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Steve Meehan  
President of Squannacook Greenways  
88 South Harbor Road  
Townsend, MA

Dear Mr. Meehan,

Thank you for all the work you do through Squannacook Greenways to improve the quality of life in Townsend and Groton. Your work to build the Squannacook River Rail Trail is important to enhance the quality of life in these towns. Safely bicycling from one town to the other will increase connectivity between communities and helps form a network of bike trails that includes the Nashua River Rail Trail. Trails such as the Squannacook River Rail Trail are especially important to younger residents who do not yet drive and can offer health benefits of physical activity and promote more active lifestyles at all ages.

I understand the Squannacook River Rail Trail has the potential to be part of a 22 mile system of bike trails that help connect five Massachusetts towns along with connections into New Hampshire. These trails are important to the infrastructure of the 21<sup>st</sup> century as younger generations move away from automobile travel and the nation as a whole changes to greener and healthier modes of transportation for both ourselves and the environment.

Thank you again for all your efforts and hope to one day walk on the Squannacook River Rail Trail with you.

Sincerely,



Niki Tsongas  
Member of Congress