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Mr. Anderson:

On behalf of the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Parks and Forestry and Rancocas State Park, I would like to express our support for the creation and designation of the Rancocas Creek Water Trail as a National Water Trail. The State of New Jersey, Burlington County, the cities of Mount Laurel, Westampton, Hainsport, Mount Holly, Lumberton and many other partners will work together to create a greenway that flows through the heart of Burlington County.

The Rancocas Creek Water Trail is a great candidate for designation as a National Water Trail. The Rancocas Creek Trail will:

- Provide multiple access points to the Rancocas Creek for many communities
- Instill values of outdoor ethics and stewardship
- Provide recreation and increase boating skills for constituents of all ages
- Promote community awareness
- Allow access to cultural and historical sites
- Provides for year round recreation

The Rancocas Creek is full of New Jersey heritage, history and culture, as well as many wonderful environments and ecology not seen anywhere else in the state. Thank you for your consideration and hard work in nominating the Rancocas Creek Water Trail to be designated as a National Water Trail.

Sincerely,

Leigh A. Germann
Superintendent
Brendan T. Byrne State Forest
Rancocas State Park

Cc: Mark Texel, Director, Division of Parks and Forestry
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