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What is a Partnership Wild and Scenic River?

Over the past 20 years, river conservation interests at the local, state, and federal levels have worked collaboratively to use the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act in an effective, partnership-based approach to national river conservation and designation. Once dubbed "Private Lands Rivers," this growing collaborative of rivers has been recognized by the US Congress as a distinct and locally responsive application of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

Partnership Wild and Scenic Rivers, as they are now referred to, are federally designated components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System that share the following:

- No lands are federally owned, and federal ownership and management are not authorized in legislation or recommended in the River Management Plan (see below).
- Administration of the designation and implementation of the Management Plan are accomplished through a broadly participatory "Council" or "Committee" organized on each river specifically for this purpose.
- Land use continues to be governed by local communities and state statutes, as prior to designation.
- On designated rivers the National Park Service is responsible for reviewing federally funded, sponsored or licensed projects to ensure federal consistency in pre-

serving the identified "Outstandingly Remarkable Values" for which the river was designated. This responsibility is coordinated with each river's council or committee. NPS is also authorized to provide technical and financial assistance to the river organizations.

- The River Management Plan is locally developed and implemented through a broadly participatory process. The plan is locally approved and endorsed by relevant state and federal authorities prior to federal designation. The plan forms the basis of the designation and guides post-designation management.
- The costs and responsibilities associated with managing and protecting river resources are shared among all of the partners—local, state, federal, and non-governmental. Landowner participation and volunteerism are essential elements of the partnership.

Outside of this basic, shared framework, Partnership Rivers vary widely in the details of their administration and management, which are based on their wide-ranging physical, biological, and political characteristics.

As new rivers are designated, the model will evolve and adapt. We hope and believe that the basic tenets outlined above can continue to serve as a guide for existing and future Partnership Wild and Scenic Rivers.

—A Message From the Partnership Rivers



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**Farmington
River**

**Great Egg
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Lamprey River

**Lower Delaware
River**

Maurice River

**Sudbury, Assabet,
and Concord Rivers**

Wekiva River

White Clay Creek

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www.FarmingtonRiver.org

**The Great Egg Harbor
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www.greategg.org

Lamprey River Advisory Committee
www.lampreyriver.org

Delaware River Greenway Partnership
www.state.nj.us/drbc/wild_scenic.htm

Citizens United
www.cumauriceriver.org/pages/maurice.html

River Stewardship Council
www.sudbury-Assabet-Concord.org

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