Petition

Supporting designation of the Upper Housatonic River Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC)

I strongly support the Upper Housatonic River ACEC, without any boundary changes. The boundaries were chosen based on all the criteria of the ACEC regulations and on the studies and ecological resource maps done by state agencies and other researchers. The boundaries respect the integrity of the ecosystem to be protected by the ACEC, and help to preserve the fisheries, wildlife, recreation, tourism, and neighborhoods that depend upon the Housatonic River and its surroundings. The experience of the many towns across the Commonwealth with ACECs shows that designation will not impede economic development, but will enhance the ecological and economic value of the area for all of us into the future.

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