

WASHINGTON – Congressman John W. Olver (1st District) announced that the House Appropriations Committee has approved a bill that would provide \$1.4 million for a forest legacy project in Pepperell, Massachusetts. Olver worked to secure the funding under Forest Legacy Program within the House Interior Appropriations Committee. "The property is under imminent threat of being developed, which would adversely affect the many species of plants and animals that live there," Olver said. Approval by the Appropriations Committee is a preliminary step toward final passage of the bill. The tract of land falls within the watersheds of both the Nashua River and Nissitissit River. The tract is currently owned by a private landowner. Under the Forest Legacy Program, private-public partnerships use conservation easements to protect and restore forest lands. For more information, contact Al Futterman of the Nashua River Watershed Association at 978-448-1111.

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