rivers Management and Protection Program. The Cocheco River Watershed is in a region undergoing rapid growth with pressures from associated development that effect the existing environmental status of the river corridor and watershed. The benefits of designation of the river will provide:

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The City of Rochester has recognized the Cocheco River as an important natural and community resource in its Master Plan goals. In addition, the City is working to complete their first Natural Resource Chapter for their Master Plan, which speaks of the natural and community resource values of the Cocheco River. Lastly, the City's zoning ordinance, in the Aquifer Protection District and Conservation Overlay District, includes river setbacks and buffers, limited uses and development disturbance near the river, and water quality standards. These local level protections are vitally important to the future ecological health and sustainability of the river's ecosystem.

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John Scruton, City Manager
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Scott Benoit, Zoning Board of Adjustment – Chair
Kenneth Ortmann, Director, Department of Planning and Development



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May 22, 2008

Roger Mains
Board of Selectmen – Chair
Town of Middleton
182 King's Highway
Middleton, NH 03887

Dear Selectman Mains:

The Cocheco River Water Coalition, in partnership with the Strafford Regional Planning Commission, wishes to notify the Town of Middleton of the Coalition's submittal to the NH Department of Environmental Services to nominate the Cocheco River for designation to the NH Rivers Management and Protection Program. The Cocheco River Watershed is in a region undergoing rapid growth with pressures from associated development that effect the existing environmental status of the river corridor and watershed. The benefits of designation of the river will provide:

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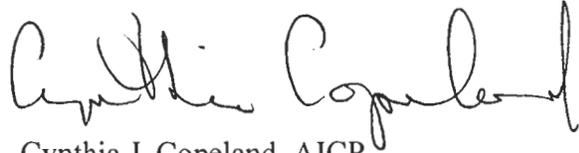
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Executive Director
Strafford Regional Planning Commission

cc: Jack Savage, Planning Board - Chair
Kate Buzard, Conservation Commission - Chair
Joseph Branca, Zoning Board of Adjustment - Chair



Cochecho River Watershed Coalition
268 County Farm Road
Dover, NH 03820
603.749.4445

May 22, 2008

Ronald W. Gehl
Board of Selectmen – Chair
Town of New Durham
4 Main Street, P.O. Box 367
New Durham, NH 03855

Dear Selectman Gehl:

The Cochecho River Water Coalition, in partnership with the Strafford Regional Planning Commission, wishes to notify the Town of New Durham of the Coalition's submittal to the NH Department of Environmental Services to nominate the Cochecho River for designation to the NH Rivers Management and Protection Program. The Cochecho River Watershed is in a region undergoing rapid growth with pressures from associated development that effect the existing environmental status of the river corridor and watershed. The benefits of designation of the river will provide:

- ✓ Increased protection against the construction of new dams, damaging channel alterations, water quality impairment, and the siting of solid and hazardous waste facilities in the river corridor (one quarter mile from its banks);
- ✓ Establishment of a local river advisory committee to coordinate management and protection of the river at the local and regional levels, providing the riverfront communities with a direct avenue for formal input into state decisions affecting the river; and
- ✓ Development of a long-range management plan for the river that coordinates state planning and management of fisheries, water quality and quantity, and recreation.

In 2008, the Town of New Durham strongly supported protection of the Cochecho River and its watershed by adopting a Conservation Focus Area ordinance and a Steep Slope Protection District ordinance. The purpose of the Conservation Focus Area ordinance is to conserve lands of exceptional significance containing the critical ecological, biological, and water resources of New Hampshire's coastal watershed including diverse wildlife habitat, abundant wetlands, high water quality, productive forests, and outstanding recreational opportunities. The Steep Slope Protection District ordinance implements standards for development of steeply sloping lands in order to limit soil loss, erosion, excessive storm water runoff, and the degradation of surface waters, and to maintain the natural topography and drainage patterns of land.

The Cochecho River is a unique and important resource that should be designated to ensure protection of the river's natural resources, water quality and wildlife habitats. The river is a valuable community resource, providing scenic beauty, historic character, and recreational uses for all communities within the watershed and the region. Designation of the river will help bring citizens and communities together to develop an integrated strategy to manage and protect the river. The Coalition asks for your support for the nomination of the Cochecho River as one of New Hampshire's protected rivers.

Sincerely,



Calvin E. Schroeder
Chairman, Board of Directors
Cochecho River Watershed Coalition



Cynthia J. Copeland, AICP
Executive Director
Strafford Regional Planning Commission

cc: Bob Craycraft, Planning Board - Chair
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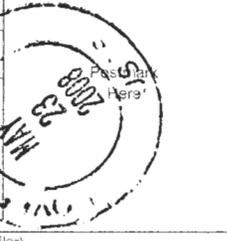
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4 Main Street
New Durham NH 03855

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Carole Inghan

 Agent
 Addressee

B. Received by (Printed Name)

Carole Inghan

C. Date of Delivery

5/24/08

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Roger Mains
Town of Middleton
182 King's Highway
Middleton NH 03887

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D. Reynolds

 Agent
 Addressee

B. Received by (Printed Name)

D. REYNOLDS

C. Date of Delivery

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 Town of Farmington
 356 Main Street
 Farmington NH 03835

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 City of Rochester
 31 Wakefield Street
 Rochester NH 03807

2. Article Number

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- C.O.D.

