

Partnership Wild & Scenic Rivers

BUDGET REQUEST - FISCAL YEAR 2010

Proven, Cost-Effective Protection for Hundreds of Miles of Rivers and Thousands of Acres of Riparian Land



Westfield
River, MA (L)
and
Farmington
River, CT (R)



Partnership Wild & Scenic Rivers ~ A unique category of designated Wild & Scenic Rivers managed through long-term partnerships between the National Park Service and local, regional and state stakeholders. This collaborative, locally driven planning and management approach to river conservation is an effective alternative to direct federal management and administration.

Leveraging Federal Dollars ~ Nationally designated river protection anchored by federal funds leverages substantial additional state, local, and private funding.

Protection Through Public Partnerships ~ Partnership Wild & Scenic Rivers and the land surrounding them benefit from hundreds of committed people contributing thousands of volunteer hours and donating professional and other in-kind services to protect, manage and enhance our national Outstanding Resource Values: scenic, recreational, geologic, fish and wildlife, historic, and cultural.

A 16-Year Success Story ~ Partnership Wild & Scenic Rivers have a 16-year track record of successful partnerships, with 12 designated rivers in 7 states covering over 700 river miles. In 2007, the Ash Institute for Democratic Governance and Innovation at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government named PWSRs one of the top 50 government innovations linking citizens with important public services. It was one of only six federal programs selected for the award.

Congressional Support Is Needed!

Partnership Wild & Scenic Rivers need to receive full federal funding to adequately protect and manage their Outstanding Resource Values. Full federal funding is the key to unlocking the far greater contributions of all of our partners.

Funding Needed for Wild & Scenic River Protection: \$2.746 Million
Total Appropriation for FY 2008: \$1.5 Million

FY 2010 Budget Line Item: Department of Interior/National Park
Service/Park Support/Wild and Scenic River Coordination

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Great Egg Harbor River, NJ (L) and Maurice River, NJ (R)



What Makes The Partnership Wild & Scenic Rivers Program Unique?

- **Cooperation and Partnership** ~ Through the cooperative efforts of the National Park Service, state and local government, and citizen groups, an effective strategy is developed for each designated river that supports both resource protection and river use. Federal funding through the NPS's Park Support Budget ensures that river-specific conservation management plans are carried out with care and foresight.
- **Leveraging Federal Funding Locally** ~ Federal support helps in leveraging additional funding from state, local, and private sources. For example, on the Great Egg Harbor River in FY2008, a federal investment of \$171,000 leveraged \$3,644,000 of local, county, and state funding to preserve almost 1,000 acres of watershed lands by direct purchase of land and development rights for open space and farmland preservation.

What Is Federal Funding Needed For?

- **Wild and Scenic Management Plan Implementation** ~ The requested funding of \$2.746 million is the total federal funding needed to fully support the management plan recommendations for the 12 designated Partnership Wild & Scenic Rivers. With this funding, the National Park Service and its partners from each designated river will ensure that the national Outstanding Resource Values for which the rivers were designated will remain undiminished.



Musconetcong River, NJ (L) and Eightmile River, CT (R)



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Lower Delaware River, PA & NJ (L) and SuAsCo River, MA (R)



Budget Request Individual Rivers ~ Fiscal Year 2010

PARTNERSHIP WILD & SCENIC RIVER	FY 2010 REQUEST
Eightmile River, Connecticut	\$ 205,500
Farmington River, Connecticut	\$ 200,000
Great Egg Harbor River, New Jersey	\$ 255,000
Lamprey River, New Hampshire	\$ 226,000
Lower Delaware River, Pennsylvania & New Jersey	\$ 350,000
Maurice River, New Jersey	\$ 210,000
Musconetcong River, New Jersey	\$ 400,000
Sudbury, Assabet & Concord Rivers, Massachusetts	\$ 200,000
Taunton River, Massachusetts	\$ 124,500
Wekiva River, Florida	\$ 150,000
Westfield River, Massachusetts	\$ 200,000
White Clay Creek, Pennsylvania & Delaware	\$ 200,000
NPS Coordination of National Partnership Program	\$ 25,000
TOTAL	\$2,746,000

Total Support Needed is \$2.746 Million

Local Initiatives - Each river organization has a conservation management plan with goals, objectives, recommended activities and budget.

Interpretation/Education - Local citizens, landowners and visitors are informed about the unique values of each river, helping to ensure river protection.

Partner Implementation - Matching funds from National Park Service are provided to partnering agencies and local environmental organizations.

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

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Lamprey River,
NH (L) and
White Clay
Creek River, DE
& PA (R)



Eightmile River, CT (26 Miles Designated) ~ Funding Requested FY 2010: \$205,500

Outstanding Resources: Watershed hydrology, water quality, unique species and natural communities, geology, watershed ecosystem, and cultural landscapes.

Farmington River, CT (14 Miles Designated) ~ Funding Requested FY 2010: \$200,000

Outstanding Resources: Rich history, recreation, fish and wildlife.

Great Egg Harbor, NJ (129 Miles Designated) ~ Funding Requested FY 2010: \$255,000

Outstanding Resources: Threatened and endangered species, resting, breeding and feeding areas for water fowl, rich history, recreation, and scenic vistas.

Lamprey River, NH (24 Miles Designated) ~ Funding Requested FY 2010: \$226,000

Outstanding Resources: Anadromous fish, including herring and shad, historical sites, and diverse habitats.

Lower Delaware River, PA & NJ (78 Miles Designated) ~ Funding Requested FY 2010: \$350,000

Outstanding Resources: Water quality, natural resources, historic resources, recreation, and open space.

Maurice River, NJ (36 Miles Designated) ~ Funding Requested FY 2010: \$210,000

Outstanding Resources: Part of the Atlantic Flyway, pristine habitats that support endangered species and are vital for the migration of birds, waterfowl, rails, and fish.

Musconetcong River, NJ (29 Miles Designated) ~ Funding Requested FY2010: \$400,000

Outstanding Resources: Wildlife and critical habitats, historic and prehistoric, scenic and recreational.

Sudbury, Assabet, & Concord Rivers, MA (29 Miles Designated) ~ Funding Requested FY2010: \$200,000

Outstanding Resources: History, scenery, recreation, ecology and value to American literature. Birthplace of the American Revolution.

Taunton River, MA (40 Miles Designated) ~ Funding Requested FY2010: \$124,500

Outstanding Resources: Agriculture, ecology and biological diversity, estuary, fisheries, history and archaeology, and recreation.

Westfield River, MA (78 Miles Designated) ~ Funding Requested FY2010: \$200,000

Outstanding Resources: Native trout fishery, geology including falls and gorges, spectacular mountain scenery, unique dry stone arch railway bridges.

Wekiva River, FL (42 Miles Designated) ~ Funding Requested FY2010: \$150,000

Outstanding Resources: Scenery, recreation, geology, and diverse habitats support threatened and endangered species including one of the few remaining Florida Black Bear populations.

White Clay Creek, DE & PA (191 Miles Designated) ~ Funding Requested FY2010: \$200,000

Outstanding Resources: Historical, geological, and biological resources including the federally listed endangered Bog Turtle and Delaware's most extensive remaining Piedmont forests.