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Brendan Annett

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Buzzards Bay Coalition

114 Front St.

New Bedford, MA 02740

RE: Support for Hathaway Pond Dam Removal, Rochester, MA

Dear Brendan:

The Wildlands Trust is completely supportive of the Coalition's plans to remove the dam at Hathaway Pond on the Sippican River in Rochester. We are aware that the dam was declared a potential public safety hazard and we commend BBC for carrying-out this ambitious project, which will not only benefit the ecology of the river and surrounding lands, but also the residents of the area.

We understand that BBC intends to remove the Hathaway Pond dam and restore the natural riverine state of the water flow. It is my understanding that this will be highly beneficial to a number of migratory fish species, including alewives, blueback herring and American eel.

As you know, the Wildlands Trust owns the Delano Woods property, which has its southern most border at the northern edge of Hathaway Pond. Delano Woods is widely used by local residents for passive recreation. The property provides beautiful views of the Sippican River and the Trust is very enthusiastic about BBC's dam removal project, which will improve the natural flow of the river, as well as overall water and habitat quality.

Sincerely,

Karen Grey

President