Did you know that your town is participating in the Upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers Wild & Scenic River Study?

VT Wild & Scenic Rivers
Upper Missisquoi & Trout Rivers Study

'Sunrise at Big Falls' photo by our grand prize 2010 photo contest winner, John Selmer, Westfield

What is a Wild and Scenic River Study?

- A voluntary, congressionally authorized study to determine whether a particular river is eligible and suitable for designation as a national Wild and Scenic River
- The Upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers are being reviewed by a local Study Committee
- The Wild and Scenic Study Committee is made up of two official members from each of the ten towns in the study area (Berkshire, Enosburgh, Enosburg Falls, Jay, Lowell, Montgomery, North Troy, Richford, Westfield, and Troy).

How to Get Involved?

- TAKE OUR FLYER TO FIND OUT MORE!
- There are currently some vacancies on the Study Committee; contact your Select Board about being appointed to represent your town
- Participate in Study Committee meetings whenever possible - all are welcome to attend
- Give input to the Study Committee regarding what you think is an outstanding recreational, historic, cultural, or natural resource of the Upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers
- For more information please contact Shana Stewart Deeds the Study Coordinator at 802-393-0076, or shana.stewart@vtwsr.org -or- Jamie Fosburgh, National Park Service 617-223-5191, Jamie_Fosburgh@nps.gov
- Please also visit our website for updated information and meeting agendas at www.vtwsr.org

The Upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers Wild and Scenic Study Committee wishes to update your town on our Study. These rivers are the first two in Vermont to be considered for inclusion under the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. The Study is expected to run until 2012. The Study Committee meets at 7pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month; all members of the public are welcome. Information about meeting agendas and locations (rotated among the 10 towns in the study area) can be found on our website, or by contacting:

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The Study Committee is collaborating with the National Park Service and key local and state partners to study the resources of the rivers, evaluate the existing protections that exist for these resources, and develop a voluntary management plan based on local ideas and strategies to preserve these resources for all to enjoy. This management plan is only advisory; private landowners will continue to be the stewards of their property and towns will continue to be responsible for regulating land use along the river.

At the end of the Study, the Study Committee will present its findings and recommendations to the Towns. Any decision to pursue Wild and Scenic River designation must have the broad support of the Study Committee, Town Boards and voters at Town Meeting. If designation is granted, Congress would appropriate funds for projects to preserve the resources in the upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers, and the National Park Service would provide support for a locally-based implementation committee, also made up of local appointees, following the same model used during this study.

We encourage you to be part of the Wild and Scenic Study process by sending us pictures and information on what areas of the Upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers are recreationally, culturally, historically, or naturally outstanding. You may also be aware of management issues or opportunities that you would like to share with us. Please contact your official town appointees, or the study coordinator with any questions, or ideas. You also are invited to participate in our online survey at:
http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TVLFWFR

Respectfully submitted by your Appointees to the Study Committee and the Wild and Scenic Study Coordinator,
Shana Stewart Deeds

THE UPPER MISSISQUOI AND TROUT RIVERS WILD AND SCENIC STUDY - Check out **www.vtwsr.org** for more information.