



**EIGHTMILE RIVER**  
WILD & SCENIC WATERSHED

**1066 Saybrook Road, Haddam, CT 06438**

June 1, 2017

Corinne Fitting  
Department of Energy & Environmental Protection  
Bureau of Water Protection and Land Reuse  
79 Elm Street  
Hartford, Connecticut, 06106-5127

**RE: Proposed Stream Flow Classifications for the Connecticut River Basin**

Dear Ms. Fitting:

On behalf of the Eightmile River Wild & Scenic Coordinating Committee (ERWSCC) we are submitting comments on the Proposed Stream Flow Classifications for the Connecticut River Basin as it pertains to the Eightmile River Watershed.

The Eightmile River was designated by Congress as a *Wild & Scenic River* in 2008. The Watershed is recognized as one of the best preserved systems of its kind within close proximity to Long Island Sound. We believe the proposed Stream Flow Classifications for the watershed reflect the natural flow regime that was a key consideration in designation. ERWSCC has actively partnered with other organizations and communities to restore and improve protection of water resources in the watershed and the proposed Stream Flow Classification will aid in these management activities.

As part of ERWSCC's review process, the proposed classification mapping was forwarded to the First Selectman's Office of each of the main communities that make up the majority of the watershed to ensure that there were no future water supplies with significant investment that had not been incorporated in the mapping. Based on comments received back, it appears classification mapping accurately reflects local plans.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer support for this important acquisition, if you should need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact our office at 860.345.8700.

Sincerely,

Patricia Young  
Program Director  
Eightmile River Watershed