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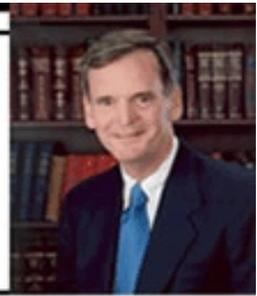
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**SENATOR GREGG ANNOUNCES \$1.2 MILLION FOR  
CONTINUED PROTECTION OF LAMPREY RIVER**  
*If approved by Congress, funding would total \$2.8 million secured since 2000*

WASHINGTON -- U.S. Senator Judd Gregg (R-NH) today announced that \$1.2 million in federal funding for land protection along the Lamprey River has been included in the Fiscal Year 2004 Interior Appropriations bill passed by the Senate Appropriations Committee today. As a member of the Interior Appropriations Subcommittee, Senator Gregg was able to include the funding, which will provide for land acquisition along the federally-designated Wild & Scenic River. The Lamprey River, running through portions of Durham, Lee and Epping, received this designation based on the comprehensive local-State-Federal partnership management approach currently in place which entails no land ownership or physical presence by the National Park Service. In addition to this funding, Senator Gregg has secured \$1.6 million since 2000 for land acquisition along the Lamprey. The measure, which includes a total of \$6.48 million for New Hampshire conservation initiatives, is now ready for consideration by the full Senate.

Senator Gregg stated, "The Lamprey River serves two important purposes in the Seacoast Region. First, it is one of the most scenic and picturesque rivers in New Hampshire, providing multiple spots for fishing, hiking and other forms of recreation. Second, as a main tributary to the Great Bay estuary, the Lamprey contributes to the environmental and economic well-being of the entire Seacoast Region. The Lamprey River Advisory Committee continues to do a tremendous job overseeing the health of the River, and I am pleased to continue to support their efforts."

Judith Spang, Chair of the Lamprey River Advisory Committee, stated, "Senator Gregg has supported the protection of the Lamprey River since he was Governor of New Hampshire, escorting it through the process of becoming a National Wild and Scenic River and securing federal funds for safeguarding its unique natural attributes. With this part of the State being one of the fastest growing areas in the country, purchase of conservation easements from willing landowners has become virtually the only way to make sure there will be adequate wildlife habitat left for the species reliant upon the Lamprey. Other important benefits have been preservation of farm land to support agriculture in the watershed, protection of water quality for the towns that remove drinking water from the river, and of the Great Bay, of which the Lamprey is the largest tributary. This \$1.2 million appropriation will enable the Lamprey River Advisory Committee to continue to partner with landowners, towns and other conservation groups to make sure the Lamprey River remains both a valuable wildlife habitat and an asset for its communities."

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