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To: Todd Chadwell
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Housatonic River Natural Resources Trustees c/o Woodlot Alternatives,

Massachusetts Riverways Program in the Department of Fish and Game has partnered with the City of Pittsfield to assist in the West Branch of the Housatonic Revitalization Project (Project number 7). We understand that the Greenway component of the proposal is being reviewed to determine its eligibility given certain regulatory requirements under NPDES Phase II.

Although Riverways has been working more closely with the City to restore aquatic habitat through the removal of the Mill Street Dam, the Greenway component is an important, complimentary effort that will greatly enhance prospects of urban renewal and amplify the goals of the NRD's Restoration Planning Strategy.

We trust you will have the opportunity to take into consideration information provided by the City that discusses the requirements of the City of Pittsfield Phase II Notice of Intent versus the primary intent of the NRD proposal.

If you have any questions concerning our role and interest in the restoration and revitalization of the West Branch of the Housatonic please feel free to contact me or Tim Purinton.

Sincerely,

Joan Kimball
Director