



Naugatuck River Valley National Heritage Area

The Naugatuck River Valley National Heritage Area Committee needs your support. We are a part of Healthy Valley. The Committee, comprising the towns of Ansonia, Beacon Falls, Derby, Harwinton, Litchfield, Naugatuck, Oxford, Plymouth, Seymour, Shelton, Thomaston, Torrington, Waterbury and Watertown is working to have Congress to designate these towns as communities who's natural, cultural, and historic resources create a nationally distinctive landscape. A National Heritage Area program is administered by the National Park Service and could generate as much as \$1,000,000 per year in grants for the next 10 years. These funds would allow us:

- to expand arts and education programs and facilities for adults and children
- to preserve and to restore historical sites
- to enhance the local economy through expanded tourism.

The municipalities in the lower Housatonic and Naugatuck Rivers fit the criteria for a National Heritage Area perfectly. They are united geographically by the two rivers, economically by the strong industrial base that for centuries made these mill towns the center of the American Industrial Revolution, and culturally by the ethnically diverse immigrants whose institutions and customs took root in these communities.

To obtain National Heritage Area status, we need the support of people like you who live or work in the Valley towns. To show your support for this valley-wide initiative, please fill out the form listed below and return this letter to:

Naugatuck River National Heritage Area Committee
c/o Valley Council of Health and Human Services
3 Corporate Drive, Suite 501
Shelton CT 06418, or fax it to us at 926-1368.

I, _____ (please print), support the creation of a National

Heritage Area for the towns listed above. I live or work in the town of _____.

Name: _____ (signature)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

If you want to learn more or to volunteer, please check here: _____ Please contact me at:

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____