

# The Partnership Wild and Scenic Rivers Program

BUDGET REQUEST - FISCAL YEAR 2005

**An Intelligent and Cost-Effective Way for Congress to Conserve  
Hundreds of Miles of Rivers and Thousands of Acres of Riparian  
Land by Paying Only a Small Fraction of the Full Cost !**



*Pictured Above: The Wild and Scenic Assabet & Farmington Rivers*

- **The Partnership Wild and Scenic Rivers Program** ~ A National Park Service program that enlists a host of local, regional and state partners to protect privately owned rivers by creating long-term public partnerships and conservation management plans.
- **Leveraging Federal Dollars** ~ Nationally designated rivers that benefit from federal dollars and the state, local, and private dollars that this program leverages.
- **Protection Through Partnership** ~ Our Wild and Scenic Rivers and the land surrounding them profit from funding, but committed people contribute volunteer hours and dedicated partners donate professional in-kind services to protect, manage and enhance wild and scenic rivers.
- **An Eleven Year Success Story** ~ To date, the Partnership Wild and Scenic Rivers Program has a 11 year track record of successful partnerships with 8 designated rivers covering over 600 river miles!

**While Federal Funding is the Key to Unlock the Far Greater Contributions of All of Our  
Partners, the Existing Partnership Wild and Scenic Rivers has yet to receive the Full Federal  
Contribution Requested to Fully Support Our Designations**

## **Congressional Support Is Needed!**

**FY 2005 Budget Line Item - Department of Interior/National Park  
Service/Park Support/Wild and Scenic River Coordination**

**Funding Needed For Wild & Scenic River Coordination - \$1.64 Million**

**Total Received For FY 2004 ~ \$ 900,000**

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*Pictured Above: The Wild & Scenic Great Egg Harbor & Maurice Rivers*

### What Makes The Partnership Wild & Scenic Rivers Program Unique?

- **Cooperation and Partnership** ~ Through the cooperative efforts of the National Park Service, state and local agencies, and citizen groups, an effective strategy is developed for each partnership wild and scenic river that reflects the needs and concerns of river users. Federal funding through the NPS's Park Support Budget not only ensures individual conservation management plans are carried out with care and foresight, it also helps to leverage funding from state, local, and private sources.
- **Leveraging Federal Funding Locally** ~ For example, on the Maurice River, the city of Millville, NJ has shown its commitment to the protection and management of the Maurice River, and has undertaken a variety of projects such as a visitor's center and river front redesign. Federal funding of just \$25,000 has been met by state and municipal sources at \$1,626,500.

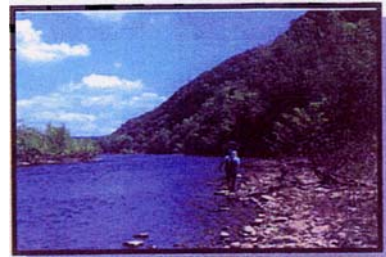
### What Is Federal Funding Needed For?

- **Wild and Scenic Management Plan Implementation** ~ The requested funding of 1.64 million is the total federal funding needed to fully support the management plan recommendations for all currently designated rivers. With this funding, the National Park Service and its partners from each Wild and Scenic River will assure that the values for which the rivers were designated will remain undiminished.

Again, the requested funding will be leveraged at the statewide and local levels, so that each river may implement the specific goals, objectives, and recommendations included in the Wild and Scenic River Management Plans. More specific information about the funding needs for each river, and how each organization will leverage and direct federal funding is explained on the next two pages.

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*Pictured Above: The Lower Delaware Wild & Scenic River*

## Budget Request Individual Rivers ~ Fiscal Year 2005

<b>WILD &amp; SCENIC RIVER</b>	<b>FY 2005 REQUEST</b>
Farmington River, Connecticut	\$ 200,000
Great Egg Harbor River, New Jersey	\$ 255,000
Lamprey River, New Hampshire	\$ 150,000
Lower Delaware River, Pennsylvania & New Jersey	\$ 350,000
Maurice River, New Jersey	\$ 210,000
Sudbury, Assabet & Concord Rivers, Massachusetts	\$ 200,000
White Clay Creek, Pennsylvania & Delaware	\$ 150,000
Wekiva River, Florida	\$ 100,000
NPS Coordination of Partnership Program	\$ 25,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,640,000</b>

**Total Support Needed is Only 1.64 Million !**

**Local Initiatives** - Each river organization has goals, objectives, and recommended activities included in their conservation management plans.

**Interpretation/Education** - Local citizens, landowners and visitors must be informed about the unique values of each river. This ensures river preservation.

**Partner Implementation** - Matching funds from National Park Service are provided to Partnering Agencies & Local Environmental Organizations.

**National Park Service Staff** - Park Service personnel are our partners. They provide coordination, expertise, and on-going assistance.

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*Pictured Above: The Lamprey River & White Clay Creek Wild & Scenic Rivers*

**The Farmington River** (14 Miles Designated) ~ Bordered by state parks and forests, the Farmington River Valley is currently the only place in the state that is home to nesting bald eagles.

**Funding Requested FY 2005: \$200,000**

**The Great Egg Harbor** (129 Miles Designated) – The Great Egg Harbor River is characterized by floodplain swamps, and a vast marshland estuary where the river joins the Atlantic Ocean.

**Funding Requested FY 2005: \$255,000**

**The Lamprey River** (24 Miles Designated) ~ A tributary of the Great Bay Estuarine Reserve, the river supports an incredible diversity of wildlife.

**Funding Requested FY 2005: \$150,000**

**The Lower Delaware River** (178 Miles Designated) ~ Located between NYC and Philadelphia, the lower Delaware is a significant recreation resource to millions of people.

**Funding Requested FY 2005: \$350,000**

**The Maurice River** (36 Miles Designated) ~ The Maurice River flows through grassy marshlands, becoming increasingly brackish as tidal saltwater from the Delaware Bay is added.

**Funding Requested FY 2005: \$210,000**

**The Sudbury, Assabet, & Concord Rivers** (29 Miles Designated) ~ The Sudbury and Assabet rivers, which join to form the Concord, flow through the heartland of the American Revolution.

**Funding Requested FY2005: \$200,000**

**The White Clay Creek** (191 Miles Designated) ~ Regarded as Delaware's premier trout stream, the White Clay Creek supports a rich and healthy wildlife population that includes threatened bog turtles.

**Funding Requested FY2005: \$150,000**

**The Wekiva River** (42 Miles Designated) ~ The Central Florida river systems is surrounded by 70,000 acres of protected land, and is one of the most heavily canoed waters in the state.

**Funding Requested FY2005: \$100,000**

**The Musconetcong River** (29 Miles Studied) ~ Legislation to designate the river was introduced in March 2004.