



Sassafras River Association
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Stewards of the Lower Susquehanna, Inc
324 W Market St, Lower Level
York, PA 17401-1010

Re: Support for NFWF Grant Regarding Sediments Behind the Lower Susquehanna Dams

Dear Stewards of the Lower Susquehanna Staff,

We are the Sassafra River Association, a not for profit, watershed organization committed to advocating for and protecting the Sassafra River, one of five tributaries of the upper Chesapeake Bay.

We write to you today in support of Stewards of the Lower Susquehanna and your work to evaluate and find solutions to the dangers of the buildup of sediment behind the lower Susquehanna River dams. As you know there has been little progress on this acknowledged problem, and we believe this grant will provide research that will help put this problem into perspective. We also believe that a thorough evaluation of the beneficial use of the sediment for construction will at minimum help us understand the costs involved with this possible solution, and at best will start the process of actually taking steps to mitigate these threats that could effect the entire Chesapeake Bay.

Thank you for your work and this opportunity to support these efforts which are so important to the future of the Chesapeake Bay and our way of life.

Sincerely,

Kim Kohl
Executive Director