4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee)

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*Strafford Conservation Commission
Town of Strafford, New Hampshire*

May 28, 2008

Steven M. Couture
Rivers Coordinator
NH Department of Environmental Services
6 Hazen Drive, P.O. Box 95
Concord, New Hampshire 03302-0095

MAY 29 2008

Dear Mr. Couture:

The Strafford Conservation Commission wishes to express our support of the nomination of the Cocheco River as a State Designated River under the New Hampshire Rivers Management and Protection Program.

Our community lies within the Cocheco River watershed area, on the Isinglass River. We have benefited from the designation of the Isinglass River, one of the major tributaries of the Cocheco River. We are now delighted to support the nomination of the main stem of the river into the state program.

As a watershed community, we have always recognized that the Cocheco River is a unique and important resource that should be designated to ensure protection of the river's natural resources, water quality, and wildlife habitats. Over the past few decades, we have been delighted to see major improvements in water quality in the Cocheco River. In addition to water quality and riparian habitat, the river offers many other qualities, including scenic beauty, historic character, and recreational uses. Without the Cocheco, the history of seacoast New Hampshire would have been dramatically different. The river is a valuable community resource that benefits not only the communities through which it flows, but also citizens within its watershed and the region. Designation of the river will help bring citizens and communities together to develop an integrated strategy to manage and protect the river.

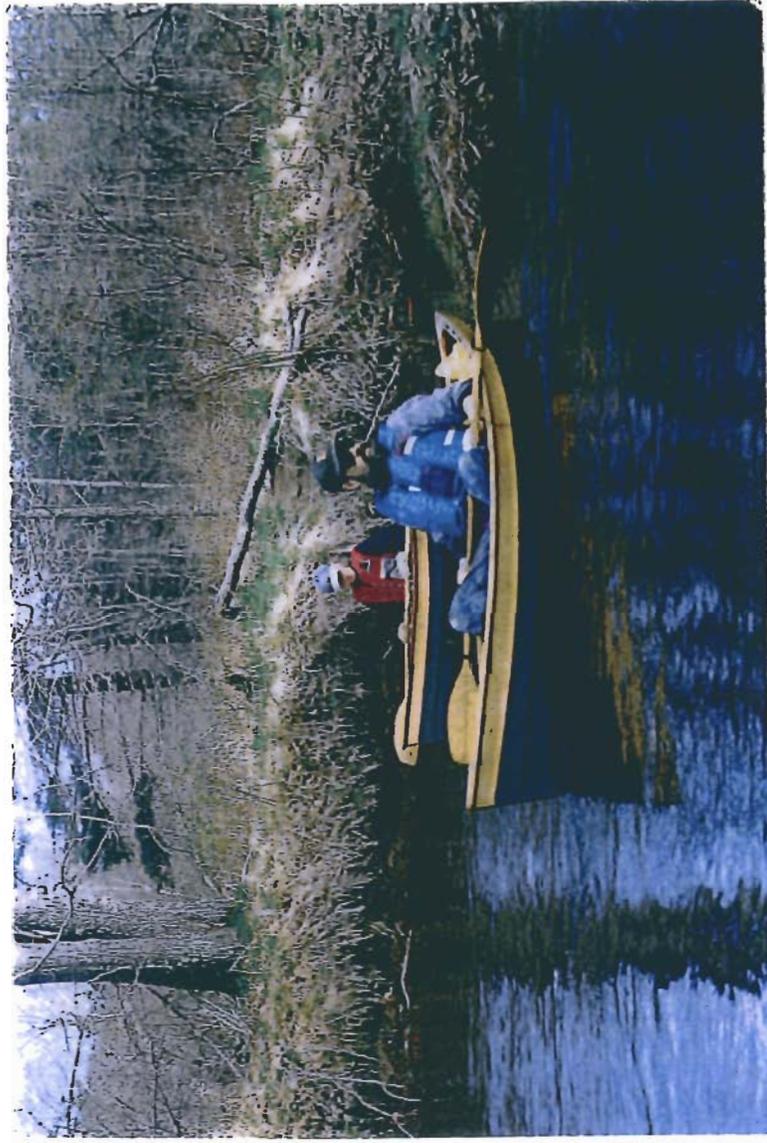
We hope that the NH Department of Environmental Services and the NH Legislature approve the Cocheco River's nomination for designation to ensure that future generations of New Hampshire citizens will continue to use and enjoy this resource.

Sincerely,

Strafford Conservation Commission

Elizabeth Evans

Elizabeth Evans
Chairman



CANOE THE COCHECO RIVER

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