



July 30, 2009

Melvin Kleckner  
Town Manager  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Town Hall  
71 Mt. Vernon Street  
Winchester, MA 01890

RE: Davidson Park/Aberjona River Ecological Restoration Project Proposal

Dear Mr. Kleckner:

I am writing on behalf of the Mystic River Watershed Association in support of the proposed Davidson Park/Aberjona River Ecological Restoration Project Proposal.

After reviewing the proposal, we would like to express our support for it. As you know, the main goal of the Mystic River Watershed Association (MyRWA) is to restore clean water to the Mystic River watershed. As proposed, this project would restore a true wetland within the Aberjona River, it would work to control invasive plant species, restore native wetland vegetation, as well as enlarge the floodplain for increased flood storage. All of these would work to improve the quality of the water in the Aberjona River.

In addition, as proposed, this project would improve and increase the habitat for wildlife, particularly bird species. The improvement of the diversity of the plant species would allow for increased use by bird species that live and nest in the riverine corridor. This, of course would lead to increase diversity of all wildlife.

Given all of the potential improvements to the Aberjona River spelled out in this proposal, this is a proposal that MyRWA can fully support.

Very truly yours,

Michael A. Fager  
Policy Chair, MyRWA

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