

# Lower Farmington River/Salmon Brook

## Wild and Scenic Study



## You are invited to attend an Open House

*April 29, 2010  
4:00-8:00 PM  
Avon Town Hall  
Council Chambers  
60 West Main St.  
(Rte. 44)  
Avon, CT*

The Lower Farmington River and Salmon Brook Wild and Scenic Study brings together town representatives, river organizations, *CTDEP*, and other river stakeholders, who are gathering evidence and developing support for National Park Service designation of the lower Farmington and Salmon Brook as “Wild and Scenic”. The “Wild and Scenic” designation recognizes the outstanding resource values of the very best rivers in the United States. Under the New England Partnership model, “Wild and Scenic” status provides funding for river management while leaving river management in the hands of town government. Your support of the Study and the designation helps ensure the protection and enhancement of this local treasure for our communities now and for generations to come.

- ~ Learn more about the status of the Wild and Scenic Study
- ~ Provide input for the advisory draft management plan
- ~ Meet the committee members
- ~ View a series of displays and interactive presentations
- ~ Enjoy some refreshments

Local input, support and involvement are vital to the successful completion of the study.

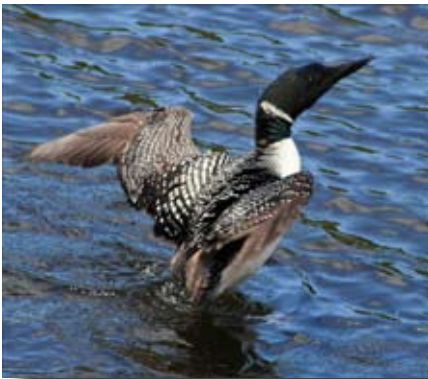


PHOTO BY CHRIS MATHEIN

## Benefits of a Wild and Scenic Designation Include:

- ~ Annual funding through the National Park Service for river conservation and enhancement projects related to the Outstanding Resource Values of the river. (There is no cost to towns for being designated.)
- ~ National Park Service technical assistance for river-related projects.
- ~ Enhanced status of the river. (This can be used to encourage tourism and economic development.)
- ~ Establishment of an advisory management committee that considers the river as a whole and has locally appointed representatives from all the towns involved. This regional approach parallels the efforts of the Valley towns to work together to benefit them all.

# Special Designation for Farmington River and Salmon Brook Brings National Recognition

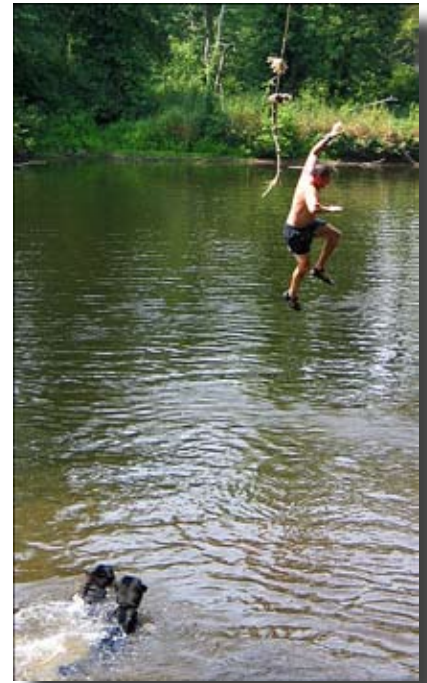


In 1994, 14 miles of the Upper Farmington River – stretching from Colebrook to Canton – were added to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers system, which ushered in resources for river protection and funding benefits. In April 2007, local volunteers and organizations formed the Lower Farmington River and Salmon Brook Wild and Scenic Study Committee and began collaborative efforts to bring this National Park Service designation to these waterways.

To be considered “Wild and Scenic” under the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, a river must have at least one outstanding resource value, be it natural, cultural or recreational. Current research projects, funded by the National Park Service and conducted by the Study Committee, have helped establish five areas in which the lower Farmington

River and Salmon Brook meet this standard: geology, water quality, biodiversity, the cultural landscape and recreation.

Achieving the Wild and Scenic designation would help ensure steady funding for local projects to protect and enhance these streams. An advisory management plan, developed by the Study Committee, would guide these and other river-related conservation efforts. Under the management plan, private landowners would continue to be the primary stewards of their property and towns would continue to be responsible for regulating land use along the river.



Please join us at our upcoming Open House to learn more about what a Wild and Scenic designation means for you and your town.

## Lower Farmington River/Salmon Brook *Wild and Scenic Study*

749 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury, CT 06070  
860.658.4442 Ext. 203

[www.lowerfarmingtonriver.org](http://www.lowerfarmingtonriver.org)  
[www.salmonbrookwildandscenic.org](http://www.salmonbrookwildandscenic.org)

