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RE: Letter of Support of Lewis Creek Association Watershed Grant Application

To whom it may concern:

The Town of Hinesburg supports the application being submitted by the Lewis Creek Association's (LCA) for a 2013 watershed grant to conduct biological assessments and other water quality monitoring in the Lewis Creek watershed.

Hollow Brook, a tributary of Lewis Creek, originates on Lincoln Hill in Hinesburg and flows east into Huntington and then back west through Starksboro, Hinesburg, and Monkton where it empties into Lewis Creek. The Biological conditions are undocumented in certain reaches of Hinesburg's portion of Lewis Creek and its tributaries. Baseline biological data generated from this study will significantly contribute to our town's ability to support upgraded stream classification types in the State basin planning process. This information will be valuable to help identify and prioritize locations for future habitat restoration efforts.

LCA is well suited to lead this project with its history of active water resource data collection, planning and outreach work, as well as restoration and conservation initiatives to improve stream corridor habitat conditions in the Lewis Creek watershed.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Trefry,
Selectboard Chair